



**REPORT TO ELECTORAL AREA SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, 05 DECEMBER 2007**

SUBJECT **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BYLAW NO. 1465, "ANIMAL REGULATION AND IMPOUNDING BYLAW NO. 1, 1986", AND "CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT TICKET INFORMATION AUTHORIZATION BYLAW, 1990"**

PURPOSE/ISSUE

To make changes that will make Bylaw No. 1465 gender neutral, to remove the compensation section for domestic animal killings or injuries and to add an early discount incentive for dog licences.

HISTORY/BACKGROUND

There are several references in Bylaw No. 1465 to dog owners as he or him which should be amended to be gender neutral.

The *Local Government Act*, Section 703(6) states that, "if a fee is imposed for a dog licence, the Board may, by bylaw, provide for the payment of compensation to the owner of any domestic animal that is killed or injured by a dog over the age of four months, the owner which is unknown, and after diligent inquiry, cannot be found". The number of claims for compensation has been minimal (one or two per year), however the committee directed staff to bring this issue forward as part of the annual review of the service to re-evaluate the practice. As outlined in Section 703(6) of the *Local Government Act*, the Board is not obligated to provide compensation and it is with it's discretion to amend Bylaw No. 1465 to remove the provisions.

Dog licence fees were raised \$5 across the board in 2007. However, during the transition period, a \$5 discount was offered to anyone who renewed their licence(s) before December 31. This was very popular and increased our dog licence sales for 2007. In order to maintain or potentially increase the success of dog licence sales, it appears that this type of fee incentive is very effective and it would be appropriate to consider a permanent discount on our schedule of dog licence fees. Our total revenue for dog licences for 2006 was \$115,344 for 6,426 dog licences. For 2007, as of the end of October, revenue was \$126,631 for 7,447 dog licences. This revenue is net after the paying of 10% commissions to vendors that sell dog licences for us.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Retain Bylaw No. 1465 and 1857 as they are.
2. Accept and change some of the proposed amendments.
3. Accept all of the proposed amendments.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Dog licence revenue has increased 9.1% and the number of dog licences sold has increased 13.7%. It is estimated there are 13,900 (as per Ispos Reid poll) dogs in areas that use CRD licences. In 2006, 46.3% of dogs were licenced and 53.5% were licenced in 2007. Staff feel that the existing licencing initiatives are effective and are well received in the community. Therefore, staff recommend that licence fees remain at the current level and that staff continue to promote dog licence sales to increase compliance.

There will be some advertising costs to provide public notices of the proposed changes and some costs to provide public education about the changes. There will be some savings realized by not paying compensation for livestock issues.


SUMMARY/CONCLUSIONS

The existing Animal Regulation and Impounding Bylaw is in need of some additions and amendments. Therefore, staff recommends alternative #3 to adopt all proposed additions, deletions and amendments to the current Animal Regulation and Impounding Bylaw and Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Electoral Area Services committee recommends to the Board:

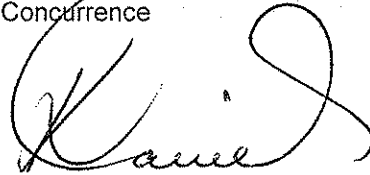
1. That Bylaw No. 3472, "Animal Regulation and Impounding Bylaw No. 1, 1986, Amendment Bylaw No. 6, 2007", be introduced and read for a first, second, and third time.
2. That Bylaw No. 3473, "Capital Regional District Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw, 1990, Amendment Bylaw No. 39, 2007" be introduced and read a first, second, and third time.



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Chief Bylaw Officer



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Attachments: 2

Bylaw No. 3472
Bylaw No. 3473

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT
BYLAW NO. 3472

A BYLAW TO AMEND BYLAW NO. 1465, BEING "ANIMAL REGULATION AND IMPOUNDING
BYLAW NO. 1, 1986"

The Board of the Capital Regional District in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

1. Bylaw No. 1465, "Animal Regulation and Impounding Bylaw No. 1, 1986" is amended as follows:

(1) by adding the following to Section 3:

LICENCING DOGS:

3. The word "/she" after the word he (x 3)"

(2) by adding the following to Section 4(1):

4. (1) The words "or she" after the word he
The words "or her" after the word him

(3) by adding to Section 5:

"5. (7) A discount as set out in Schedule "A" will be applied to any licence purchased for the following year, if purchased prior to December 31 of the current year."

(4) by adding to Section 5:

"5. (8) The owner of a dog declared dangerous must purchase a "Dangerous Dog Licence" for a fee listed in Schedule "A"

(5) by deleting the Section titled Compensation which includes 19-23 inclusive and Schedule "D" to Bylaw 1465:

(6) by changing the numbering of sections 24 to 35 as follows:

24 to 19
25 to 20
26 to 21
27 to 22
28 to 23
29 to 24
30 to 25
31 to 26
32 to 27
33 to 28
34 to 29
35 to 30

CRD Bylaw No. 3472

2. This Bylaw may be cited as "Animal Regulation and Impounding Bylaw No. 1, 1986, Amendment Bylaw No. 6, 2007".

READ A FIRST TIME THIS _____ day of _____, 2007.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS _____ day of _____, 2007.

READ A THIRD TIME THIS _____ day of _____, 2007.

ADOPTED THIS _____ day of _____, 2007.

Chair

Secretary

SCHEDULE "A"
DOG LICENCE FEES

(a)	Female Dog (not spayed)	\$ 30.00
(b)	Female Dog (spayed)	\$ 20.00
(c)	Male Dog (not neutered)	\$ 30.00
(d)	Male Dog (neutered)	\$ 20.00
(e)	Replacement of Lost Licence	\$ 5.00
(f)	Early Purchase Discount	\$ 5.00
(g)	Late Application Penalty	\$ 10.00
(h)	Breeding Kennel having four (4) or less dogs	\$ 75.00
(i)	Breeding Kennel having five (5) or more dogs	\$150.00
(j)	Boarding Kennel	\$200.00
(k)	Dangerous Dog Licence	\$100.00

SCHEDULE 9 TO BYLAW NO. 1857

ANIMAL REGULATION AND IMPOUNDING BYLAW NO. 1, 1986

WORDS OR EXPRESSIONS DESIGNATING OFFENCE	SECTION	FINE
1. No kennel licence	2. (1) (a)	\$75.00
2. Harboursing dogs in excess of kennel licence	2. (1) (b)	\$50.00
3. Operating kennel contrary to zoning	2. (2) (a)	\$50.00
4. Failure of kennel to provide adequate fencing	2. (2) (c)	\$75.00
5. No licence	3.	\$100.00
6. No licence on dog	7.	\$50.00
7. Unauthorized removal of licence tag	10.	\$75.00
8. Failure to display "dangerous dog" sign	14. (c)	\$50.00
9. Animal at large	19. (1)	\$100.00
10. Uncontrolled dangerous dog	19. (2)	\$75.00
11. Obstructing Animal Control Officer	19. (3)	\$150.00
12. Bitch in heat unenclosed	20.	\$75.00
13. Noisy dog	21. (1)	\$100.00
14. Noisy animal	21. (2)	\$100.00
15. Maltreated animal	22. (a)	\$100.00
16. Fail to medically treat animal	22. (b)	\$100.00
17. Unsanitary pens	22. (c)	\$100.00
18. Animal on beach	24.	\$50.00