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**Communication**  
**Council – April 28, 2026**  
**CW(2) – Report No. 20 Item No. 3**

**DATE:** April 27, 2026  
**TO:** Mayor and Members of Council  
**FROM:** Gus Michaels, Deputy City Manager, Community Services  
**RE:** **COMMUNICATION – Council, April 28, 2026**

**Item 3, Report 20**  
**VAUGHAN ANIMAL SERVICES AND TOWNSHIP OF KING ANIMAL CONTROL**  
**SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT**

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### **Recommendation**

1. THAT recommendations 1-3 from the report of the Deputy City Manager, Community Services, listed as Item No. 3 of Report No. 20, of the Committee of the Whole, be deleted and replaced as follows:
  1. THAT Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into, execute, amend, terminate, and renew a service level agreement with the Township of King for the provision of animal services, generally in accordance with what was set out in Item No. 3 of Report No. 20, of the Committee of the Whole, and as set out below and other terms and conditions satisfactory to the Deputy City Manager, Community Services, and in a form satisfactory to the Office of the City Solicitor; and
  2. THAT the City Clerk forward a copy of this communication and the decision of Council to the Township of King.

### **Background**

City of Vaughan Animal Services has been providing animal enforcement and sheltering services to the Township of King since 2011. This includes, but is not limited to, public education, community outreach, awareness initiatives, by-law enforcement, animal licensing and shelter operations. As both municipalities expressed satisfaction with the level of service and the existing contractual relationship, City of Vaughan staff prepared a new agreement which includes the services noted above and further expanded the scope of work to include wildlife control services. The proposed agreement also accounted for the additional resources and incremental cost increases required to maintain expected service levels over a five-year term, with the option of two additional one-year extensions. As Council approval is required to implement the new agreement, and following receipt of approval of the draft agreement from Township of King staff, City of Vaughan staff prepared a report detailing the terms of the agreement and seeking approval to hire additional staff required to deliver the expanded wildlife control services. Accordingly, Item No. 3 of Report No. 20, approved by the Committee of the Whole on April 14, 2026, recommended that:

1. THAT Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into, execute, amend, terminate, and renew a service level agreement with the Township of King for the provision of animal services, generally in accordance with what is set out in this report and other terms and conditions satisfactory to the Deputy City Manager, Community Services, and in a form satisfactory to the Office of the City Solicitor;
2. THAT staff be authorized to hire the appropriate staff as identified within this report; and,
3. THAT the City Clerk forward a copy of this report and the decision of Council to the Township of King.

Following the adoption of the recommendations by the Committee of the Whole, City of Vaughan staff were advised by the Township of King that wildlife control services are no longer required at this time and that the new agreement will maintain status quo service levels. As a result, the additional staff position approved through the April 14, 2026 report is no longer required, and the value of the agreement has decreased by approximately \$200,000, from \$1.57 million to \$1.37 million over the five-year term. The revised agreement continues to include two optional one-year extensions under the same terms, which, if exercised, would bring the total contract value to approximately \$1.9 million over seven years, representing a decrease of approximately \$410,000 from the previous \$2.3 million total value of the agreement.

For more information, contact Rudi Czekalla-Martinez, Director and Chief Licensing Officer (Acting), By-law & Compliance, Licensing & Permit Services, ext. 8782.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gus Michaels".

Gus Michaels, CMM III, MLE Executive, Property Stds. Prof. GDPA Deputy City Manager, Community Services