



## News Release

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### **Information coming from BC SPCA will inform further Council discussion re: animal care**

BC SPCA and City of Campbell River Council members met April 16 and discussed numerous options, other successful models for offering animal control and shared goals around animal welfare within our city and neighbouring areas.

*"Everyone at the table agrees that Campbell River is a city that cares about animals,"* says Mayor Walter Jakeway.

The meeting offered an opportunity for Council and the BC SPCA to review recent history, share perspectives, clarify each organization's mandate and discuss future possibilities.

*"It was helpful to for Council to meet in person with Mr. Daniell and openly discuss options for how the city and community can assist the SPCA in providing quality care services for animals in need in Campbell River,"* he adds.

Council and Craig Daniell, BC SPCA chief executive officer, met for approximately 90 minutes. Veterinarian Dr. Helen Kwong and local fundraiser for animal care Cyril DeBruyne were also in attendance.

*"Council really appreciates that Dr. Kwong and Mr. DeBruyne were able to attend the meeting,"* Mayor Jakeway adds.

During the meeting, Council requested additional data and clarification of financial information about the Campbell River SPCA branch, which the BC SPCA agreed to provide later this week.

*"It is important that both animal control and humane services are operating effectively and to the benefit of both the citizens and the animals,"* the Mayor concludes.

Council accepted an invitation to meet in person with the BC SPCA after the animal welfare organization requested to meet directly about the future of the SPCA in Campbell River.

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