



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee **Date:** March 10, 2023
From: Cecilia Achiam **File:** 09-5375-09/2023-Vol
 General Manager, Community Safety 01
Re: **Animal Protection Services Monthly Activity Report – February 2023**

Staff Recommendation

That the staff report titled “Animal Protection Services Monthly Activity Report – February 2023”, dated March 10, 2023, 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 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.

1.3 Increase the reach of communication and engagement efforts to connect with Richmond's diverse community.

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.

3.2 Leverage strategic partnerships and community-based approaches for comprehensive safety services.

Analysis

Animal Protection Services

For the month of February, staff posted a reminder on the City's social media platforms that the annual dog licencing fees are due and payable by February 28, 2023.

In February 2023, the total number of dogs licenced was 1,726. This figure represents 138 new dog licence applications and 1,588 dog licence renewal applications. The total number of dogs licenced year to date is 6,007.

For the month of February, BC SPCA Officers received 179 calls for service related to various animal control and dog licencing infractions, while proactively patrolling a combined total of 28 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. It should be noted for reference, that the annual canvassing of outstanding dog licences is conducted by staff during the months of May through October and may show an increase of violations issued as depicted in Figure 1 below. The corresponding revenue is reflected in Figure 2. For the month of February, BC SPCA Officers issued four 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 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

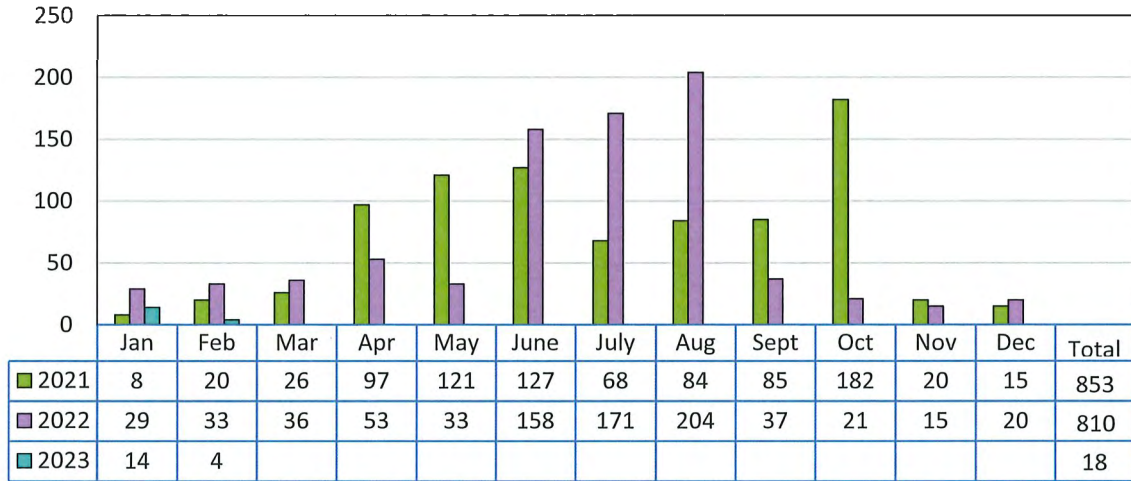
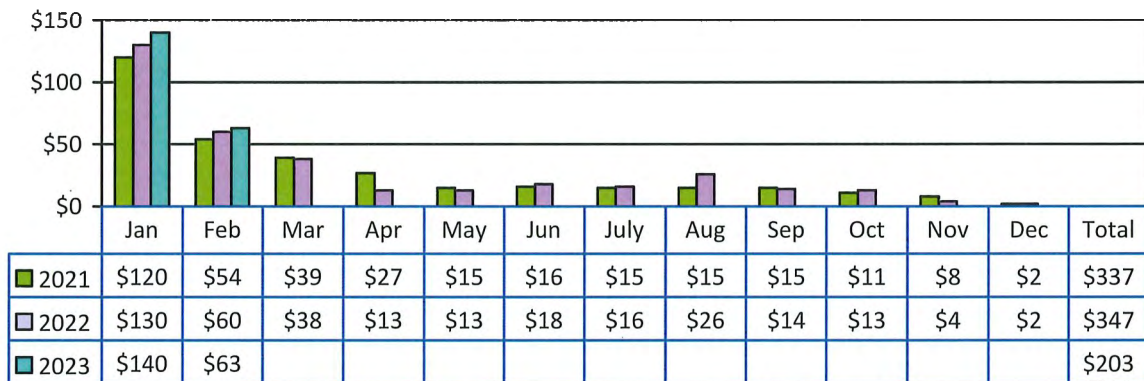


Figure 2: Animal Protection Services Revenue Comparison (000's)



Animal Protection Services Bylaw Adjudication

The adjudication session was held on February 22, 2023. The adjudication session consisted of:

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

All violations were upheld and ruled in favour of the City by the adjudicator. The next adjudication session is scheduled for March 15, 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 Feb 2023	Actual Feb 2023	YTD Budget Feb 2023	YTD Actual Feb 2023
Dog Licences	52,560	60,343	163,976	198,358
Fines	403	2,525	786	4,590
Total Revenue	52,963	62,868	164,762	202,948

Table 2: Animal Protection Services Revenue and Expenses

	YTD Budget Feb 2023	YTD Actual Feb 2023
Revenue	164,762	202,948
Expenses	269,500	258,965
Net Revenue (Expense)	(104,738)	(56,017)

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

Staff administer a wide range of bylaws related to animal protection, 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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