

Fort McMurray Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals



Presentation to Council

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The Fort McMurray SPCA

- Operating within a vision of “Every animal is valued through dignity and respect in all communities in our Region” and our mission of “Making a Difference – Saving Lives”.
- A registered society and charitable organization since 1978.
- The Fort McMurray SPCA provides:
 - Animal advocacy as a member of the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies (CFHS) and through awareness campaigns such as the Animal Abuse Prevention (AAP) Walk.
 - Safe surrender and adoption services.
 - Education and outreach through membership on the Family Violence and Bullying Council and through programs such as the Animal Safety and Awareness Program (ASAP), the Animal Safe Haven (ASH) Program and Nine Lives.
 - Rural community programming through the Northern Animal Management and Education (NAME) program and the Pet Food Bank.

The Fort McMurray SPCA

- Provides essential services to all residents in every community of our Region, without consideration of social economic barriers, location or age group.
- From 1997 to 2014, the Fort McMurray SPCA was contracted by the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo to provide animal control services within the Region over and above the Society's ongoing pet rescue, shelter, adoption services and programs which have existed in the region for more than 37 years.
- When Bylaw Services acquired animal control in 2014, the Fort McMurray SPCA continued to concentrate its efforts on its essential, community based, core programs.
- The society:
 - Assessed current service levels
 - Considered current programming needs and the demand for additional programs
 - Investigated opportunities to lower operating expenses and increase revenue
- A Veterinary and Preventative Medicine Program was evaluated as a way to not only reduce expenses but expand capacity in existing programs.

In-House Health Centre Chronology

| DATE | PROGRESSION |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Dec 2014 | Board Presentation (Veterinary & Preventative Medicine Program) |
| Feb 2015 | Contract negotiations with veterinarian |
| | Application for permits & permission to practice (ABVMA) |
| Mar 2015 | Engagement of professional services (building requirement review) |
| Mar - Jun 2015 | Permission negotiations with RMWB |
| May 2015 | Prerequisite to Construction Authorization |
| | Engagement of in-kind trades, materials & equipment |
| July 2015 | Interim authorization to commence work |
| | Commencement of construction |
| July-Present | On-going fundraising & campaigning |
| Nov 2015 | Scheduled completion |

Veterinary and Preventative Medicine Program

- A Veterinary and Preventative Medicine Program (VPMP) is considered shelter best practice by the Canadian Council on National Shelter Standards.
- Veterinary and Preventative Medicine Programs are:
 - Essential to programs that increase and maintain the health and well-being of animals through:
 - Prevention
 - Alleviation of disease and unwanted litters
 - Pet abandonment
 - Governed by the (ABVMA) Veterinary Profession Act, Regulations, ABVMA By-laws, Council Guidelines and policies. Additionally the APA and Animal Health Act
 - Available in Edmonton, Calgary and Red Deer

Veterinary and Preventative Medicine Program

The Fort McMurray SPCA has retained a part-time veterinarian and will implement it's own Veterinary and Preventative Medicine Program on November 1, 2015 with the opening of its In-House Health Center. This will allow the society to:

- Reduce veterinary costs per animal
- Decrease all long term costs/wages associated with outsourced veterinary services
- Enhance access to veterinary services
- Improve conditions for animals in it's care, custody and control
- Provide complete veterinary services and medical care including general surgery, veterinarian exams, vaccinations, sterilization and animal identification to all animals prior to adoption
- Assist in the building and maintenance of healthy, safe neighbourhoods through the expansion of community programs

Building & Maintaining Healthy, Safe Communities

The Veterinary and Preventative Medicine Program will:

- Reduce the number of unwanted animals in the community
- Ensure biosecurity, health and safety for animals, staff and the public
- families who cannot afford to access retail veterinary services and therefore may not otherwise be able to affordably care for their companion animal(s). Candidates would include:
 - Assured Income for Severely Handicapped (AISH) recipients.
 - Pet owners enrolled in a program of personal protection. E.g. The Animal Safe Haven (ASH) Program.
 - Seniors enrolled in the Nine Lives Program.
 - Those below the Federal Low Income Cut Off (LICO).

Operating Revenue and Expenses

- The essential services and programs provided by the Fort McMurray SPCA are generally supported through charitable donations and fund-raising efforts.
- It is projected that in 2016, the Fort McMurray SPCA will incur \$1,443,859 in operating expenses to provide these essential services and programs.
- It is projected that in 2016, the Fort McMurray SPCA will incur \$603,121 to operate it's Veterinary and Preventative Medicine Program and a portion of it's support programs.

Proposed 2016 Operating Budget

Revenue

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| Operations | \$ 176,200 |
| Fundraising | \$ 477,454 |
| Gaming | \$ 53,750 |
| Recycling Program | <u>\$ 210,000</u> |
| Total Revenue | \$ 917,404 |

Expenses

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|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Medical Supplies & Medication | \$ 126,000 |
| Non-Medical Animal Care Supplies | \$ 23,800 |
| Operations | \$ 144,102 |
| Staff Wages & Benefits | \$1,030,100 |
| Advocacy & Public Relations | <u>\$ 119,857</u> |
| Total Expenses | \$1,443,859 |

Net

Shortfall

(\$ 526,455)



Fort McMurray SPCA

Veterinary and Preventative Medical Program Expenses

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Medical Staff | \$ 278,850 |
| Support Staff | \$ 124,344 |
| Community Programs | \$ 50,027 |
| Clinic Operations | <u>\$ 149,900</u> |
| Total Expenses | \$ 603,121 |

Fort McMurray SPCA Request for Funding

1. The Fort McMurray Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals requests funding from the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo – Community Investment Program in the amount of \$603,121 to support the operation of it's Veterinary and Preventative Medicine Program.
2. This request is inclusive of the \$100,000 funding recommendation of the Administration which in part will support the operation of it's Veterinary and Preventative Medicine Program.

Questions?