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REPORT TO THE ELECTORAL AREA SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2013

SUBJECT   COMPENSATION CLAIM FOR LIVESTOCK LOSS

ISSUE

On April 29, 2013, Ms Stef Prenevost lost one ewe and three lambs to a dog attack.

BACKGROUND

On 29 April 2013 CRD Animal Care received a report that one ewe and three lambs were killed by a black dog on property owned by Stef Prenevost, Sherwood Farms, 825 Hillman Road, Highlands, BC. A witness saw a black dog running out of the yard shortly after the kills.

An Animal Care Officer attended and did an investigation including canvassing neighbours to see if anyone knew where the dog was from. Unfortunately the witness could only confirm that it was a large black dog, but did not know where it was from.

As the District of Highlands is part of the requisition areas for Animal Control, the owner of the sheep is entitled to compensation at 75% of the value to a maximum of $750 in accordance with the CRD Regulation and Impounding Bylaw No. 1465. This applies in cases where the attack was by a dog, the owner of which is unknown.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Compensate Ms Prenevost $431.25 as per section 19(b) of the Capital Regional District Regulation and Impounding Bylaw No. 1465.
2. Deny Ms Prenevost's claim.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The ewe is valued at $125 and each lamb at $150 for a total of $575, 75% is $431.25. Money is budgeted annually to cover this type of claim from the Animal Care budget. This is the only claim this year to date.

SUMMARY

This is a valid claim and we have been unable to determine the owner of the dog involved in the attack.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Electoral Area Services Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board that compensation in the amount of $431.25 be paid to Ms Stef Prenevost.

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Don Brown
Chief Bylaw Officer

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