



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee **Date:** February 14, 2022
From: Cecilia Achiam **File:** 12-8060-01/2022-Vol
 General Manager, Community Safety 01
Re: **Community Bylaws Animal Services Monthly Activity Report – January 2022**

Staff Recommendation

That the staff report titled “Community Bylaws Animal Services Monthly Activity Report – January 2022”, dated February 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 Services department provides information and statistics for enforcing bylaws related to Animal Services and Dog Licencing 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.

Analysis

Dog Licencing and Animal Services

The start of the 2022 annual dog licencing program began in December 2021, with a total of 2,673 licenced dogs. The total number of dogs licenced in January is 1,564 dogs. This figure represents 160 new dog licence applications and 1,404 dog licence renewal applications. The total number of dogs licenced year to date is 4,237.

Figure 1 below, highlights the top five patrolled parks and/or schools for the month of January. BC SPCA Officers proactively patrolled 41 parks and/or schools for the month of January. Staff have observed that complaints regarding off-leash dogs at Cook Elementary have decreased due to the increased foot patrols conducted by BC SPCA Officers.

Figure 1: Parks Patrolled

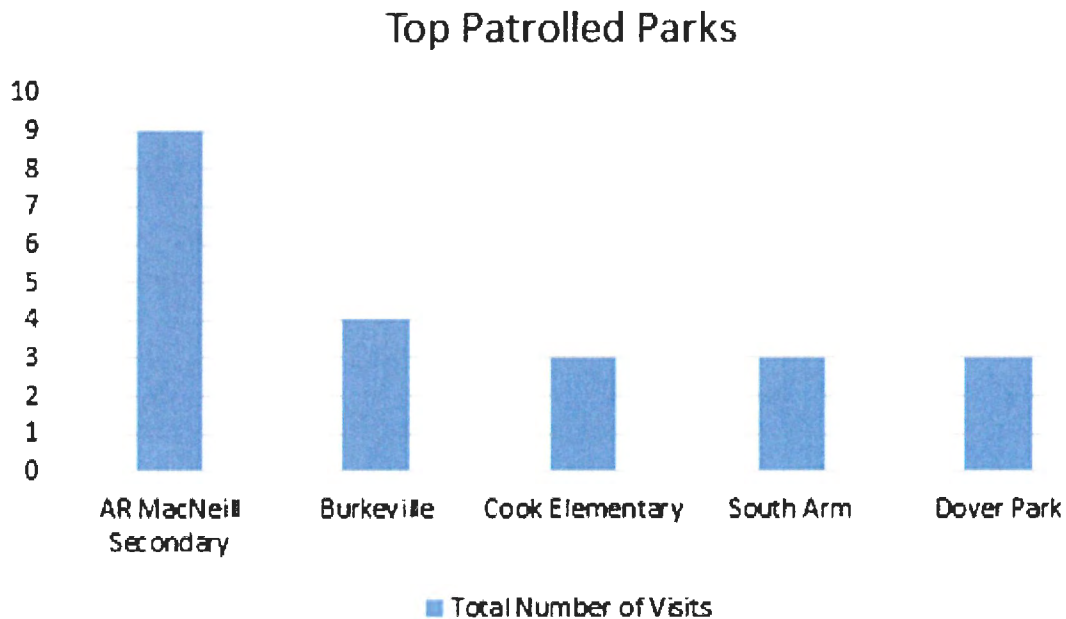


Figure 2 below, represents the 142 calls for service that the BC SPCA Officers attended for the month of January.

Figure 2: Dispatch Calls for Service

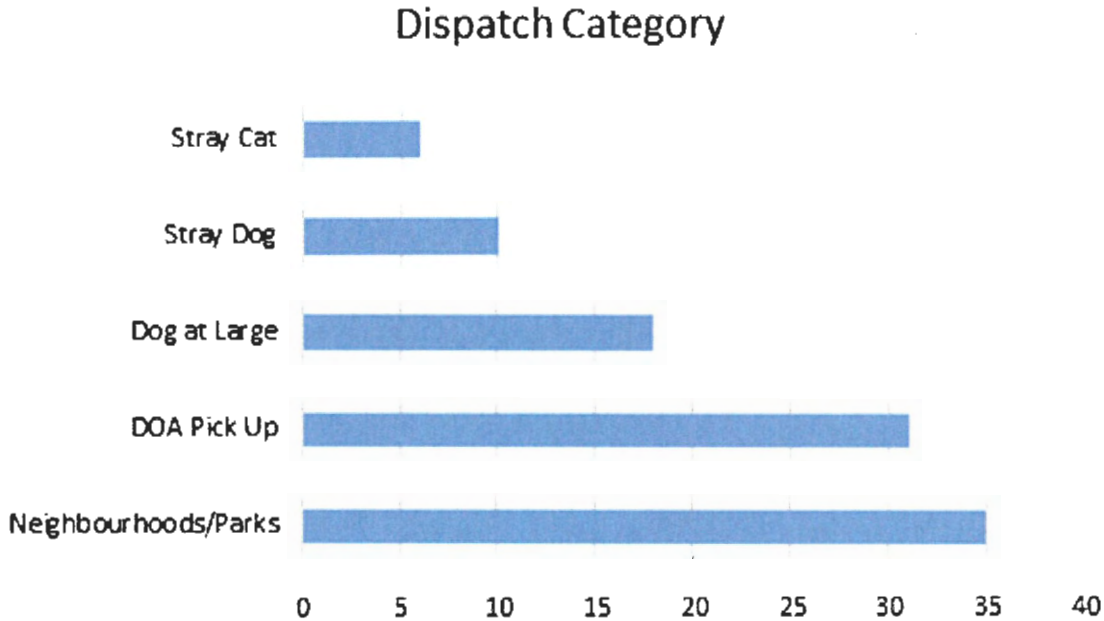


Figure 3 below, reflects the monthly and year-to-date animal control and dog licencing enforcement activity measured by violation issuance. The corresponding revenue is reflected in Figure 4. For the month of January, BC SPCA Officers issued 27 bylaw violation notices. Animal services ticket revenue continues to reflect an increase, which can be attributed to BC SPCA Officers foot patrols of non-permitted off-leash parks, which have resulted in ticketing for non-compliance of both the Dog Licencing Bylaw No. 7138 and the Animal Control Regulation Bylaw No. 7932.

Figure 3: Dog Licencing & Animal Services Violation Issuance Comparison

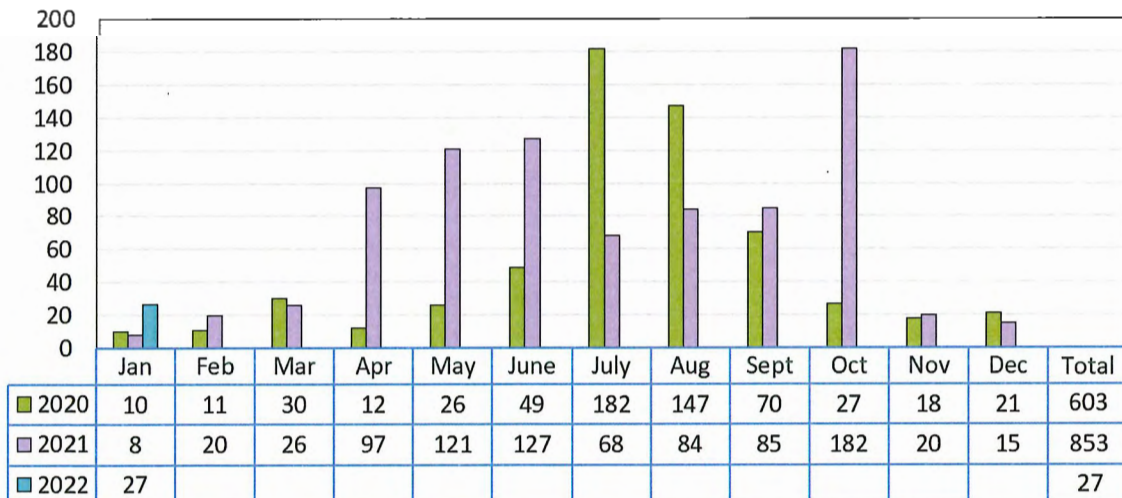
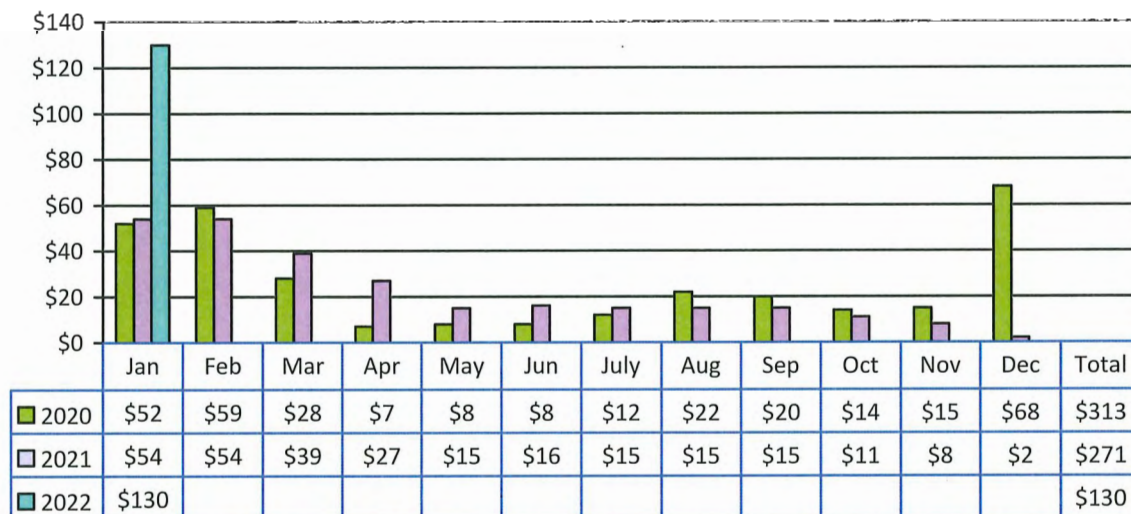


Figure 4: Dog Licencing and Animal Services Revenue Comparison (000's)



BC SPCA Officers conduct both education outreach and enforcement including licence checks, muzzling requirements and general animal services and dog licencing violations, while continuing to foster a strong relationship within the community. At the request of the Principal, officers visited AR MacNeil Secondary to offer free animal humane education to students. The program was well received by students, parents and staff.

The construction of the Richmond Animal Shelter continues to progress as scheduled. It is anticipated that the BC SPCA and staff would begin commissioning of the facility in mid-March to early April 2022. An official re-opening will follow pending on COVID-19 restrictions. Mayor and Councillors will be kept apprised of the progress in preparation for their attendance at the grand re-opening ceremony.

In January 2022, Animal Services staff reached out to the Principal of Westwind Elementary and Fine Art Administrator for Richmond School District 38 to seek art students who would like to participate in creating artwork to decorate the interior walls of the Shelter. The theme of the artwork is “furever homes”, which speaks to the efforts of the BC SPCA and its staff to find safe and loving “furever homes” for dogs, cats and other small domestic animals (birds, hamsters, etc) at the shelter. Both the school board staff and students responded enthusiastically and the creative artwork produced by the students will be displayed at the Shelter to the public.

Animal Services Bylaw Adjudication

The next adjudication hearing to dispute animal services tickets is scheduled for February 16, 2022.

Revenue and Expenses

The Animal Services department derives its revenue from dog licences and animal services fines. Table 1 outlines their individual revenue, while Table 2 highlights Animal Services revenue and expenses within the Community Bylaws section.

Table 1: Animal Services Revenue by Source

Program Revenue	Budget Jan 2022	Actual Jan 2022
Dog Licences	103,114	129,381
Animal Services Fines	1,635	550
Total Revenue	104,749	129,931

Table 2: Animal Services Revenue and Expenses

		Budget Jan 2022	Actual Jan 2022
Animal Services	Revenue	104,749	129,931
	Expenses	104,017	88,081
	Net Revenue (Expense)	732	41,850

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

The Animal Services department administers a wide range of bylaws related to animal 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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