



**STAFF REPORT TO THE ELECTORAL AREA SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2007**

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**SUBJECT:**

Recommendations for consideration of sheep kill compensation on Galiano Island on November 22, 2006.

**PURPOSE:**

Payment of compensation claim for livestock, in excess of \$100.00, as per Animal Regulation and Control Bylaw 1465.

**BACKGROUND:**

On November 22, 2006 at 6:30pm, two sheep, owned by Gerald Elliot, 534 Georgeson Bay Road, Galiano Island, were killed by dogs. Mr. Elliot saw the dogs running off but was unable to identify them. Our Animal Control Officer did a thorough investigation but was unable to determine what dogs were responsible. CRD Bylaw Number 1465 Section 19-23 has provisions to pay compensation to the owners of livestock killed or injured by any dog apparently over the age of four (4) month, the owner of which is unknown, and after diligent enquiry cannot be found the lesser of; 75% of the decrease in market value, or \$750.00.

The authority for a Board to pass this provision in a bylaw is found in Section 703. (6) Local Government Act.

In this case the request by the owner for compensation is consistent with past practice, and the value stated by the owner is fair market value.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve payment of 75% of the value of the sheep, @\$200, for a total payment of \$300.00.
2. Do not approve payment.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Total cost of \$300.00 (75% of two killed sheep @ \$200.00).

**SUMMARY/CONCLUSIONS:**

These sheep are valued at \$200.00 each. The Regional District pays compensation to the owner of the sheep when they are killed or injured by any dog over the age of four months, when the owner is unknown and after diligent inquiry can still not found. The amount to be paid is 75% of the market value or \$750.00, which ever is less. Our Animal Control Officer was unable to find the responsible dog(s) after diligent investigation.

The Animal Control Officer is authorized to approve any claim up to \$100.00. Any claims over \$100.00 have to be forwarded to the board for approval.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Electoral Area Services Committee recommends to Board:

1. That payment of \$300.00 to Gerald Elliot for compensation of two sheep killed by unknown dogs on November 22, 2006.

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Don Brown

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Robert Lapham, General Manager Concurrence

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Kelly Daniels, CAO Concurrence