



**REPORT TO THE ELECTORAL AREA SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, 01 JUNE 2011**

SUBJECT **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BYLAW NO. 1465, "ANIMAL REGULATION AND IMPOUNDING BYLAW NO. 1, 1986"**

ISSUE

Other jurisdictions in the region have an earlier renewal date for dog licences than the Capital Regional District (CRD). There is no necessity to give dog owners three months to renew their licences after January 1. The current dog licence renewal date encourages dog owners to wait until the end of March to renew their dog licences while we are trying to encourage early renewals.

BACKGROUND

For many years dog owners have had until March 31 to renew their dog licence(s) or pay a late fee of \$10. The CRD recently implemented the ability for dog owners to renew online and this service has been widely promoted as part of the annual renewal campaign. Now that dog owners have the ability to renew dog licences online there is no longer a need to give a three month grace period. This amendment, along with the current early renewals provision (\$5 discount if licence is renewed prior to December 31), will help achieve compliance earlier every year. This requires changing Section 3 and 5(4) of the Bylaw, removing "March 31" and replacing it with "the last day of February".

ALTERNATIVES

1. Leave the Bylaw as is.
2. Amend Section 3 and 5(4) of the Bylaw as presented.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications will be a faster collection of annual dog licence revenue, which may reduce the number of dog owners in non-compliance requiring follow up.

CONCLUSION

Staff recommends Alternative 2, amending Section 3 and 5(4) of Bylaw No. 1465 as presented. This will help achieve the division goal of early dog licence renewals and a higher compliance rate.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Electoral Area Services committee recommend to the Board:

1. That Bylaw No. 3785, "Animal Regulation and Impounding Bylaw No. 1, 1986 Amendment Bylaw No. 8, 2011" be introduced and read a first time, second time, third time and be adopted.

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