



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

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

Staff Recommendation

That the staff report titled “Animal Protection Services Monthly Activity Report – January 2023”, dated February 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 2018-2023 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 2018-2023 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

For the month of January, staff posted a reminder on the City's social media platforms about the importance of having readily available water resources such as hummingbird feeders and water basins, for birds that do not migrate south during the winter months.

In January 2023, the total number of dogs licenced was 1,404. This figure represents 140 new dog licence applications and 1,264 dog licence renewal applications. The total number of dogs licenced year to date is 4,281.

For the month of January, BC SPCA Officers received 155 calls for service related to various animal control and dog licencing infractions, while proactively patrolling a combined total of 42 parks, dikes and/or schools.

Figure 1 below, reflects the monthly and year-to-date animal control and dog licencing enforcement activities 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 will consistently show an increase of issued violations as depicted in Figure 1 below. The corresponding revenue is reflected in Figure 2. For the month of January, BC SPCA Officers issued 14 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

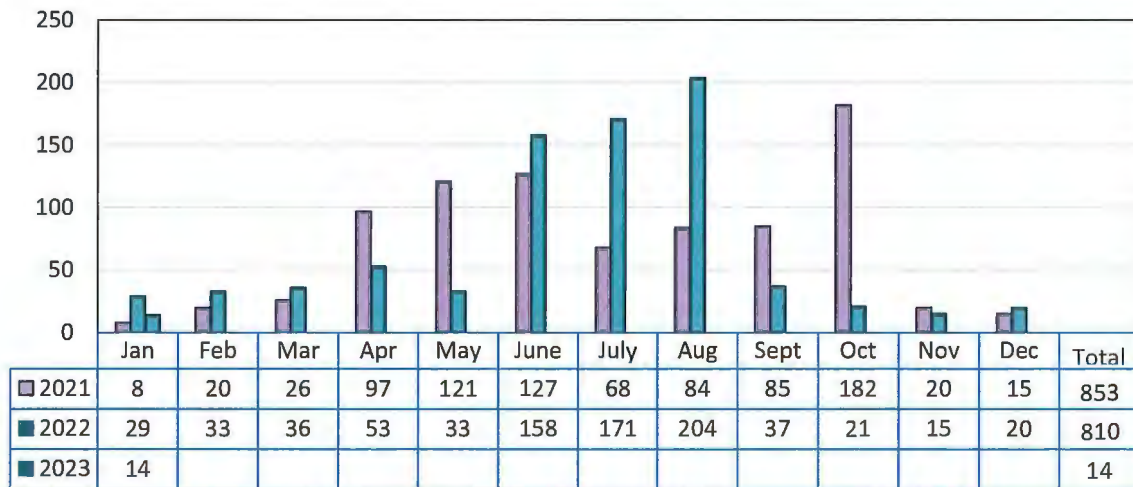
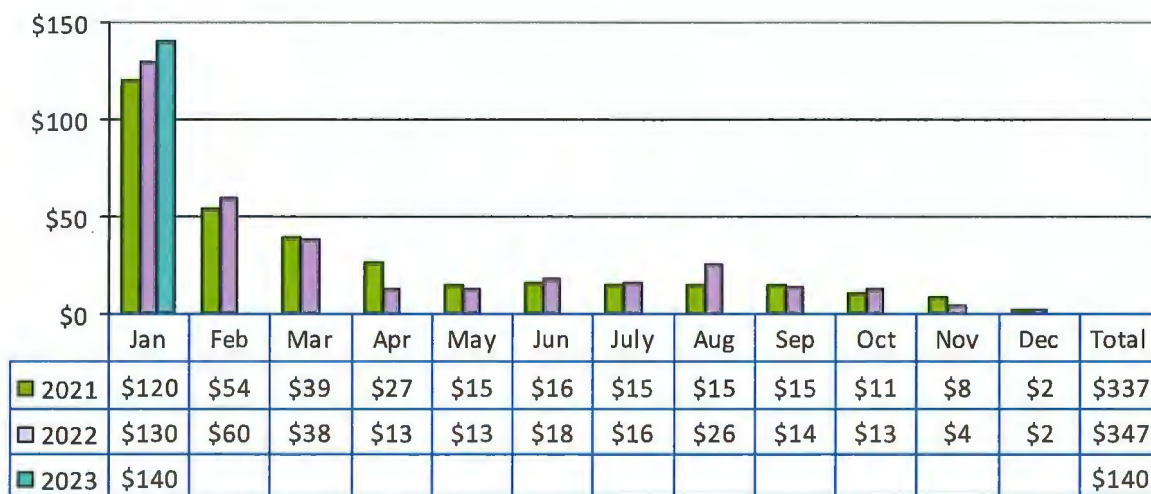


Figure 2: Animal Protection Services Revenue Comparison (000's)



Animal Protection Services Bylaw Adjudication

The next adjudication session is scheduled for February 22, 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 Jan 2023	Actual Jan 2023
Dog Licences	108,210	138,015
Fines	851	2,065
Total Revenue	109,061	140,080

Table 2: Animal Protection Services Revenue and Expenses

	Budget Jan 2023	Actual Jan 2023
Revenue	109,061	140,080
Expenses	134,757	130,755
Net Revenue (Expense)	(25,696)	9,325

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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