

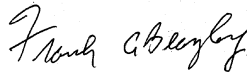


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Item No. 5

Halifax Regional Council
February 3, 2009

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
Frank Beazley, Chief of Police

DATE: January 27, 2009

SUBJECT: Animal Licensing Strategy for 2009

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

As a result of discussions at Regional Council on January 20, 2009, Council requested staff provide a supplementary report regarding additional information pertaining to the dog licensing program.

BACKGROUND

On January 20, 2009 Regional Council approved in principle amendments to Administrative Order 11, Respecting Dog Registration Fees, the purpose of which is to approve a special rate of \$10.00 for dog licenses from February 1 to April 30, 2009. Through Council discussions, numerous Councillors requested additional information that will require a considerable amount of time for staff to prepare a Supplementary Report.

DISCUSSION

The amendment to Administrative Order #11 that has been approved in principle, was to initiate the special rate of \$10.00 for dog licenses on February 1, 2009 through to April 30, 2009. This time frame was chosen in part to coincide with the requirement for dog licenses to be renewed by April 1, 2009. Should this initiative be delayed, citizens that renew licenses or purchase new licenses shortly for 2009 will not have the benefit of the discounted rate of \$10.00 and will be required to pay \$15.00 for an altered dog and \$50.00 for an unaltered dog.

This information report is submitted to highlight the time sensitivity of the original report, and Regional Council can anticipate the requested Supplementary Report in late September or early October, allowing for a complete analysis of the licensing program.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

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.

ATTACHMENTS

N/A

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