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Windsor, Ontario November 7, 2011

REPORT NO.13 of the
PUBLIC SAFETY STANDING COMMITTEE
of its meeting held September 21, 2011

Present:

Councillor Jones, Chair
Councillor Dilkens
Councillor Gignac
Councillor Maghnieh
Councillor Payne

That the following recommendation of the Public Safety Standing Committee **BE APPROVED** as follows:

Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Dilkens

THAT the report of the Manager of Policy, Gaming and Licensing/Deputy Licence Commissioner, entitled "Update - re: Pilot Trap-Neuter-Return Project 2003/2004" dated September 5, 2011 **BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION**, and further that the consideration of a voucher program be referred to the 2012 budget process.

Carried.

Councillor Maghnieh was absent when the vote was taken on this matter.

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Clerk's Note: The report from the Corporate Policy Coordinator titled "Update re: Pilot Trap-Neutyr-Return Project 2003/2004" is attached as b . und information.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WINDSOR
Public Safety Standing Committee - Administrative Report

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MISSION STATEMENT:

"The City of Windsor, with the involvement of its citizens, will deliver effective and responsive municipal services, and will mobilize innovative community partnerships"

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To: Public Safety Standing Committee -

Subject: Update re: Pilot Trap-Neuter-Return Project 2003/2004

1. RECOMMENDATION: City Wide: Ward(s): ___

THAT the Public Safety Standing Committee **RECEIVE** this report **FOR INFORMATION.**

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

N/A

3. BACKGROUND:

City Council and the Public Safety Standing Committee have been examining options_ for animal control and the reduction of the high numbers of cats euthanized annually. At their meeting of July 20, 2011, the Committee formally moved that consideration of a voucher program be referred to the 2012 budget process and further information be supplied regarding voluntary cat licensing. Subsequent to that meeting Councillor Payne advised that he was satisfied that he had all of the information available on voluntary cat licensing and no further action was required. At the same meeting Councillor Jones spoke of the trap/neuter/return pilot project that was implemented in 2003/2004 and requested that a report indicating the outcome of that project be brought before the committee. This report provides that information.

DISCUSSION:

On May 12, 2003 City Council noted and filed a report from its No-Kill Committee recommending a Trap/Neuter/Return (TNR) pilot project, subject to a public meeting in the proposed area, and a request for proposals to tender the project. Further, City Council allocated \$30,000 to implement the program. (M107-2003)

The City's west end was identified as the area for the pilot program, as research determined that the area had a significant feral cat population that needed to be controlled. Additionally, it was expected that the area would generate measurable results.

The Humane Society responded to the RFP, projecting that 300 cats would be altered through the program. As their proposal was accepted, the Society signed an agreement with the City on September 22, 2003 which called for the program's termination after 12 months, or when the funding expired, whichever came first. Earlier, on June 11, 2003, a public meeting had been held to introduce the program to the neighbourhood. In addition to participating in the public meeting, the Society also executed two J\{terafui-e-campaigns to solicit interest in the program. From November 2003 to June of 2004, 55 cats were altered.-----

In July of 2004, responding to a Council question regarding the status of the program, Administration reported that the number of cats serviced was lower than expected. The Humane Society requested that Ward Councillors and the Chair of the No-Kill Committee hold a public meeting with residents to solicit their participation in the program. A meeting date of September 9, 2004 was proposed, however an extensive search of historical records failed to yield any documentation of the outcome of the meetings.

In May of 2005, a report recommending adoption of the next animal control contract spoke to the approximately \$16,000 of the TNR funds remaining. BASIS Report #11277 contains the request that Council allow the Humane Society to retain the funds left over from the trap/neuter/return project and add them to the funds being allocated towards humane education. The report also recommended acceptance of the proposed animal control contract for 2005, 2006, 2007. That report outlined the amount of educational funding for each of the three years and also provided details of the program. Council approved the recommendations by CR328/2005 ...

The City and the Humane Society signed an agreement for the provision of animal control services, which included funding for humane education, on May 24, 2005. An attachment to that agreement outlines that the funds left over from the pilot TNR project will remain with the Humane Society and be added to the humane education program.

5. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

In September of 2003 the City issued \$30,000 to the Humane Society to implement a trap/neuter/return (TNR) pilot project in the City's west end.

As mentioned above, a 2005 report by the License Commissioner (#11277 CR328/2005) outlined how the outstanding monies left from the pilot TNR program would be combined with the \$20,000 earmarked in the animal control contract for education to deliver an "exhaustive" campaign to educate the public on spaying or neutering their animals.

Schedule "A" to the 2005 agreement for animal control indicates that \$36,314.13 (\$20,000 plus \$16,314.13 actual TNR funds remaining) would be spent on education in the first year and \$20,000 in the remaining two years.

Subsequent animal control contracts have included a provision for humane education initiatives in the amount of \$20,000 annually.

6. CONSULTATIONS:

The Windsor Essex County Humane Society, Finance, Council Services, and Building Department (Compliance and Enforcement) were all consulted for this report.

7. CONCLUSION:

The number of cats altered in the trap/neuter/return pilot project of 2003/2004 did not reach original projections. However, 55 cats were altered that may not have had surgery if the program were not in place. The funds left over at the end of the program were used by the Humane Society for their humane education programs. It appears that the file is closed.

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APPENDICES:

