



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee **Date:** October 14, 2022
From: Cecilia Achiam **File:** 09-5375-09/2022-Vol-01
 General Manager, Community Safety
Re: **Animal Protection Services Monthly Activity Report – September 2022**

Staff Recommendation

That the staff report titled “Animal Protection Services Monthly Activity Report – September 2022”, dated October 14, 2022, from the General Manager, Community Safety, be received for information.

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Staff Report

Origin

This monthly report for the Animal Protection Services department provides information and statistics for enforcing bylaws related to Animal Protection Services as well as education and public awareness initiatives.

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2018-2022 Strategy #1 A Safe and Resilient City:

Enhance and protect the safety and well-being of Richmond.

1.1 Enhance safety services and strategies to meet community needs.

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2018-2022 Strategy #8 An Engaged and Informed Community:

Ensure that the citizenry of Richmond is well-informed and engaged about City business and decision-making.

8.2 Ensure citizens are well-informed with timely, accurate and easily accessible communication using a variety of methods and tools.

Analysis

Animal Protection Services

For the month of September, Animal Protection Services and the BC SPCA increased BC SPCA foot patrols on school grounds to coincide with the start of the school year, ensuring the public have support and education with off leash dog concerns.

On September 24, 2022 the City of Richmond unveiled the new Bark Park, previously known as No. 3 Road Waterfront Park, located on the south arm of No. 3 Road and Dyke Road. Prior to the opening, Animal Protection Services assessed the area to include an upgraded multipurpose water station to reflect consistency across the off leash dog parks in Richmond.

In September 2022, the total number of dogs licenced was 93 dogs. This figure represents 83 new dog licence applications and 10 dog licence renewal applications. The total number of dogs licenced year to date is 7,511. To date, there are 424 outstanding 2021 dog licence accounts in arrears. Both the Animal Protection Services department and the BC SPCA collected the dog licences in arrears through the City's annual canvassing program, which was completed in September 2022.

For the month of September, BC SPCA Officers received 234 calls for service related to various animal control and dog licencing infractions, while proactively patrolling a combined total of 35 parks, dikes and/or schools.

Figure 1 below, reflects the monthly and year-to-date animal control and dog licencing enforcement activity measured by violation issuance. The corresponding revenue is reflected in Figure 2. For the month of September, BC SPCA Officers issued 37 bylaw violation notices, which can be attributed to BC SPCA Officer foot patrols of non-permitted off-leash parks, City dikes and school grounds. These proactive patrols have resulted in ticketing for non-compliance of both the Dog Licencing Bylaw No. 7138 and the Animal Control Regulation Bylaw No. 7932, together with educational compliance.

Figure 1: Animal Protection Services Violation Issuance Comparison

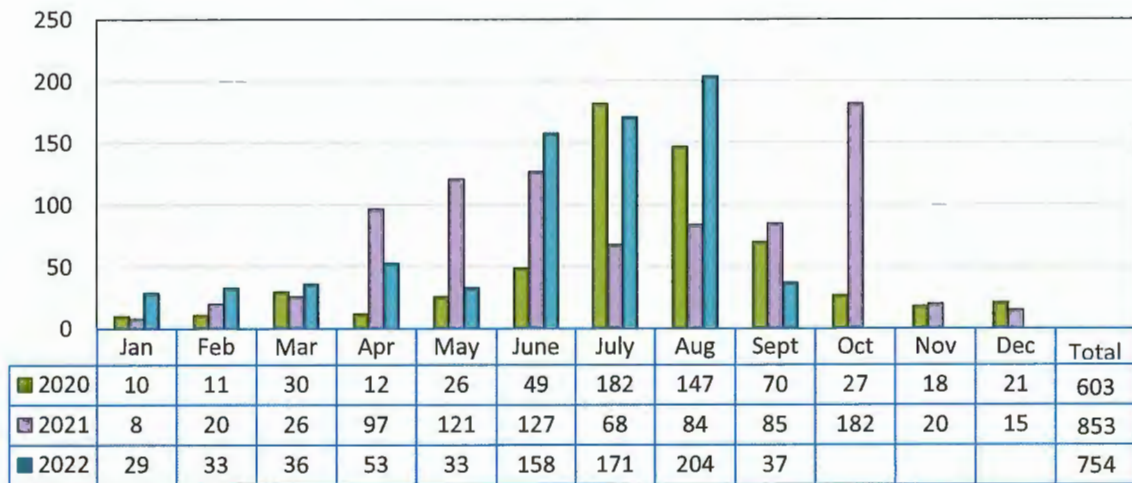


Figure 2: Animal Protection Services Revenue Comparison (000's)



Animal Protection Services Bylaw Adjudication

The next adjudication session is scheduled for November 23, 2022.

Revenue and Expenses

The Animal Protection Services department derives its revenue from dog licences and fines. Table 1 outlines their individual revenue, while Table 2 highlights Animal Protection Services revenue and expenses within the Community Safety division.

Table 1: Animal Protection Services Revenue by Source

Program Revenue	Budget Sep 2022	Actual Sep 2022	YTD Budget Sep 2022	YTD Actual Sep 2022
Dog Licences	7,315	6,474	239,904	281,099
Fines	534	8,175	7,196	46,900
Total Revenue	7,849	14,649	247,100	327,999

Table 2: Animal Protection Services Revenue and Expenses

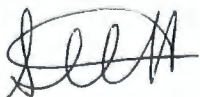
	YTD Budget Sep 2022	YTD Actual Sep 2022
Revenue	247,100	327,999
Expenses	1,057,481	1,027,366
Net Revenue (Expense)	(810,381)	(699,367)

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

The Animal Protection Services department proudly serves the animals, residents and visitors of the City of Richmond, while administering a wide range of bylaws related to animal protection, which includes public parks and school grounds, noise, dog licencing and animal control. This report provides a summary of monthly enforcement and educational activity, including revenue and expenses.



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