



TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES Meeting on November 25 , 2013
FROM:	G. KOTSIFAS, P. ENG. MANAGING DIRECTOR, DEVELOPMENT & COMPLIANCE SERVICES AND CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL
SUBJECT:	ANIMAL WELFARE SERVICES FUNDING

RECOMMENDATION

That on the Recommendation of the Managing Director, Development & Compliance Services and the Chief Building Official, the report addressing animal welfare services funding **BE RECEIVED** for information purposes.

BACKGROUND

Municipal Council, at its session held on November 5, 2013 resolved: That Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to provide clarification with respect to where the cat and dog licensing funds are allocated, how the reserve funds work and how to increase the current operating budget.

The 2013 budget for animal welfare is \$150,000. The budget was distributed as follows:

Adoption Events (Rescue Support)

Super Adoption Day (April 2013) , Pawlooza (August 2013), Western Fair Pet Expo (October 2013)	\$11,026
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Pound Transfers (Rescue Support)

Funds distributed to rescue groups taking on pregnant or nursing cats and vulnerable kittens; as well as funds for those taking on dogs with behaviour issues or dogs that were/are recovering from injury	\$7,395
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Adoption Initiatives (Rescue Support)

Cases were unique intervention and support was required, including a hoarding case of 60 cats, additional medication required for transfer animals, 50 spay/neuters and additional medication for TNR kittens that moved from feral to adoption	\$27,312
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Low Income Spay/Neuter Program

238 cats/dogs altered	\$31,000
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Trap Neuter Return (TNR) Program

735 cats altered	\$120,087
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<u>Total Funds Spent as of November 14, 2013</u>	<u>\$196,820</u>
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In July 2013, it was determined that the allocated budget funds had be spent and the Animal Welfare Coordinator did not accept any new applications under the Low Income Spay/Neuter Program. Pre-approved applications were processed and funded. In August 2013, it was further determined that the allocated budget funds for the TNR program had been spent and the Animal Welfare Coordinator advised rescue groups to “wind down” their activities for the remainder of the year.

Each of the initiatives above are key to animal welfare, however multiple studies, research, data compilation and input from experts in the field, identify TNR as being the priority action item that will have the largest impact on reducing birth rates which ultimately results in the reduction of euthanasia.

Civic Administration will be addressing municipal licensing and reserve funds when reporting back on the RFP for Animal Welfare Services.

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