

Topic: Animal Shelter Agreement City of Spruce Grove

**Introduction:**

Parkland County has provided Animal Shelter Services for the City of Spruce Grove for the past 8 years. The current agreement expires December 31, 2013. The proposed new agreement will take effect January 1, 2014 and expire December 31, 2017.

**Facts (Background Information):**

Administration from the two municipalities has worked on the framework of this proposed agreement. The new proposed agreement will see Parkland County recover costs based on the percentage of animals handled by the animal shelter for the City of Spruce Grove. For the purposes of this agreement cost recovery includes facility costs, administrative costs as well as costs associated to overhead for the provision of the animal shelter. In addition daily costs will be charged at a rate of \$22.50 per day per animal unit for impound fees.

**Analysis:**

The rates are based on a percentage of the animal units handled at the shelter from the City of Spruce Grove. In addition the contract allows for an annual adjustment. These rates will be set in June using the complete year of statistical information, i.e. the 2014 rates were set based on 2012 statistics.

**Alternatives:**

1. Direct Administration to negotiate additional cost or features into the Agreement

**Conclusion/Summary:**

Administration supports Council approving this proposed agreement with the City of Spruce Grove.

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