



TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES Meeting on December 16, 2014
FROM:	G. KOTSIFAS, P. ENG. MANAGING DIRECTOR, DEVELOPMENT & COMPLIANCE SERVICES AND CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL
SUBJECT:	RFP 14-17 VETERINARY SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION

That on the Recommendation of the Managing Director, Development & Compliance Services and the Chief Building Official, the following actions **BE TAKEN**, with respect to Veterinary Services to achieve the expanded scope of animal welfare services:

- a) The submission from Dr. Julie Langeman-Snir, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, for full time veterinary services to implement an expanded scope of animal welfare initiatives for the City of London and the submitted total annual cost of services of \$104,660.00 **BE ACCEPTED**; and
- b) That Civic Administration **BE AUTHORIZED** to undertake all administrative acts which are necessary in connection with this contract; and
- c) Approvals hereby given **BE CONDITIONAL** upon the Corporation entering into a formal contract or issuing a purchase order relating to the subject matter of this approval.

BACKGROUND

Council Direction

In December 2013, Municipal Council endorsed and subsequently approved a budget of \$125,000 for annual operating costs for veterinary services and \$300,000 one-time capital cost for the purchase of a mobile building, product and equipment to implement the strategic animal welfare directive of London being an “ open shelter – no-kill” community. To implement this strategic directive, City Administration issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to seek full time veterinary services in the area of shelter medicine.

RFP Submissions

The preparation and issuance of the RFP is part of a procurement process to select a team of veterinarians to provide full time veterinary services to implement an expanded scope of animal welfare initiatives for the City of London. The scope of work focussed on the following: triage for all animals entering the municipal shelter, shelter services, spay/neuter surgeries and micro-chipping procedures.

Following an extended time frame for submissions the RFP closed on May 15, 2014. One submission was received. Civic Administration continued to correspond with the initial bidder indicating that the required work would be full time veterinary services with no breaks in service, therefore requiring a team of veterinarians to perform assigned duties. The initial bidder was not able to design an acceptable bid utilizing a team of veterinarians.

Civic Administration explored other options of obtaining bids including communications with existing veterinarians operating in the greater London Region. A personal invitation was made to all London and area veterinarians and notification of the opportunity to bid was also forwarded the College of Veterinarians of Ontario (CVO), Ontario Veterinary Medical Association (OVMA), Veterinary Skills Training and Enhancement Ontario (VSTEP), and

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Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA). A bid was submitted by Dr. Langeman-Snir.

Delivery of Services

Dr. Julie Langeman-Snir has experience in shelter medicine and her proposal includes full time veterinary services at the future municipally owned, Accredited Companion Animal Hospital. The hospital will be a modular office and clinic, separate from but located on the same site as the City’s municipal shelter. The proposal ensures full time service delivery utilizing a main veterinarian and a team of locum veterinarians. Dr. Langeman-Snir would manage the day to day operations of the Companion Animal Hospital. Dr. Langeman-Snir will be providing Civic Administration with consultant services in the design, layout and equipping of the facility.

CONCLUSION

The implementation of full time veterinary services will greatly assist in implementing Council’s strategic animal welfare directive of London being an “open shelter – no-kill” community.

SUBMITTED BY:	REVIEWED AND CONCURRED BY:
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