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Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable) CUPE

Subject SPCA

Meeting (if known) Committee Meeting

Comments

I am requesting that I am able to do a verbal presentation at the meeting on April 12 o behalf of CUPE Saskatchewan.

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Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting? No

Submission from CUPE Saskatchewan

Re: **Saskatoon SPCA Pound Services – Request for Additional Funding [File No. CK 151-13, x1870-10]**

Hello

My name is Judy Henley, president of CUPE Saskatchewan. I am here today representing the staff of the Saskatoon SPCA, members of CUPE Local 3477.

I am pleased to see that the city and management of the SPCA have been working together to address the funding shortfall. I know this council have heard from hundreds of residents who want to see a resolution to this issue, and a secure future for the SPCA.

I want to take a moment to speak from the perspective of CUPE Saskatchewan.

The hard-working staff of the SPCA are dedicated to improving the quality of life for Saskatoon's animals through education, adoption, and upholding animal welfare legislation. Our members are incredibly dedicated to the SPCA and its mission, and I know the current uncertainty is causing stress.

I am concerned about the future of the SPCA – not just for our members that work there, but for the vital services they provide.

Since 2015, the SPCA has:

- cared for more than 26,000 animals
- returned/reunited 5,000 lost animals to their owners
- found homes/adopted/rehomed more than 12,000 animals

Animal safety is public safety. The services provided by the SPCA are vital to keeping Saskatoon a vibrant and safe community.

As Saskatoon continues to grow, so has the demand for pound services. Currently the SPCA is only receiving 37 percent of the funds needed to operate the pound from the city.

We were alerted to the ongoing funding issue as the provincial division late last fall and have been working closely with the employer as this situation has unfolded. I want to echo their calls for a sustainable funding model that does not need to depend on charitable donations to keep the doors open.

We recognize you entered the 2018 agreement in good faith but it's since come to light that the funding model isn't sustainable. The SPCA cannot continue to have donations

that have been earmarked by the donors for other services, subsidizing the pound service – a service that is a core public service as identified by *The Cities Act*. This would not be acceptable for waste pick up or park maintenance. It should not be acceptable for municipal pound services.

At the end of the day the City of Saskatoon is responsible for the delivery of pound services, and I know our members want to continue to do that work on your behalf.

I thank you for your time today and would urge you to vote in favour of the administrative recommendations on this file. I know that together we can continue to make sure both the people and pets of Saskatoon have access to strong public services.

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