



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee **Date:** June 16, 2023
From: Cecilia Achiam **File:** 12-8375-01/2023-Vol
 General Manager, Community Safety 01
Re: **Animal Protection Services Monthly Activity Report – May 2023**

Staff Recommendation

That the staff report titled “Animal Protection Services Monthly Activity Report – May 2023”, dated June 16, 2023, from the General Manager, Community Safety, be received for information.

Cecilia Achiam
 General Manager, Community Safety
 (604-276-4122)

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Staff Report

Origin

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

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2022-2026 Focus Area #1 Proactive in Stakeholder and Civic Engagement:

Proactive stakeholder and civic engagement to foster understanding and involvement and advance Richmond's interests.

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2022-2026 Focus Area #3 A Safe and Prepared Community:

Community safety and preparedness through effective planning, strategic partnerships and proactive programs.

Analysis

Animal Protection Services

In May 2023, the total number of dogs licenced was 177. This figure represents 105 new dog licence applications and 72 dog licence renewal applications. The total number of dog's licenced year to date is 7,136.

BC SPCA Officers received 210 calls for service related to various animal control and dog licencing infractions. Officer patrols are conducted regularly on a proactive and complaint basis, a total of 39 parks, dikes and/or school patrols occurred in May.

Staff posted on the City's social media platforms a guideline for off leash dog parks and trails. The social media posting identifies the warmer and longer days in the upcoming months promotes exercising dogs outdoors and increasing visitors to the local off leash parks. This post highlighted the importance to display controlled command-responsive behaviour and cleaning up after pets to keep our parks clean and safe.

For the month of May, BC SPCA Officers issued 120 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 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 below, reflects the monthly and year-to-date animal control and dog licencing enforcement activity measured by violation issuance. It should be noted for reference, that the

annual canvassing of outstanding dog licences is conducted by staff during the months of April through October and may show an increase of violations issued as depicted in Figure 1 below. The corresponding revenue is reflected in Figure 2.

Figure 1: Animal Protection Services Violation Issuance Comparison

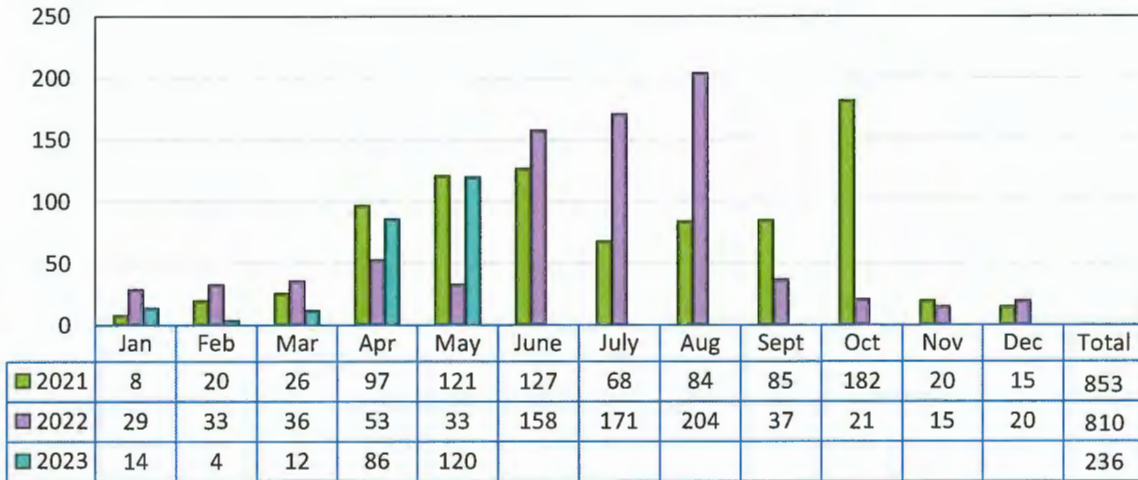
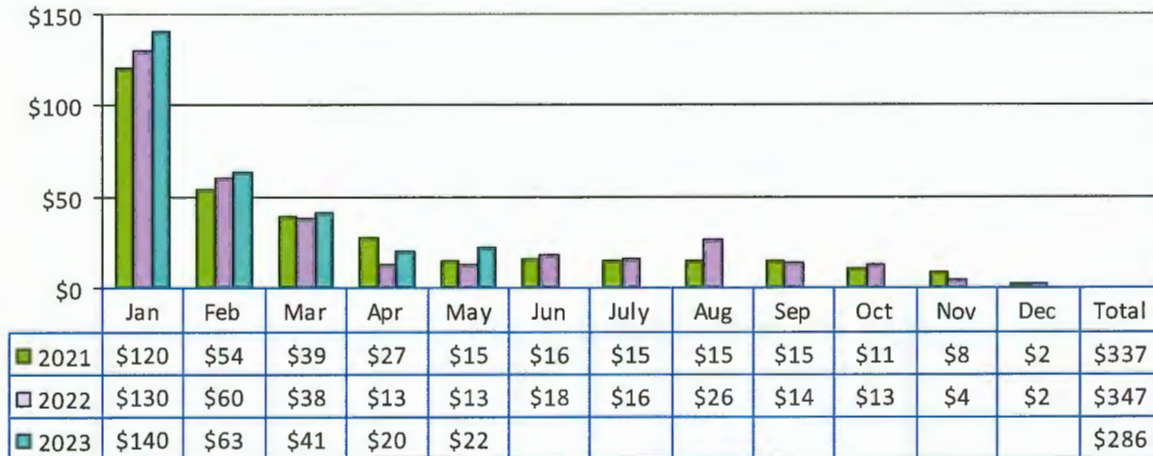


Figure 2: Animal Protection Services Revenue Comparison (000's)



Administrative Staff Activity

In May, staff received 239 calls from the public related to animal services. The calls consist of a variety of subject matters related to dog licences, bylaw infractions, off-leash dog parks, adjudication process and general inquiries. The total number of calls to-date for 2023 are 1,252.

Animal Protection Services Bylaw Adjudication

The next adjudication session is scheduled for Q3, 2023.

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 2023	Actual May 2023	YTD Budget May 2023	YTD Actual May 2023
Dog Licences	7,752	12,962	214,276	265,569
Fines	577	8,975	2,029	20,040
Total Revenue	8,329	21,937	216,305	285,609

Table 2: Animal Protection Services Revenue and Expenses

	YTD Budget May 2023	YTD Actual May 2023
Revenue	216,305	285,609
Expenses	673,750	679,746
Net Revenue (Expense)	(457,445)	(394,137)

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

Staff administer a wide range of bylaws related to animal protection, which includes public parks and school grounds, dog licencing and animal control. This report provides a summary of monthly enforcement and educational activity, including revenue and expenses.



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To: Community Safety Committee **Date:** June 16, 2023
From: Mark Corrado **File:** 12-8375-01/2023-Vol
 Director, Community Bylaws & Licencing 01
Re: **Property Use and Parking Enforcement Monthly Activity Report – May 2023**

Staff Recommendation

That the staff report titled “Property Use and Parking Enforcement Monthly Activity Report – May 2023”, dated June 16, 2023, from the Director, Community Bylaws & Licencing, be received for information.

Mark Corrado
 Director, Community Bylaws & Licencing
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