

STAFF REPORT:



REPORT TO: Finance & Admin. Committee
MEETING DATE: January 16, 2007
REPORT NO.: SRB.07.04
SUBJECT: CDHS Animal Shelter Update
PREPARED BY: D. Finbow, Dir., Building & By-law

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report SRB.07.04 for information purposes.

B. Background

At the request of the Collingwood & District Humane Society, the following is provided for the Committee's information and for Council's consideration during the 2007 Budget process:

1. The Collingwood & District Humane Society (CDHS) is a registered charity run solely by local unpaid volunteers.
2. CDHS is dedicated to helping injured, abandoned, stray and unwanted animals.
3. CDHS provides services to Collingwood, Wasaga Beach, Clearview and The Blue Mountains.
4. CDHS is committed to building a much-needed "public" shelter for the community.
5. The Town of Collingwood has donated a one acre site on the 10th Line in Collingwood with a 2006 appraised value of \$75,000. The site was rezoned in October 2006 to allow for the proposed use.
6. The proposed shelter site is located to serve all local communities.
7. CDHS' capital fundraising campaign commenced in 2006 in order to raise \$850,000 and has reached approximately 40% of its goal. In addition to the donations and pledges, significant gifts-in-kind have been provided and/or committed.
8. CDHS has retained Roderick Young Architect and Shertine Construction to develop construction drawings and to potentially construct the shelter with same to start, subject to funding, spring of '07.
9. CDHS, in its letter of March 8, 2006, requested that the Town of The Blue Mountains support the shelter fundraising initiative by pledging to donate \$15,000.00 per year for 5 years. This request was referred to Staff for consideration in the 2007 Budget process.
10. An Animal Shelter Business Plan was prepared on behalf of CDHS and provided to Council and Senior Staff in late October.

C. Budget Impact

To be determined.

D. Attached

CDHS Letter of March 8, 2006
CDHS Animal Shelter Business Plan

Respectfully submitted,

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