

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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View the presentation to Council: *New Delta Community Animal Shelter*

Construction of a new Delta Community Animal Shelter will soon get underway.

At last night's Regular Meeting, Mayor Lois E. Jackson and Delta Council unanimously approved a contract award to Humphrey Construction Ltd for the design-build of a new animal shelter, which will be centrally located at the southwest corner of Tilbury Road and Hopcott Road.

The new 12,000 square foot animal shelter will feature 2 covered dog runs, 18 dog pens, 5 separate cat rooms and sufficient space for small animals, volunteers and staff. The facility will have a separate cat ventilation system to mitigate the spread of airborne illnesses, which are common among cats housed in numbers. The lobby will also feature an area to recognize donations to the shelter. Incorporating a high efficiency heat pump system and solar technology, the animal shelter will meet a silver standard in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED).

The existing 40 year old animal shelter is outdated, lacks sufficient space and appropriate facilities for the animals, staff and the shelter's many dedicated volunteers. With construction of the South Fraser Perimeter Road taking place next to the existing animal shelter, it is important the new shelter is opened prior to the highway's scheduled completion in 2013.

Site preparations are expected to begin in mid-March with construction of the animal shelter starting in April and completion targeted for December 2012. Delta's Chief Administrative Officer will chair a staff committee that will monitor the progress of the construction and provide monthly reports to Council regarding the project's status.

The total design-build price of the animal shelter contract is \$2,810,890 (plus HST). The total project cost, including property acquisition, demolition, servicing, predesign, furnishings and landscaping is \$4,263,846. The new animal shelter will be funded by revenues Delta received from Gateway for the sale of Delta owned properties related to construction of the South Fraser Perimeter Road. To see a full breakdown of the project costs, [view the animal shelter contract award report](#).

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