




Halifax Regional Council  
September 10, 2002

**TO:** Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

**SUBMITTED BY:**   
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**DATE:** September 5, 2002

**SUBJECT:** SPCA Animal Control Contract

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**INFORMATION REPORT**

**ORIGIN**

This Report responds to Councillor Smith's request of September 3, 2002 regarding the SPCA contract which expired at the end of July.

**BACKGROUND**

Current Animal Control Contract

The present Animal Control contract was awarded to the Provincial Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) on May 1, 1999. The tender was awarded for a three year period ending May 1, 2002. This contract has been extended and is scheduled to expire September 30, 2002.

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## DISCUSSION

### Needs Analysis and Tender Call

In response to Council concerns about effective animal control services respecting dogs, cats and other animals, staff initiated a comprehensive needs analysis process. This analysis assisted in preparation of tenders to award Animal Control, Pound and Veterinarian contracts.

Staff issued tenders built upon the needs analysis, which closed on July 3, 2002, for Enforcement, Pound and Veterinarian Services. These tenders were designed to provide the municipality with enhanced Animal Control services. Upon review of the tender bids and meetings with the proponents, staff determined that the responses could not provide the Municipality with the desired level of service within existing budgetary allocations. Hence, staff intends to extend the current SPCA tender until March 31, 2003.

### Trends Analysis and Presentation to Program and Service Review - August 22, 2002

In addition to the needs analysis, staff continue to conduct a trend analysis of current data with the existing contract and other major North American municipalities which is providing staff with a clearer understanding of innovative methodologies and approaches. Staff also made a presentation to Program Service Review on August 22, 2002 regarding initial results of these analyses. It was evident from this meeting that the present bids do not adequately address Council and staff concerns.

### Intentions Respecting New Animal Control Tenders

Staff is currently preparing new tender documents for Enforcement, Pound and Veterinarian Services which are intended to provide for improved bids. The new tenders will include performance measures responsive to Council direction. Responses to the new tenders will be analyzed and any resource implications can be addressed through the budgetary process.

## BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None at this time. The new tender responses may have budgetary implications that will be addressed through the FY 03/04 budgetary process.

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**MULTI-YEAR FINANCIAL STRATEGY IMPACTS**

This Report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

**ALTERNATIVES**

None.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None.

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