

External Committee Report

L.A. Animal Shelter

February 2025

Financial

The financial statements of the LA Animal Shelter reflect a significantly higher than normal electrical bill due to construction of the new building. Postal stamp increases and cost of all envelopes is significant when issuing tax receipts. It is approximately 10% of a \$20 donation. A decision was made to automatically issue receipts for donations of \$50 or more or when requested for lesser amounts.

Funding for the new building is consistent with actual cost to date, but the shelter may need bridge financing with the last expenses. Timely payment of staggered municipal grants will be important as construction is scheduled to be completed at the end of March or early April.

Fundraising remains extremely important with cost to demolish and dispose of the old facility projected to be extremely costly

Save the Dates - The Spring Tea is scheduled for May 10th and the yard sale has been scheduled for June 14th.

Board Governance

All voting members will be participating in a board survey to review board governance proactively.

Other

The board is receiving a donation of new dog and cat blankets from Maritime Tartan which will create less washer and dryer loads and more efficient storage.

Something which was very evident during a tour I took of the old and new facilities are the operational and ventilation efficiencies which will be created with the new facility. The latter is particularly important with airborne respiratory diseases and the extremely high veterinary costs associated with same.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 20th.