



# City of Richmond

## Report to Committee

**To:** Community Safety Committee **Date:** June 10, 2022  
**From:** Cecilia Achiam **File:** 12-8060-01/2022-Vol  
 General Manager, Community Safety 01  
**Re:** **Animal Protection Services Monthly Activity Report - May 2022**

### Staff Recommendation

That the staff report titled “Animal Protection Services Monthly Activity Report – May 2022”, dated June 10, 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

Animal Protection Services continues to bring awareness to the importance of bees through the "Don't be a Buzz Kill" campaign on the City's social media platforms. The campaign will continue through bee season from May to September 2022 and will range from whom to contact if you witness a bee swarm, to interesting facts about bees and creative ways to attract bees for pollination.

During the month of May, posts were also placed on all the City's social media platforms as a reminder to the public, that it is mandatory within the City of Richmond, that all "dangerous dogs", as defined under the City of Richmond's Animal Control Regulation Bylaw No. 7932 (Animal Control Bylaw), are to be muzzled and leashed when on public property, which includes off-leash parks.

In May, the total number of dogs licenced was 138 dogs. This figure represents 94 new dog licence applications and 44 dog licence renewal applications. The total number of dogs licenced year to date is 6,915. To date, there are 821 outstanding 2021 dog licence accounts in arrears. Both the Animal Protection Services department and the BC SPCA have begun collection of the dog licence arrears through the annual canvassing program.

For the month of May, BC SPCA Officers received 180 calls for service related to various animal control and dog licencing infractions, while proactively patrolling a combined total of 59 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 May, BC SPCA Officers issued 33 bylaw violation notices, which can be attributed to the annual dog licence canvassing program, together with BC SPCA Officers 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

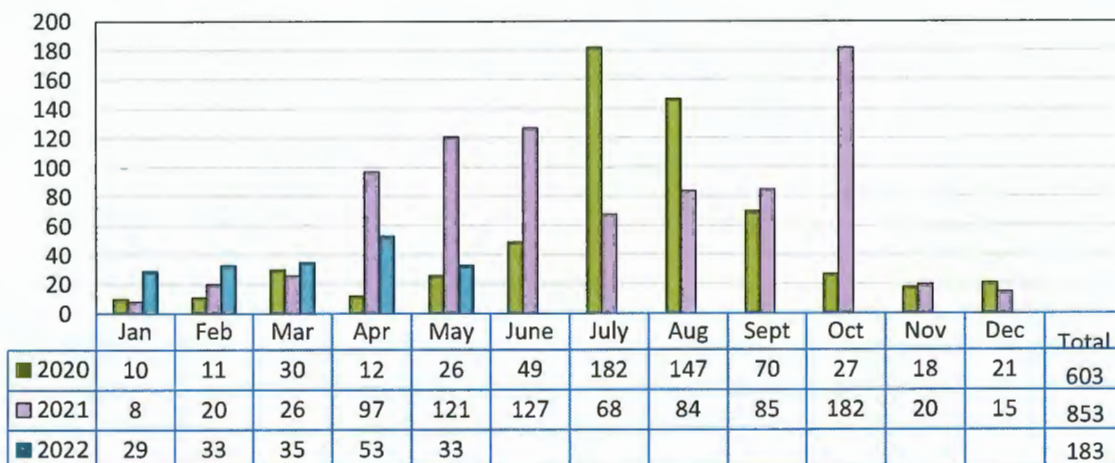
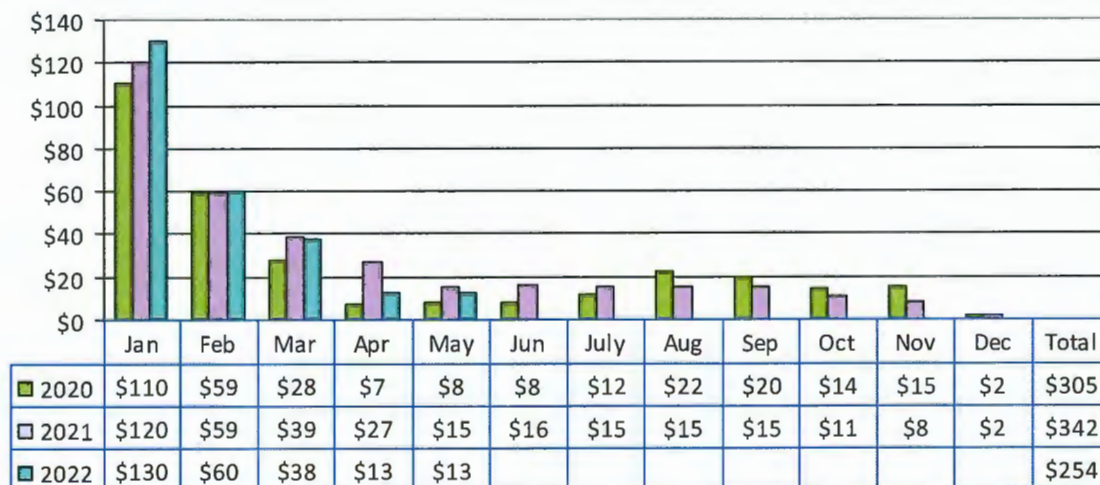


Figure 2: Animal Protection Services Revenue Comparison (000's)



Animal Protection Services Bylaw Adjudication

The Animal Protection Services bylaw adjudication session was held on May 26, 2022. The adjudication session consisted of:

- two violations in contravention of the Animal Control Regulation Bylaw No. 7932, and
- two violations in contravention of the Dog Licencing Regulation Bylaw No. 7138.

All of the violations were, upheld and ruled in favour of the City by the adjudicator. The next adjudication session is scheduled for August 24, 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 May 2022	Actual May 2022	YTD Budget May 2022	YTD Actual May 2022
Dog Licences	7,299	9,531	203,758	243,876
Fines	367	3,525	5,299	10,125
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>7,666</b>	<b>13,056</b>	<b>209,057</b>	<b>254,001</b>

Table 2: Animal Protection Services Revenue and Expenses

	YTD Budget May 2022	YTD Actual May 2022
Revenue	209,057	254,001
Expenses	519,001	500,934
<b>Net Revenue (Expense)</b>	<b>(309,944)</b>	<b>(246,933)</b>

**Financial Impact**

None.

**Conclusion**

The Animal Protection Services department administers a wide range of bylaws related to animal protection services, 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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