

**THE BRITISH COLUMBIA SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
(the “BC SPCA” or “Society”)**

Cariboo and North Regional Council AGM Information Report

To:	BC SPCA Membership
Submitted By:	Jane Young, Regional Council Chair
Meeting Date:	March 23, 2024, BC SPCA Annual General Meeting

RECOMMENDATION:

That the membership of the BC SPCA receives this report on the activities of the Cariboo and North Regional Council over the 2023-2024 term for information.

PURPOSE:

The primary purpose of a member of Regional Council of The British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (“BC SPCA” or “Society”) is to facilitate regular communication and knowledge sharing among the Members in each of the Society’s designated governance regions and to act as the communications link between each region’s voting Members and the Society’s Board of Directors and vice versa.

COMPOSTION:

The current members of the Regional Council are:

- Jane Young, Regional Council Chair
- Cheryl Pelletier, Regional Director
- Ashley Thandi, Regional Director
- Caroline Alexander
- Ethan Anderson
- Cindy Charleyboy
- Teresa Forster
- Heather Harris
- Kathleen Hebb

Staff support is provided by the Manager, Community Giving and Engagement and the Assistant, Membership and Governance.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The duties of a Regional Council include the following:

- Elect a chair and vice-chair from among their number;
- Regularly liaise with the Board and its committees to determine desired Board skills;
- Identify and recommend candidates for election or appointment to the Board;
- Provide support and assist Board committees and task forces in their work, as requested by the Board;
- Provide advice and input on the development of Society policy;
- Provide advice and assistance on the development of the Society’s strategic plans;
- Provide advice and input on amendment of the Society’s Bylaws; and
- Provide a written report on the activities of the Regional Council at the Society’s annual general meeting.

ACTIVITIES:

During the last year, the Cariboo and North Regional Council has provided feedback on various BC SPCA documents and has had discussions about how we can make our northern region a better place to live for both animals and people.

ACTIVITIES (continued from previous page):

The Cariboo and North Regional Council met on a regular and scheduled basis throughout the year and held three (3) official meetings with the following highlights:

- July 12, 2023 – Review of primer on the role of the Regional Council; Review of Regional Council survey results and discussion of strengths and weaknesses of Regional Council structure;
- November 15, 2023 – Presentation of Emergency Response; Presentation of Draft BC SPCA Proposed Long-Term Vision; Presentation of Envisioned Priorities of the North; and
- February 28, 2024 – Presentation of Draft Strategic Plan; Review of Draft revised Terms of Reference for Regional Councils; Item for Information: BC SPCA Community Animal Spay/Neuter Grant – BC SPCA is prioritizing Northern BC for their 2024 granting cycle.

The Council members met on a regular basis throughout the year in six working group meetings and discussed the following:

- August 17, 2023 – Regional Council Terms of Reference, The role of Regional Councils: A short primer for Regional Council members, and the Regional Council survey;
- September 26, 2023, and October 26, 2023 – Envisioned short and long-term priorities of the north;
- November 30, 2023 – BC SPCA Proposed Long-Term Vision;
- January 22, 2024 – How to enhance communication and engagement among other governance levels, staff, and the Cariboo and North Regional Council; and
- March 1, 2024 – BC SPCA Draft Strategic Plan 2025-2030

Two meetings requested by the Cariboo and North Regional Council:

- February 8, 2024 – To enhance communication and engagement; and
- February 29, 2024 – to gain knowledge of current and future northern initiatives.

There were three Regional Council Continuing Education Webinars attended by our members including:

- AnimalKind with Nicole Fenwick on September 27, 2023;
- BC Pet Registry with Priscilla Cheung on January 31, 2024; and
- Government Relations with Sarah Herring on March 6, 2024.

In addition to the official meetings and continuing education webinars, Q&A sessions were held on the Draft Long-Term Vision in February 2024.

In response to a discussion on the lack of pet friendly housing rentals, an education and skill development meeting was held to discuss advocacy actions Regional Council Members could undertake to promote and advocate for pet friendly housing in their respective regions on January 11, 2024 and January 12, 2024.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

There were no costs associated with the Regional Council's activities for the past year.

STRATEGIC PLAN CONSIDERATIONS:

The Regional Council has been engaging in feedback during the 2023-2024 Governance term with the Board of Directors and the office of the Chief Executive Officer regarding the strategic plan.

SUMMARY:

The Cariboo & North Regional Council fulfilled its duties and responsibilities as noted above.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jane Young, Chair

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Vancouver Island, Gulf Islands, and Powell River Regional Council AGM Information Report

To:	BC SPCA Membership
Submitted By:	Cindy Soules, Regional Council Chair
Meeting Date:	March 23, 2024, BC SPCA Annual General Meeting

RECOMMENDATION:

That the membership of the BC SPCA receives this report on the activities of the Vancouver Island, Gulf Islands, and Powell River Regional Council over the 2023-2024 term for information.

PURPOSE:

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COMPOSITION:

The current members of the Regional Council are:

- Cindy Soules, Regional Council Chair
- Laura Shanner, Vice-Chair
- Erin Egeland, Regional Director
- Nichola Wade, Regional Director
- Trisha Barranoik
- Barbara Coe
- Annette Dehalt
- Darleen Finlayson
- Genevieve Hillsburg
- Leanne McConnachie
- Veronique Plante
- Laurie Taylor
- Helen Torrance

Staff support is provided by the Manager, Community Giving and Engagement and the Assistant, Membership and Governance.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

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- Provide support and assist Board committees and task forces in their work, as requested by the Board;
- Provide advice and input on the development of Society policy;
- Provide advice and assistance on the development of the Society’s strategic plans;
- Provide advice and input on amendment of the Society’s Bylaws; and
- Provide a written report on the activities of the Regional Council at the Society’s annual general meeting.

ACTIVITIES:

The Vancouver Island, Gulf Islands and Powell River Regional Council had an active year with the opportunity to participate in, and provide feedback on, BC SPCA's draft long-term vision and strategic plan as well as the evolving role of regional councils. Three (3) continuing education sessions were also held during the term to expand understanding and knowledge of BC SPCA programs.

The Regional Council convened three (3) scheduled formal meetings this year:

- July 5, 2023
- November 8, 2023
- In-person meeting on February 17, 2024, held at the Victoria Community Animal Centre.

The following working group meetings were held to review and provide feedback on the following governance and strategic plan action items. Written reports were submitted to regional directors.

- August 14, 2023 – Results of the Regional Council survey, the Regional Council Terms of Reference, and the strengths and weaknesses of the current Regional Council structure;
- December 6, 2023 – Long-term vision; and
- March 5, 2024 – Revised Regional Council Terms of Reference and draft strategic plan.

The opportunity to provide feedback on these initiatives was appreciated and enhanced the engagement of Regional Council members in their roles and responsibilities.

There were three Regional Council Continuing Education Webinars attended by our members including:

- AnimalKind with Nicole Fenwick on September 27, 2023
- BC Pet Registry with Priscilla Cheung on January 31, 2024
- Government Relations with Sarah Herring on March 6, 2024

In addition to the official meetings and continuing education webinars, Q&A sessions were held on the Draft Long-Term Vision in February 2024.

In response to a discussion on the lack of pet friendly housing rentals, an education and skill development meeting was held to discuss advocacy actions regional council members could undertake to promote and advocate for pet friendly housing in their respective regions on January 11, 2024, and January 12, 2024.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

There was a total \$1421.54 cost of associated for the cost of the in-person meeting held on February 17, 2024.

- \$ 1,145.83 for staff travel
- \$ 275.71 for food/beverage

STRATEGIC PLAN CONSIDERATIONS:

The Regional Council has been engaging in feedback during the 2023-2024 Governance term with the Board of Directors and the office of the Chief Executive Officer regarding the strategic plan.

SUMMARY:

The Vancouver Island/Gulf Islands/Powell River Regional Council fulfilled its duties and responsibilities as noted above.

Respectfully submitted by,
Cindy Soules, Chair

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Lower Mainland, Fraser Valley, and Sunshine Coast Regional Council AGM Information Report

To:	BC SPCA Membership
Submitted By:	Lesley Schimanski, Regional Council Chair
Meeting Date:	March 23, 2024, BC SPCA Annual General Meeting

RECOMMENDATION:

That the membership of the BC SPCA receives this report on the activities of the Lower Mainland, Fraser Valley, and Sunshine Coast Regional Council over the 2023-2024 term for information.

PURPOSE:

The primary purpose of a member of Regional Council of The British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (“BC SPCA” or “Society”) is to facilitate regular communication and knowledge sharing among the Members in each of the Society’s designated governance regions and to act as the communications link between each region’s voting Members and the Society’s Board of Directors and vice versa.

COMPOSITION:

The current members of the Regional Council are:

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| ▪ Lesley Schimanski, Regional Council Chair | ▪ Maria Jurado |
| ▪ Victoria Brydon, Regional Director | ▪ Lilian Kan |
| ▪ Rebecca Levi, Regional Director | ▪ Sheila Kullar |
| ▪ Simon James Barron, Vice-Chair | ▪ Florence Lai |
| ▪ Leila Kullar, Vice-Chair | ▪ Chantelle MacFarlane |
| ▪ Sabrina Spencer, Vice-Chair | ▪ Kirsten Marsh |
| ▪ Anne Bird | ▪ Doug McLean |
| ▪ Prem Borowski | ▪ Lynn Muldoon |
| ▪ Sandie Braid | ▪ Miles Murray |
| ▪ Stephanie Cousineau | ▪ Linda Neifert |
| ▪ Morgan Davis | ▪ Wendi Rottluff |
| ▪ Anne Marie De Passille | ▪ Zahra Rouhollahi |
| ▪ Jamie Fikeris | ▪ Catherine Ruby |
| ▪ Lorna Greenall | ▪ Jeffrey Rushen |
| ▪ Linda Hand | ▪ Sarah Watts |
| ▪ Shawn Ireland | ▪ Jacqueline Weiler |

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DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

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- Provide advice and input on the development of Society policy;
- Provide advice and assistance on the development of the Society’s strategic plans;

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES (continued from previous page):

- Provide advice and input on amendment of the Society's Bylaws; and
- Provide a written report on the activities of the Regional Council at the Society's annual general meeting.

ACTIVITIES:

The Lower Mainland, Fraser Valley, and Sunshine Coast Regional Council held three official meetings on June 7, 2023, October 18, 2023, and February 24, 2024.

The Regional Council also held 4 working group meetings this year. These were:

- September 7, 2023 – to review the RC survey results, Terms of Reference and Primer on the Role of Regional Councils for the purpose of submitting feedback to the Board of Directors;
- November 22, 2023 – to review the Draft Long-Term Vision for the purpose of submitting feedback to the Board of Directors;
- March 4, 2024 – to review the Draft Strategic Plan 2025-2030 for the purpose of submitting feedback to the Board of Directors; and
- March 2024, date TBD – to review the Revised Regional Council Terms of Reference for the purpose of submitting feedback to the Board of Directors, and to discuss the Pet-Friendly Housing Initiative.

By conducting working group meetings and soliciting feedback via email, the Regional Council provided feedback on the RC survey results, RC Terms of Reference, Primer on the Role of Regional Councils, Draft Long-Term Vision, Draft Strategic Plan 2025-2030, and Revised RC Terms of Reference.

There were three Regional Council Continuing Education Webinars attended by our members including:

- AnimalKind with Nicole Fenwick on September 27, 2023
- BC Pet Registry with Priscilla Cheung on January 31, 2024
- Government Relations with Sarah Herring on March 6, 2024

Based on the interests of Council members, the Council received updates on Emergency Response, Government Relations, and Humane Education at official RC meetings. The Council decided in favour of holding one in-person/hybrid official meeting per year, with other official meetings to be held online. The Council considered developing its own projects to support the mission of the BC SPCA in the Lower Mainland, Fraser Valley, and Sunshine Coast region.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

There was a total cost of \$650.43 associated for the cost of the in-person meeting held on February 24, 2024.

- \$28.39 for staff travel
- \$286 for room rental
- \$336.04 for food/beverage

STRATEGIC PLAN CONSIDERATIONS:

The Regional Council has been engaging in feedback during the 2023-2024 Governance term with the Board of Directors and the office of the Chief Executive Officer regarding the strategic plan.

SUMMARY:

The Lower Mainland/Fraser Valley/Sunshine Coast Regional Council fulfilled its duties and responsibilities as noted above.

Respectfully submitted by,
Lesley Schimanski, Chair

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Thompson, Okanagan, and Kootenays Regional Council AGM Information Report

To:	BC SPCA Membership
Submitted By:	Iyla Morane, Regional Council Chair
Meeting Date:	March 23, 2024, BC SPCA Annual General Meeting

RECOMMENDATION:

That the membership of the BC SPCA receives this report on the activities of the Thompson, Okanagan, and Kootenays Regional Council over the 2023-2024 term for information.

PURPOSE:

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COMPOSITION:

The current members of the Regional Council are:

- Iyla Morane, Regional Council Chair
- Mark Montemurro, Regional Director
- Rochelle Stevenson, Regional Director
- Lindsay Curry, Vice-Chair
- Kyla Bedford
- Lisa Fuller
- Jennifer Gore
- Judith Hutchins
- Janet Pattinson
- Mary Lou Troman
- Andrea Zaradic

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- Provide advice and input on the development of Society policy;
- Provide advice and assistance on the development of the Society’s strategic plans;
- Provide advice and input on amendment of the Society’s Bylaws; and
- Provide a written report on the activities of the Regional Council at the Society’s annual general meeting.

ACTIVITIES:

Since the last AGM in April 2023, our Regional Council convened three (3) times:

- Virtually on June 14, 2023
- Virtually on October 25, 2023
- In-person on March 9, 2024, at the BC SPCA Kelowna Community Animal Centre

ACTIVITIES: continued from previous page

The Chair and Vice-Chair both undertook a minimal workload between meetings to organize working group meetings, prepare Agendas, and complete feedback forms.

The Region met two (2) times for working group meetings:

- June 29, 2023 – to provide feedback on the Regional Council Evaluation Survey, the Primer, and the Regional Council Terms of Reference.
- November 21, 2023 – to provide feedback on the long-term vision.

At the March 9, 2024, meeting, we provided feedback on the draft strategic plan presented by the CEO, along with an additional feedback report for March 16, 2024. We also provided feedback on the revised Regional Council Terms of Reference for March 22, 2024.

There were three Regional Council Continuing Education Webinars attended by our members including:

- AnimalKind with Nicole Fenwick on September 27, 2023
- BC Pet Registry with Priscilla Cheung on January 31, 2024
- Government Relations with Sarah Herring on March 6, 2024

In response to a discussion on the lack of pet friendly housing rentals, an education and skill development meeting was held to discuss advocacy actions regional council members could undertake to promote and advocate for pet friendly housing in their respective regions on January 11, 2024, and January 12, 2024. Lastly, Q&A sessions were held on the Draft Long-Term Vision in February 2024.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

There was a total cost of \$2,151.01 associated for the cost of the in-person meeting held on March 9, 2024.

- \$1,824.92 for staff travel
- \$326.09 for food/beverage

STRATEGIC PLAN CONSIDERATIONS:

The Regional Council has been engaging in feedback during the 2023-2024 Governance term with the Board of Directors and the office of the Chief Executive Officer regarding the strategic plan.

SUMMARY:

The Thompson/Okanagan/Kootenays Regional Council fulfilled its duties and responsibilities as noted above.

Respectfully submitted by,
Iyla Morane, Chair