



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee **Date:** July 13, 2022
From: Cecilia Achiam **File:** 09-5375-09/2022-Vol-01
 General Manager, Community Safety
Re: **Animal Protection Services Monthly Activity Report - June 2022**

Staff Recommendation

That the staff report titled “Animal Protection Services Monthly Activity Report – June 2022”, dated July 13, 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 is currently conducting a review of all off-leash parks within the City for the purpose of upgrading existing single faucet water fountains to multi-purpose fountains to accommodate park visitors and their dogs. The multi-purpose fountains have three individual water spouts attached, which are designated for individual use, drinking water for dogs and the ability to fill-up water bottles.

The City oversees 15 off-leash dog parks of which, four have existing multi-purpose fountains on-site. During the month of June, a multi-purpose fountain was installed at McDonald Beach by the City's Public Works department, which now brings the total number of multi-purpose fountains within off-leash dog parks to five. This new added feature will be a welcome addition to the very popular off-leash park for canine visitors during the summer months ahead.

In preparation for upcoming extreme heat events and its effect on dogs, Animal Protection Services began their annual "dog in hot car" social media campaign in June. The social media postings, which will run from June to October 2022, will bring awareness to the dangers of both leaving your dog in a hot car but also walking your dog on surfaces that retain heat during extreme temperatures such as asphalt, concrete and sand.

In June 2022, the total number of dogs licenced was 187 dogs. This figure represents 99 new dog licence applications and 88 dog licence renewal applications. The total number of dogs licenced year to date is 7,102. To date, there are 680 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 City’s annual canvassing program.

For the month of June, BC SPCA Officers received 209 calls for service related to various animal control and dog licencing infractions, while proactively patrolling a combined total of 56 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 June, BC SPCA Officers issued 158 bylaw violation notices, which can be attributed to the annual dog licence canvassing program, together with 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

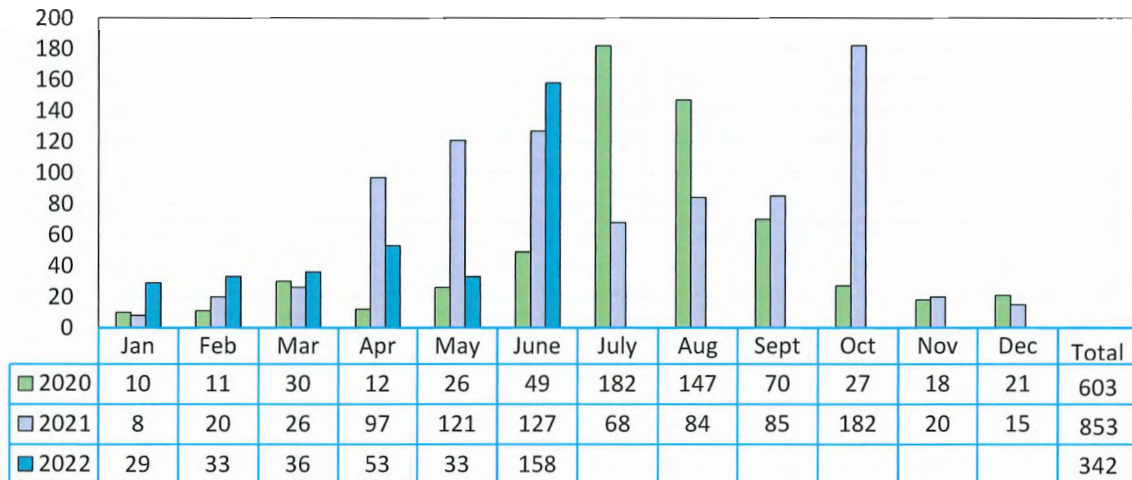
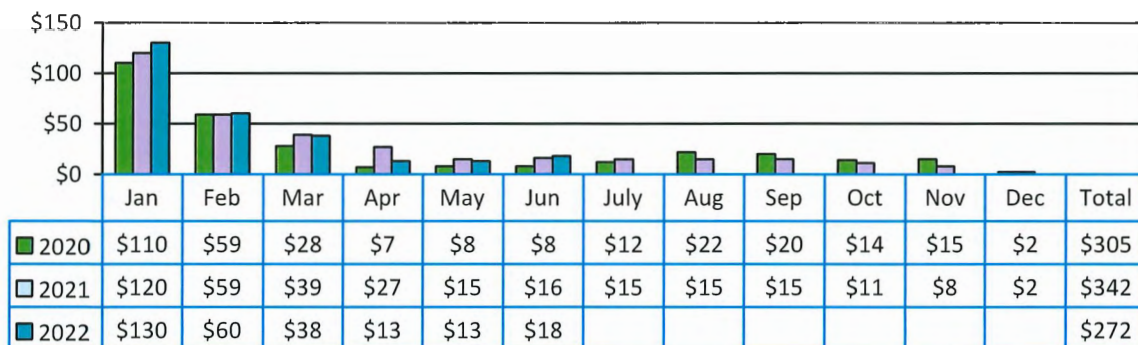


Figure 2: Animal Protection Services Revenue Comparison (000's)



Animal Protection Services Bylaw Adjudication

The 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 Jun 2022	Actual Jun 2022	YTD Budget Jun 2022	YTD Actual Jun 2022
Dog Licences	9,150	11,151	212,908	255,027
Fines	372	6,600	5,671	16,725
Total Revenue	9,522	17,751	218,579	271,752

Table 2: Animal Protection Services Revenue and Expenses

	YTD Budget Jun 2022	YTD Actual Jun 2022
Revenue	218,579	271,752
Expenses	622,840	607,947
Net Revenue (Expense)	(404,261)	(336,195)

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

The Animal Protection Services department administers 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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