

Monday, November 15, 1976,
Health & Welfare Committee - 4 p.m.

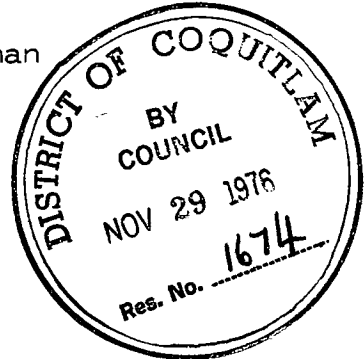
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HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Health and Welfare Committee was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Hall, 1111 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam, B.C. on Monday, November 15, 1976 at 4 p.m. with the following persons present:

Committee: Ald. J. W. Gilmore - Chairman
Ald. L. Garrison

Staff: Municipal Manager
Municipal Clerk
Vector Control Officer



1. 1977 Mosquito Control Programme.

Mr. John Nelson, the Vector Control Officer, had submitted to the Committee the following reports:

1. 1976 Mosquito Control Programme for Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam.
2. Proposed 1977 Mosquito Control Programme.

Copies of these two reports are attached to these minutes.

Mr. Nelson explained that in past years the number of persons employed on the mosquito control programme was as follows:

1974	-	9 persons
1975	-	6 persons
1976	-	4 persons

The Committee was advised by Mr. Nelson that an extended programme was required and early ratification of funds was imperative if competent staff was to be obtained.

In 1976 the mosquito programme was shared on a 50/50 basis with Port Coquitlam and a similar arrangement was hoped for in 1977.

Recommendation

That Council approve the budget and programme as put forward by the Vector Control Officer and that he be granted authority to proceed with arrangements for the hiring of staff for the 1977 programme to commence on May 1, 1977 and to end on ~~September~~ September 15, 1977.

Appd. by C.
Res. 1675/76

2. Dog Control Amendment By-law.

As a result of a question from Council, the Committee received information on the rationale for charging a lesser licence fee for un-neutered male dogs than for unspayed female dogs.

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The Manager reported that he had been advised by the S.P.C.A. that charges for spaying of female dogs was higher than the charge for neutering of male dogs and the higher licence fee acted as an incentive for owners of female dogs to have them spayed.


The Manager also stated that the municipalities of Port Coquitlam, Port Moody and Coquitlam were attempting to establish uniform rates and if Council wished a change, possibly this should wait until consultation can take place with the other areas.

Recommendation

That the Committee recommend that the by-law, as proposed, be adopted by Council and that an investigation of rates be made for possible implementation of changes in 1978.

Adjournment

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

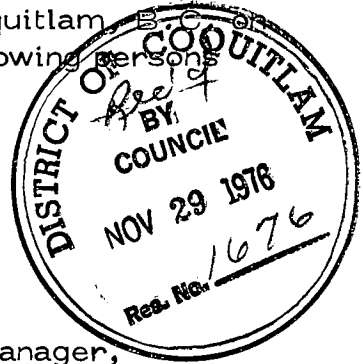

J. W. Gilmore,
Chairman.

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Wednesday, November 24, 1976,
Health & Welfare Committee - 12 noon

HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Health and Welfare Committee was held in the Committee Room of the Municipal Hall, 1111 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam, B.C. on Wednesday, November 24, 1976 at 12 noon with the following persons present:



- Committee: Ald. J. W. Gilmore - Chairman
- Staff: Municipal Manager
Municipal Clerk
- Others: Mr. C. Jack Homes, Secretary-Manager,
B. C. S.P.C.A.

1. Uniform Board Fees, Pound Fees and Dog Licence Fees.

The Municipal Manager submitted a report to the Committee dealing with this subject and a copy of that report is attached hereto and forms a part of these minutes.

The Committee discussed the report submitted by the Municipal Manager and received information from Mr. Homes on the subject of increased rates for unneutered males.

Mr. Homes informed the Committee that he was in agreement with the proposed new rates being suggested.

The Municipal Manager informed the Committee that the Council should be aware that implementation of these new rates will lead to a dramatic increase in complaints by dog owners and felt that the Committee should recommend to Council a publicity campaign with notices to be placed in The Sun, Columbian, Herald and Enterprise to advise people well in advance of the new rates being put into effect. Such a publicity campaign would give time to dog owners who wish to, to proceed with having male dogs neutered in order to be assessed the lower dog licence rates.

Recommendation

That Council adopt the rates as set out in the Manager's Report to the Health and Welfare Committee of November 19, 1976 and adopt the resolution appended hereto to amend By-law No. 660 and further, that upon adoption of that resolution that Council adopt By-law No. 660, 1976 as amended.

Further, the Committee recommends that Council instruct staff to undertake an advertising campaign dealing with the proposed new rates and that such notices be published in The Sun, Columbian, Herald and Enterprise and that this publicity campaign be undertaken at the earliest possible date.

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2. 1977 Provisional Budget re Coquitlam Animal Pound
and Dog Controls.

Attached to the Municipal Manager's Report to the Health and Welfare Committee dated November 19, 1976 is correspondence from the B.C. S.P.C.A. dated November 1, 1976 on the subject of the 1977 Provisional Budget and, as well, attached is a report from the Municipal Treasurer dated November 10, 1976 on this subject.

In line with the report of the Municipal Treasurer, the B.C. S.P.C.A. were requested to provide in future actual and anticipated for the current year at the same time as the preliminary budget is submitted in order to allow the Municipal Treasurer to more clearly examine the Provisional Budget.

Mr. Homes agreed to this suggestion and stated that this would be done in future.

In relation to the 1976 budget, Mr. Homes advised that the anticipated impounding fees were not as high as expected and this results from the fact that:

1. Weather conditions during the summer of 1976 were very unfavourable and thus as many dogs were not on the loose, consequently the number of animals impounded was down considerably from previous years.
2. During 1975 the ratio of animals being claimed from the Pound was 54% whereas in 1976 this dropped to only 45%.

Recommendation

That Council approve the 1977 Provisional Budget as submitted by the S.P.C.A.


3. Spaying and Neutering Clinic.

Mr. Homes, in his presentation to the Committee, advised that the Low Cost Spaying and Neutering Clinic were processing 65 animals per day and he will shortly be recommending that the Clinic be placed on double shift in order that they can process 100 to 110 animals per day as this is the number which is required to be processed in order to meet the demand on the facilities.

Mr. Homes advised the Committee that the Spaying and Neutering Clinic is 100% booked for such operations until December 20, 1976 and there is a backlog of 1,700 animals presently on the waiting list.

Adjournment

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned. 1.00 p.m.


J. Gilmore,
Chairman.

APPROVED BY
CO. RES
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