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**REPORT TO ELECTORAL AREA SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, 03 FEBRUARY, 2010**

SUBJECT **RENEWAL OF LEASE ON CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT POUND FACILITY**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for long range planning for the Capital Regional District (CRD) Pound facility located at 5401 Pat Bay Highway, beyond October 1, 2011.

HISTORY/BACKGROUND

The CRD has leased the current pound facility since October 1, 2001. The lease expires on October 1, 2011. We currently pay monthly lease payments of \$1,432.61 (fixed for the duration of the contract).

The Pound has established a very positive image throughout the area due to the hard work of our volunteers and staff. We either return to owner, or adopt every adoptable animal that comes into our care. We work closely with many local animal rights groups, including Greater Victoria Animal Crusaders, Victoria Adoptables and Citizen Canine.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Anticipate and plan on negotiating to extend the lease.
2. Renew the lease and explore the option to lease to own or outright purchase of the property.
3. Look for another suitable location to lease.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

We are currently paying \$17,191.32 a year in lease payments, which could be applied to land and building costs.

SUMMARY/CONCLUSIONS

Staff recommends Alternative No. 2, renew the lease and explore the option to lease to own or outright purchase of the property.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Electoral Area Services Committee recommend to the Board that staff begin the process of renegotiating the lease and explore the possibility of lease to own or outright purchase.



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