

City Agenda Report Form

Report To: CITY COUNCIL

Report Date: March 19, 2001

Meeting Date: March 27, 2001

Subject: Animal Control Services

Department Review:



Doug Nadorozny
General Manager,
Economic Development & Planning
Services

Recommended for Agenda:



Jim Rule,
Chief Administrative Officer

Recommendation:

INFORMATION REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As a result of the amalgamation of the area municipalities, the City of Greater Sudbury, in particular the By-Law Enforcement Section, is responsible for the administration of the animal control by-laws and pound services. The City has been approached by several concerned citizens and agencies requesting we review our animal control by-laws with the purpose of increasing the control of cats and dealing with animals in a more humane way.

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Background:

Animal control services are provided throughout the City of Greater Sudbury through municipal animal control officers as well as contract animal control officers and contracted pound services. This function is administered through the City By-Law Enforcement Section. Municipal staff deliver the animal control service within the former boundaries of the City of Sudbury and pound service is contracted to Berclair Kennels (Nickel Centre). Berclair Kennel is also responsible for after hours emergency service within the old city as well as being on contract to provide animal control within the boundaries of the former Town of Nickel Centre. Wenrick Kennels (Azilda) is contracted to provide animal control and pound service for the former City of Valley East and the former Towns of Capreol, Onaping Falls, and Rayside-Balfour. The Walden Animal Clinic (Walden) is contracted to provide animal control and pound service to the former Town of Walden.

All contracts have been extended until June 30, 2001 in order that City Staff can review all the area municipalities by-laws and contracts in order that they be made uniform throughout the new city.

As indicated previously, the Community Coalition for Animal Care (C.C.A.C.), which includes the Northern Regional Office of the Ontario S.P.C.A., P.A.L.S. (Prevent a Litter Sudbury), local veterinarians, and several other citizens has approached the City By-Law Section regarding input into new animal control by-law as well as the tendering process for contract services.

Meetings have been held between C.C.A.C. and city staff at which time C.C.A.C. has been advised of any developments regarding the rewriting of the animal control by-law. C.C.A.C. is extremely concerned that cat control be implemented as part of the new animal control by-law. They expressed an interest in partnering with the city to provide animal control services that they believe would be beneficial to the citizens as well as the animals.

C.C.A.C. was assured that all information provided would be reviewed by city staff when preparing the by-law and R.F.P.

Animal Control By-Laws

Although all the former area municipalities regulated the keeping of animals, the procedures for doing so varied from municipality to municipality. It was clear that animal control and dog licensing were generally kept separate, but in some municipalities these were merged in a common animal control by-law.

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Background:

Dealing with animal control first should not be a problem. The various animal control by-laws generally restricted the keeping of various animals, including some exotic animals. The difficulty Council may have dealing with this matter is the issue of uniformity. The question has arisen whether Council should provide a uniform standard across the entire City of Greater Sudbury, or provide an urban standard and a rural standard. The keeping of animals in a farm situation should perhaps be dealt with differently than animals kept in a downtown Sudbury apartment.

If different standards are to be imposed it will be necessary to provide mapping outlining where the different standards are to apply. This has not yet been done.

With regards to dog licensing, some other problems arise. The various dog licensing by-laws provided different standards, different fees, and different due dates. When appropriate limits and fees have been determined by Council, it will be necessary to arrange for transition periods to bring the various licensing schemes to a common date.

A further problem arises in that some municipalities hired their own animal control officers, while others contracted this service out.

At the present time, all the existing by-laws remain in effect. Licensing is being handled at the Town Halls and some small amendments will be presented to City Council in the near future to streamline this process.

City Legal Services indicated that it was uncertain when the new by-law would be prepared. Copies of cat control by-laws for the City of Sault Ste Marie, North Bay, Toronto and Hamilton have been obtained with the intent of reviewing these by-laws for implementation of a City of Greater Sudbury Cat Control By-law upon direction of Council. An R.F.P. will be prepared for animal control services as well as pound services when the by-laws for animal control have been implemented.

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Report To: CITY COUNCIL

Report Date: 20 March 2001

Meeting Date: 27 March 2001

Subject: Municipal Coat of Arms for the City of Greater Sudbury

Department Review:


Doug Wuksinic
General Manager

Recommended for Agenda:


J.L. (Jim) Rule,
Chief Administrative Officer

Report Authored by:

Thom M. Mowry, City Clerk

Summary:

This Report deals with the creation and adoption of a coat-of-arms for the City of Greater Sudbury and recommends that a Coat of Arms Advisory Committee be established to consult with the public and then to recommend a list of symbols, themes, colours and a motto which will be forwarded to an Heraldic artist retained by the Governor General of Canada who will prepare sketches for Council's consideration.

The first motion on this matter petitions the Chief Herald of Canada for armorial bearings for the City of Greater Sudbury. The second motion establishes a Coat of Arms Advisory Panel.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that Council adopt the following motions:

1. **WHEREAS a coat-of-arms is an expression, and a powerful symbol, of a city's history, geography, character and aspirations;**

AND WHEREAS the creation and adoption of a coat-of-arms for the City of Greater Sudbury would give all Citizens an opportunity to shape a new symbol for our community and collectively bring us closer together;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury deems it appropriate that a coat-of-arms be developed a to give expression to the new community of Greater Sudbury.

AND WHEREAS The Council of the City of Greater Sudbury is desirous of receiving armorial bearings from the Canadian Crown under powers held by Her Excellency the Governor General of Canada;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of The Corporation of the City of Greater Sudbury does hereby petitions Mr. Robert Watt, Chief Herald of Canada, for armorial bearings for the City of Greater Sudbury, being in the Province of Ontario, from the Canadian Crown under powers held by Her Excellency the Governor General of Canada.

2. **WHEREAS** Coat of Arms, flags, badges and other Heraldic devices are expressions of a community's identity and powerful symbols of its history, geography, character and aspirations;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury deems it desirable to establish a Coat of Arms Advisory Panel to recommend the development of Arms and Heraldic Symbols for the City of Greater Sudbury;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a seven (7) Member Coat of Arms Advisory Panel be established to recommend the development of Arms and Heraldic Symbols for the City of Greater Sudbury;

AND FURTHER THAT the Coat of Arms Advisory Panel consist of six (6) Citizen members;

AND FURTHER THAT Councillor _____ be appointed as a member and Chair of the Coat of Arms Committee for the term ending November 30th, 2003.

Background:

Petition for a Coat of Arms:

Heraldic devices are powerful visual symbols of a city's history, geography, character and aspirations. Officially, Coats of Arms are grants of honour bestowed on a municipality by the Canadian Crown under powers held by Her Excellency the Governor General of Canada.

The creation of a Coat of Arms will give the citizens of the City of Greater Sudbury an opportunity to shape new symbols while recognizing the community's shared heritage, and acknowledging contributions made by individuals and groups. Heraldic symbols differ from a logo (such as the one that appears at the top of this Report) in that logos tend to be developed for a specific purpose such as economic development or cultural programs, and tend to have an artistic shelf life of ten to fifteen years. Grants of Coats of Arms, on the other hand, are made by the Canadian Crown to be valid forever.

The process, in the case of a municipality, requires a resolution of Council petitioning the Chief Herald of Canada for a grant of arms. It takes approximately eight months for the Chief Herald to acknowledge the petition.

During this period of time, it is customary for the municipality to request the participation of its citizens. This process usually includes the use of questionnaires drafted under the direction of a committee which will assist its members in the selection of such things as fauna, flora, themes, industry, cultural/social, colours and a motto. This information will be used by an heraldry artist in the preparation of preliminary sketches for a Coat of Arms.

It is important to note that the final artwork of the Coat of Arms will be done through the office of the Chief Herald of Canada.

Costs:

It is the responsibility of the municipality to cover all direct costs. These costs include a processing fee of \$465.45 and the cost of the artwork.

Artists are chosen by the Chief Herald and work within parameters set by the Chief Herald. The cost of the artwork is established before work begins. The municipality accepts the estimate and agrees to pay the artist directly pursuant to a written agreement between the parties. Artwork is forwarded to the petitioner by the Chief Herald's officers after approval, together with the artist's invoice which is payable within thirty days of receipt. The cost of concept painting ranges from \$200 to \$500 depending on the complexity of the design.

The inclusion of a flag design would increase these costs.

The range for the final painting cost is approximately \$1,800 to \$2,000.

If Council adopts the motion petitioning for a Coat of Arms, the initial costs (processing fee and concept painting) would be charged to the City Clerk from existing accounts. Community Service Clubs would be approached to underwrite the cost of the final painting.

Time line:

The average time required to complete a grant for a Coat of Arms is approximately 12 to 14 months from the date the Chief Herald receives Council's resolution, depending on the work load of Herald's Office.

Coat of Arms Advisory Panel:

The second motion that appears with this Report would appoint a Coat of Arms Advisory Panel consisting of six (6) citizen members and one (1) Member of Council who would also be Chair. It would also be the responsibility of the Chair to review the Citizen applications and to recommend to Council the six (6) Citizen members of the Advisory Panel.

It is anticipated that the Chair's recommendation would be brought back to the April 24th, 2001 meeting of Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted for Council's consideration.

Report To: CITY COUNCIL

Report Date: 2001-03-22

Meeting Date: 2001-03-27

Subject: MEMBERSHIP - ONTARIO TRAFFIC CONFERENCE

Department Review:


Doug Wuksinic,
General Manager of Corporate Services

Recommended for Agenda:


Jim Rule,
Chief Administrative Officer

Report Authored by:

T. Mowry, City Clerk

Recommendation:

THAT the following Members of Council be appointed to the Ontario Traffic Conference:

**Councillor Bradley
Councillor Craig**

Background:

An application for membership to the Ontario Traffic Conference has been received. The City of Greater Sudbury qualifies for a Class A1 Membership and may appoint three (3) Elected Officials, three (3) Engineering/Technical/Parking Officials and five (5) Police (safety & traffic) Officials. The annual fee for this membership is \$455.00.

An e-mail was sent to all Members of Council asking if they wished to participate in this conference. Councillors Bradley and Craig requested their names be included for appointment. One more Elected Official may be included in the resolution.