

through the By law and Licensing Section to complement similar roles of this section.

It should be noted that the SPCA will retain its provincial mandate in Surrey to prevent animal cruelty and to provide for the well being of animals in general.

CONCLUSION

City staff propose to explore cost effective options to provide the City's own animal services in place of the SPCA. Based on preliminary cost estimates, the provision of animal services is projected to be less costly than a new SPCA contract. Staff will bring forward a more complete analysis with recommendations for Council's consideration in the fall of 2004.

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