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To: Mayor and Council

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RE: Animal Control to Tender

Report No.: CS-2017-004

#### AIM

To provide Council with an update on the Animal Control services contract and to recommend Administration to prepare a tender for Animal Control Services to be released this fall for Leamington and Kingsville.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Larry Wood has been providing animal control services for the Town since 1986 and currently provides these services and operates the municipal pound for both the Town and the Municipality of Leamington. The 2017 contract fee is \$87,170.00, a sum divided equally between both municipalities. Mr. Wood also provides wildlife pick-up, which is a service the Town pays for in addition to the animal control contract.

#### DISCUSSION

The Joint Animal Control Committee ("Committee") met on January 25, 2017, and during that meeting a decision was made to tender out the contract for animal control services. The unadopted minutes are attached for your information. At the meeting, Mr. Wood also indicated an intention to terminate the contract effective December 31, 2017. It is anticipated that the contract will be tendered out in the fall, with the new contract taking effect January 1, 2018.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2017 and it is expected that the Committee will provide direction with respect to details of the contract.

# LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

To maintain the health and well-being of residents.

# FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There is no financial impact to the 2017 Animal Control budget.

# **CONSULTATIONS**

Joint Animal Control Committee Municipality of Leamington

# **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive this report for information and authorize Administration to work with members of Leamington Administration to prepare the requisite tender document for Animal Control Services.

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