



# City of Richmond

## Report to Committee


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

### Staff Recommendation

That the staff report titled “Community Bylaws Animal Protection Services Monthly Activity Report – April 2022”, dated May 12, 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

Construction on the City's Animal Shelter has been substantially completed with final adjustments taking place within the building and the surface parking lot. These adjustments are expected to be completed by June 2022. The BC SPCA is currently in the process of readying the shelter for occupancy for both BC SPCA staff and Richmond animals currently being housed at the BC SPCA Vancouver Animal Shelter. A memo will be sent to Mayor and Council advising of the date for the re-opening ceremonies.

The City's Animal Control Regulation Bylaw No. 7932 (Animal Control Bylaw) oversees beekeeping. During the month of April, the Manager of Animal Protection Services attended a local apiary, overseen by the Richmond Beekeepers Association (RBA), located at the Richmond Christian School. The purpose of the visit was for staff to learn about bees and to assist the RBA to promote awareness of the importance of bee season, which runs from April to September. Pollinator bees play a significant role in the growth of trees, flowers and plants and are vital to agricultural and the ecosystem. Ms. Cathie Schneck, Vice Principal of Richmond Christian School (and a volunteer at the apiary) and Hugh Mawby, a long time member of the Richmond Beekeepers Association demonstrated safety protocols when interacting with the apiary during the staff visit. Ms. Schneck and Mr. Mawby were generous with their time and knowledge. The City's social media platforms will be sharing the importance of honeybees to the community beginning in May 2022 and throughout the summer months.

During the month of April, postings were placed on the City’s social media platforms as a reminder to the public that rabbits “don’t make good Easter gifts”. Pet rabbits require daily care and can live up to the age of 11, which may leave them subject to abandonment within City parks and lands.

In April, the total number of dogs licensed was 175. This figure represents 67 new dog applications and 108 dog licence renewal applications. The total number of dogs licensed year to date is 6,777. To date there are 881 outstanding 2021 dog licence accounts in arrears. Both the Animal Protection Services department and the BC SPCA have begun collecting the dog licence arrears through the annual canvassing program.

For the month of April, BC SPCA Officers received 176 calls for service related to various animal control and dog licensing infractions while proactively patrolling a combined total of 46 parks, dikes and/or schools.

In the month of April, BC SPCA Officers conducted an “off-leash sting” in non-designated off-leash parks to educate dog owners and issue violations if necessary. The majority of dog owners were in compliance with the Animal Control Bylaw and, as a result, only one violation notice was issued at South Arm Park for failure to leash a dog.

Figure 1 below reflects the monthly and year-to-date animal control and dog licensing enforcement activity measured by violation issuance. The corresponding revenue is reflected in Figure 2. For the month of April, BC SPCA Officers issued 50 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 Licensing Bylaw No. 7138 and the Animal Control Bylaw together with educational compliance.

Figure 1: Animal Protection Services Violation Issuance Comparison

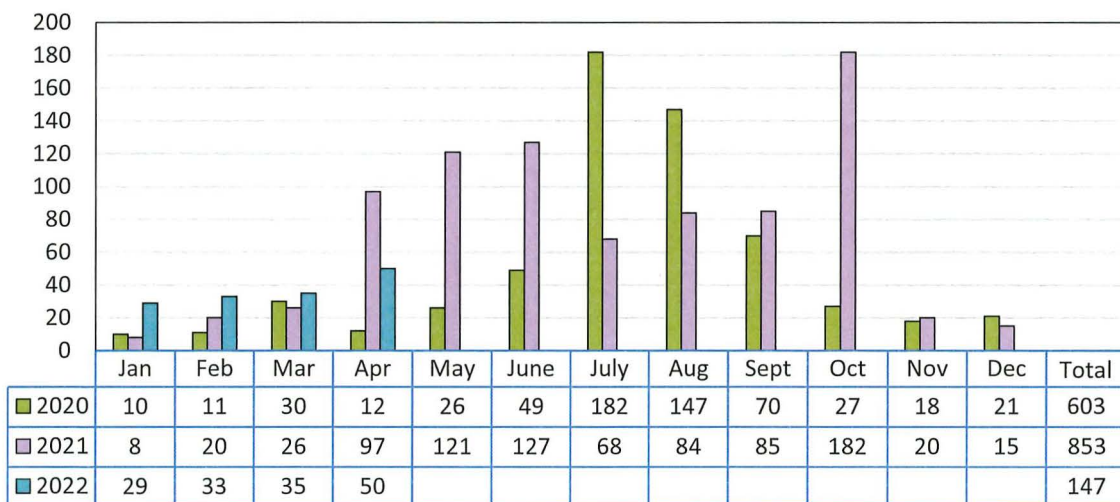
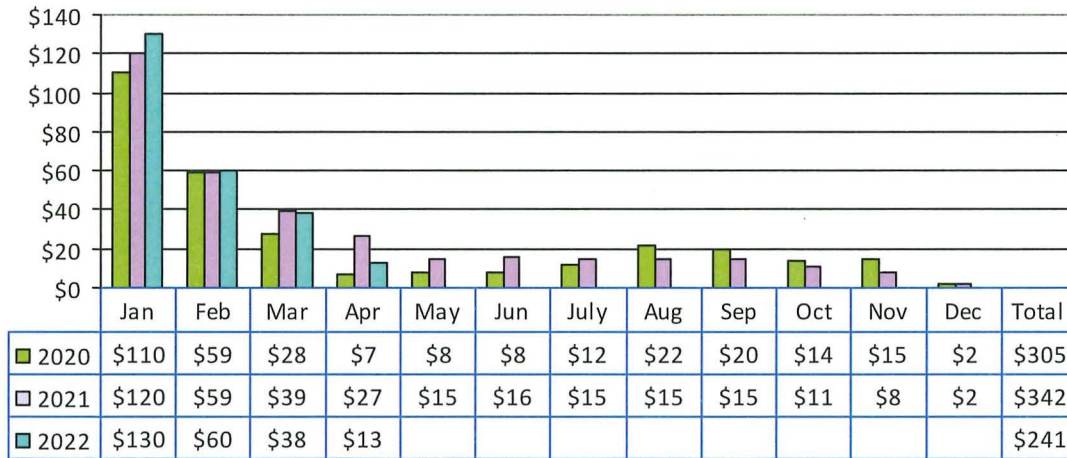


Figure 2: Animal Protection Services Revenue Comparison (000's)



Animal Protection Services Bylaw Adjudication

The next adjudication hearing is scheduled for May 26, 2022.

Revenue and Expenses

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

Table 1: Animal Protection Services Revenue by Source

Program Revenue	Budget Apr 2022	Actual Apr 2022	YTD Budget Apr 2022	YTD Actual Apr 2022
Dog Licences	12,537	10,405	196,459	234,345
Animal Protection Services Fines	522	2,050	4,932	6,600
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>13,059</b>	<b>12,455</b>	<b>201,391</b>	<b>240,945</b>

Table 2: Animal Protection Services Revenue and Expenses Financial Impact

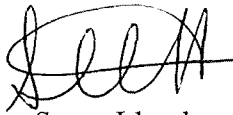
Animal Protection Services		YTD Budget Apr 2022	YTD Actual Apr 2022
<b>Animal Protection Services</b>	Revenue	201,391	240,945
	Expenses	415,296	432,826
	<b>Net Revenue (Expense)</b>	<b>(213,905)</b>	<b>(191,881)</b>

**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 licensing and animal control. This report provides a summary of monthly enforcement and educational activity including revenue and expenses.



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