
Subject: OSPCA Kennel and Lease Agreement

Department: Corporate Services

Division: Clerks

Report #: CPS-2024-092

Meeting Date: 2024-12-16

Recommendations

That report CPS-2024-092, OSPCA Kennel and Lease Agreement be received; and

That Council approve entering into a 10-year lease for service agreement with the OSPCA.

Overview

On January 1, 2025, the Orangeville branch of the Ontario Society for the Prevention and Cruelty of Animals (OSPCA) will cease canine control operations for the Town of Orangeville as they will be focussing efforts on community support and animal welfare. The Town of Orangeville issued an RFP for canine control services and the evaluation of the RFP occurred in early December.

The current agreements with the OSPCA for the lease of the lands, provision of kennel services and animal control expire on December 31, 2024. A new lease agreement was drafted with OSPCA indicating that kennel services would be provided to the Town in exchange for rent. Animal control services will not be included.

This report is recommending that Council authorize staff to enter into a 10-year lease for service agreement with the OSPCA.

Background

In 2019 the OSPCA announced to the province that they will no longer be providing animal control services or enforcing animal cruelty laws anywhere in Ontario to focus more on community support and animal welfare, including animal adoption, humane education, animal advocacy and food distribution. The Orangeville branch of the OSPCA is one of the last locations that has remained operating with animal control services and the term of that agreement is ending on December 31, 2024. As of

December 31, 2024, the OSPCA in Orangeville will no longer be providing animal control services to the Town of Orangeville. The OSPCA has provided ample notice, and the Town pursued a request for proposals (RFP) to seek a new provider. There were 2 respondents at the closing of the RFP which underwent evaluation in the first 2 weeks of December to have a contract in place for January 1, 2025.

The current lease between the Town and the OSPCA expires on the same date as the animal control agreement, December 31, 2024. The Town recognizes the strong role that the OSPCA holds in Orangeville and negotiations between the Town and the OSPCA have resulted in a new lease for service agreement being drafted for a 10-year term that will provide the lease of the building to the Orangeville branch of the OSPCA in exchange for the provision of shelter/kennel services for the Town. Through this agreement, the OSPCA will continue providing shelter/kennel services for the Town. The OSPCA is currently completing their review to provide their comments/ amendments.

Analysis/Current Situation

Due to the timing of the report approval process for the final Council meeting of 2024, as of the date of writing this report, the final consensus of the agreement had not yet been reached between Town staff and the OSPCA. Staff are confident that it will be finalized prior to the date of the meeting as most of the terms were agreed upon during a number of meetings held between the OSPCA and Town staff over the summer.

Corporate Implications

The 2025 budget for the kennel facility is approximately \$31,200 and under this lease renewal agreement, these costs will continue to be borne by the Town in exchange for shelter/kennel services.

The 2025 budget for animal control services is \$80,000. The costs for canine control through the RFP have not yet been realized as we are currently going through the RFP evaluation process. There was no increase to this line item for 2025 as staff anticipate being able to continue to provide the service within this budgeted amount.

Conclusion

The Town and OSPCA have been working collaboratively to reach an agreement that is beneficial to both parties while maintaining the service level that the residents have come to expect. Staff recommend authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign the agreement once it is finalized. A communications plan has been developed and is ready to be deployed once the arrangements are finalized.

Strategic Alignment

Strategic Plan

Strategic Goal: Corporate Capacity

Objective: Collaboration - Explore opportunities to cooperate across organizations to solve problems and improve community benefits.

Notice Provisions

This will be a major service change for residents who are used to the OSPCA providing all animal-related services for control and shelter service in Orangeville, as such, OSPCA communications and Orangeville Communications have been working collectively on the preparation of information to the community related to this change.

Respectfully submitted,

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