



Staff Report CL2021-026

Title of Report: CL2021-026 – Appoint Pound Keeper – Keady Livestock Market
Department: Clerks
Branch: Legislative and Council Services
Council Date: October 6, 2021

Recommendation:

Be it resolved that Council receive Staff Report CL2021-026 for information; and
That Council consider approval of By-law 2021-140 to appoint Keady Livestock Market as the large animal pound keeper for the Township of Southgate.

Background:

The Municipal Act, 2001, S.O., as amended, Section 103 provides that a municipality may pass a by-law regulating or prohibiting with respect to the being at large or trespassing of animals, it may provide for,

- (a) the seizure and impounding of animals being at large or trespassing contrary to the by-law; and
- (b) the sale of impounded animals,
 - (i) if they are not claimed within a reasonable time,
 - (ii) if the expenses of the municipality respecting the impounding of the animals are not paid, or
 - (iii) at such time and in such manner as is provided in the by-law.

In 2015, Council approved By-law 14-2015 included in this report as Attachment 1, appointing the Keady Livestock Market as the pound keeper for large animals for the Township of Southgate. The agreement had an expiry date of December 31, 2018.

Staff Comments:

Since the original agreement with Keady Livestock Market has expired, staff are supporting approval of an updated agreement with Keady Livestock Market to act as our large animal pound keeper. The Township requires a large animal pound keeper facility to be available for animals that are at large in the Township and for By-law Enforcement purposes, etc.

The Township did use the Keady Livestock Market services on one occasion in 2019 after expiry of the agreement on the basis of a good past working relationship.

Another recent animal at large brought forward the need to have an updated agreement in place for the future. Staff are recommending that there is no expiry date noted in the new agreement, so it does not need to be revisited as we see no end date in needing their services and there is currently not another comparable facility for use in Grey County.

Financial Implications:

The Keady Livestock Market requires a \$200 standby fee to be paid yearly as an expense that will be paid from the Agriculture yearly operating budget.

Any other impound fees accumulated if we sent an animal to Keady would be paid for by the owner of the animal that was found at large, or if the animal is not claimed by its owner, the animal would be sold, and the funds would be received by the Township to cover the impound fees.

Communications & Community Action Plan Impact:

This report has been written and presented to Council to communicate accurate information to the public.

Concluding Comments:

That Council receive Staff Report CL2021-026 for information and that Council consider approval of By-law 2021-140 to appoint Keady Livestock Market as the large animal pound keeper for the Township of Southgate.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dept. Head: *Original Signed By*
Lindsey Green, Clerk

CAO Approval: *Original Signed By*
Dave Milliner, CAO

Attachments: By-law 14-2015 – Appoint Pound Keeper