



News Release

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City Council requests meeting with BCSPCA

City Council has accepted an invitation to discuss with the SPCA their offer to continue to provide animal welfare services in the community.

City Council decided at its Apr. 9 meeting to invite the SPCA to meet with at the earliest opportunity. Council will also invite two community members to sit in on the meeting. Community representatives who have volunteered to attend the meeting are local veterinarian Helen Kwong, and Cyril Debruyne.

Council's invitation comes in response to a letter from the SPCA asking Council to reconsider the award of the City's pound contract.

At the Apr. 9 meeting, Council deferred its decision to award the pound contract until after the meeting with the SPCA.

Council had previously offered the SPCA continued access to the facility at 490 Merecroft Rd. Council also offered a grant-in-aid to assist with their animal welfare services. The SPCA declined and vacated the facility by the end of March.

"We're eager to learn about and understand how the BCSPCA operates and funds their humane shelters in other island communities. It is important that reliable, top-quality animal welfare services are available in Campbell River," says Mayor Walter Jakeway.

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