



# STAFF REPORT TO COMMITTEE

**DATE OF REPORT** March 8, 2024  
**MEETING TYPE & DATE** Electoral Area Services Committee of May 1, 2024  
**FROM:** Inspections & Enforcement Division  
Land Use Services Department  
**SUBJECT:** CVRD Bylaw No. 4582 - Dog Regulation and Impounding  
Amendment Bylaw, 2024  
**FILE:**

## **PURPOSE/INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this report is to request consideration for amendments to CVRD Bylaw No. 3032 - Dog Regulation and Impounding Bylaw, 2007, to remove livestock compensation provisions.

## **RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION**

That it be recommended to the Board that CVRD Bylaw No. 4582 - Dog Regulation and Impounding Amendment Bylaw, 2024, be considered for three readings and adoption.

## **BACKGROUND**

Since 1982, the CVRD has provided the opportunity for owners to apply for compensation for livestock, as defined by the *Livestock Act*, or fur bearing animals under the *Fur Farm Act*, that have been killed by a dog not owned or kept by them.

From 2014 to 2023 (ten years), there have only been two requests for compensation. Both of these incidents resulted in a compensation request for more than one animal bringing the total paid out to four with the total compensation paid amounting to \$929.81. To date, there has been one claim in 2024 which resulted in a request for \$750 and was approved by the Board.

The Municipality of North Cowichan also provided a similar compensation service, however, it was discontinued approximately 30 years ago.

## **ANALYSIS**

Providing compensation for livestock killed by dogs dates back to a time when dog pack problems were common and ownership could not be identified. This is now a rare occurrence and ownership is almost always identified. None of the surrounding local governments currently have a provision in their bylaws for compensation.

Under Bylaw No. 3032, owners may make application to the CVRD for compensation for amounts up to \$750 per attack. Staff may approve amounts up to \$250 with all requests exceeding this amount requiring Board authorization.

Compensation for livestock is funded through the budget for Function 310 – Animal Control. This budget has, for many years, not included budget for compensation as compensation requests are very rare.

Compensation is also available to livestock owners through the Province under section 10 of the *Livestock Protection Act*.

Given that the Province provides an opportunity for owners to seek compensation and the CVRD has not allocated funding for compensation, staff recommend that CVRD Bylaw No. 4582, be approved.

Options:

1. That it be recommended to the Board that CVRD Bylaw No. 4582 - Dog Regulation and Impounding Amendment Bylaw, 2024, be considered for three readings and adoption.
2. That it be recommended to the Board that the 2025 draft budget for Function 310 include funding in the amount of \$1,500 to accommodate for potential livestock compensation requests with a corresponding requisition increase.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Funding for compensation is paid through Function 310 Animal Control, however, no funding has been allocated in recent budget years.

**COMMUNICATION CONSIDERATIONS**

N/A

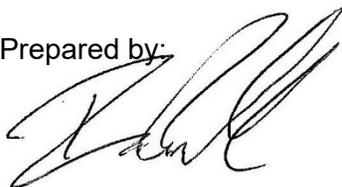
**STRATEGIC/BUSINESS PLAN CONSIDERATIONS**

N/A

**Referred to (upon completion):**

- Community Services (*Cowichan Community Centre, Cowichan Lake Recreation, South Cowichan Recreation, Arts & Culture, Facilities & Transit*)
- Corporate Services (*Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology, Legislative Services*)
- Operations (*Utilities, Parks & Trails, Recycling & Waste Management*)
- Land Use Services (*Community Planning, Strategic Initiatives, Development Services, Building Inspection & Bylaw Enforcement*)
- Strategic Services (*Communications & Engagement, Economic Development, Emergency Management, Environmental Services*)

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Reviewed for form and content and approved for submission to the Committee:

Resolution:

Corporate Officer

Financial Considerations:

Chief Financial Officer

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A – Draft Bylaw No. 4582 - Dog Regulation and Impounding Amendment Bylaw,  
2024

Attachment B – Bylaw No. 3032 - Dog Regulation and Impounding Bylaw, 2007