

To: Mayor and Members of Council

January 23, 2012

Re: Appointment of Pound – Regina Humane Society

Background

The Regina Humane Society is a non-profit organization located north of Regina on Armour Road. The Regina Humane Society offers a variety of services such as impoundment services to communities that do not have a municipal pound.

The Town of White City does not currently have a facility to serve as a pound, therefore the Town has entered into an agreement with the Regina Humane Society to provide those services.

Discussion

The agreement for impoundment with the Regina Humane Society is an annual agreement. The current agreement expired December 31, 2011; therefore we need to enter into another agreement for 2012. There are no changes to the agreement for 2012. The new agreement is attached to this report.

Budget Implications

none

Conclusion

Since the Town of White City does not have an established pound or pound keeper within the Town limits, council should appoint the Regina Humane Society as the municipal pound.

Recommendation

Administration recommends that Council pass the following motion at this meeting:

“THAT the Regina Humane Society be appointed as the Town of White City municipal pound;

AND THAT the Town enter into an agreement with the Regina Humane Society for services.”

Respectfully submitted,



Shauna Bzdel,
Town Manager



AGREEMENT FOR IMPOUNDMENT

The municipality agrees the Regina Humane Society be compensated the sum of \$80.00 per animal to impound stray dogs and cats. Any unpaid impoundment and/or veterinary expenses will be the responsibility of the municipality.

The Regina Humane Society agrees to provide the municipality with a quarterly report detailing animals that have been impounded.

The Regina Humane Society will invoice the municipality quarterly for unpaid impoundment and/or veterinary expenses .

This contract will be in effect from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012.

THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS APPLY TO THIS AGREEMENT:

1. The Society will impound each dog and each cat and will hold the animal, pending claim by its owner for 72 hours. (10 days for more valuable animals (purebred) or animals wearing identification).
2. During the period of impoundment, any owner claiming their dog or cat will be required to pay the impoundment fee owed by the municipality. Any outstanding municipal fines (running at large, licenses, etc. will be the municipality's responsibility to collect).
3. Any owner reclaiming their dog or cat will be required to pay any veterinary expenses incurred either by the municipality or the Society. Should the owner refuse to pay, the municipality will pay the Society's veterinary expenses. It will be the municipality's responsibility to collect from the owner.
4. Should the animal be severely injured and suffering, and/or requiring veterinary treatment over \$200.00 or suffering from a severe contagious disease that could endanger the health of other animals in the shelter, the Society reserves the right to euthanize the dog or cat. If the dog or cat were severely injured when brought in by the municipality, it would be advisable for the municipality to seek veterinary advice, regarding possible immediate euthanization before impounding the dog or cat at the shelter.

5. The municipality shall be required to post in a public place a notice indicating any dog or cat that has been brought into the Regina Humane Society for impoundment.
6. Any dog or cat brought into the shelter, whether by employees of or private citizens of a municipality, will be considered to be the responsibility of the municipality. Conversely, the Society will be required to notify the municipality if an animal is brought in by a private citizen so proper notification or posting in the municipality may be implemented.
7. All municipalities will require an after hours contact person for consultation regarding injured animals brought to the Society by the R.C.M.P. or private citizen after normal shelter hours.
8. Following the impoundment period, if the dog /cat has not been claimed by its owner, the animal will then become the property of the Regina Humane Society to be disposed of by adoption, euthanization, etc. at the discretion of the Society. Once the dog becomes the property of the Society, any monies received for the animal will become the property of the Society.
9. Any municipal by-law changes or changes in municipal policy which could result in large numbers (over five) cats or dogs being brought to the shelter would require notification and/or permission from the Society based on the shelters available space.
10. This agreement shall remain in effect till December 31, 2012 .
11. Either party may terminate this agreement with a 30-day notice in writing to the other party.

The following information is required for implementation of this contract:

Name of town or municipal administrator or person acting for the town or municipality

Address of this person or address of town office

Phone number or numbers where this person may be contacted during normal working hours

Name of after hours-contact person in case of an emergency

Phone number of after hours-contact person

We, the undersigned fully understand the terms and intent of the agreement.

_____/ January 1, 2012
Regina Humane Society Director

_____/ _____
Town or Municipal Administrator Date