



## The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

Corporate Services & Clerk

**To:** Mayor and Members of Council

**From:** Laura Moy, Director Corporate Services & Clerk

**Date to Council:** October 13, 2020

**Report Number:** CS-2020-30

**Subject:** Cat Intake Program  
Renewal Agreement 2021

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### Recommendations

It is recommended:

**That** The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh **renew** the Agreement with the Windsor Essex County Humane Society for the provision of cat intake services, at a cost to the Town of \$25 for each cat;

**And that** the Clerk **be authorized** to execute the renewal Agreement between the Town and WECHS, for a further one-year term commencing January 1, 2021, and concluding December 31, 2021.

### Background

The Cat Intake Program with the Windsor Essex County Humane Society (WECHS) allows residents to drop off stray cats to the WECHS at a cost to the Town of \$25 for each cat.

The Agreement with the WECHS for the Cat Intake Program has been in place since 2010 and was originally entered into following concerns expressed by Town residents regarding cats entering onto property other than that of their owners. The Agreement with the WECHS has been renewed each year since.

### Comments

Over the ten-year period, the Cat Intake Program has proven to be very successful for the Town and has received positive participation from residents.

A summary comparing the number of cats dropped off at the WECHS, over the past five years, is provided in the following Table.

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 Jan - July
<b>Total Intakes</b>	89	63	52	43	8
<b>Actual</b>	\$1,780	\$1,260	\$1,300	\$1,075	\$200
<b>Budget</b>	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,000

As of July 31, 2020, the current cost to the Cat Intake Program is \$200.00 based on invoices submitted by the WECHS to the Town for payment.

Based on the historical trend in previous years, the months of July, August, September and October tend to have a higher rate of cat intakes.

The steady decline in the use of the Cat Intake Program may be attributed in part to a decline in the feral cat population and the positive participation in the Cat Spay and Neuter Voucher Program introduced in 2014, which these programs were intended to accomplish. The 2020 Cat Intake Program is seeing a significant decline in the number of cat intakes, which may be attributable to COVID-19 closures.

Notwithstanding the historical decline in the Cat Intake Program over the past few years, it is recommended that the Cat Intake Agreement with WECHS be renewed for the year 2021 to permit stray cats to be dropped off at a cost to the Town of \$25 for each cat. In light of the decline in participation in the Cat Intake Program, Administration will reduce the line item for this program in the 2021 Draft Budget from \$2,000 to \$1,500.

The proposed Agreement by the WECHS is consistent with participating area municipal agreements.

## Consultations

Windsor Essex County Humane Society

## Financial Implications

Historically, the P&I Animal Control Budget has allocated funds for the Cat Intake Program.

Funding for the renewal of the Cat Intake Agreement in the amount of \$1,500 will be included in the 2021 Draft Budget.

## Link to Strategic Priorities

Applicable	2019-22 Strategic Priorities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Make the Town of Tecumseh an even better place to live, work and invest through a shared vision for our residents and newcomers.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ensure that Tecumseh's current and future growth is built upon the principles of sustainability and strategic decision-making.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Integrate the principles of health and wellness into all of Tecumseh's plans and priorities.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steward the Town's "continuous improvement" approach to municipal service delivery to residents and businesses.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Demonstrate the Town's leadership role in the community by promoting good governance and community engagement, by bringing together organizations serving the Town and the region to pursue common goals.

## Communications

Not applicable ☒

Website ☐      Social Media ☐      News Release ☐      Local Newspaper ☐

This report has been reviewed by Senior Administration as indicated below and recommended for submission by the Chief Administrative Officer.

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Cat Intake Services Renewal Agreement