



**REPORT TO ELECTORAL AREAS SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018**

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**SUBJECT:** Salt Spring Island Sheep Kill Compensation Claim – Long Harbour Road

**BACKGROUND**

On July 5, 2018 Capital Regional District (CRD) Bylaw and Animal Care Services was contacted to report that there had been a livestock attack on property located on Long Harbour Road, Salt Spring Island. There were eight South Down Babydoll ram lambs killed. Six of these animals were black and two were white. These were breeding stock, all under one year of age, and had not been put up for sale or registered. The incident occurred overnight on July 4 or the morning of July 5. Reports to the CRD were made within 12 hours of the incident. A CRD Bylaw Officer investigated and confirmed that the sheep were indeed attacked and killed by a dog and all reasonable precautions had been taken by the owner. After a thorough investigation and attempt to locate the dog(s) responsible, it cannot be determined which animals were responsible for the attack.

CRD Bylaw No. 1465, sections 19-23 (Appendix A), has provisions to pay compensation to the owner of livestock killed or injured by any dog up to 75% of the decrease in market value to a maximum of \$750 per animal.

The authority for a Board to pass this provision in a bylaw is found in Section 319 (4) of the *Local Government Act*.

**ALTERNATIVES**

*Alternative 1:*

That the Electoral Area Services Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

That payment be approved to Mr. Brian Milne, 291 Long Harbour Road, Salt Spring Island in the amount of \$4500, which is 75% of the decrease in market value of the total losses.

*Alternative 2:*

Do not approve payment.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The owner of the lambs from Long Harbour road stated in his compensation claim (Appendix B) that eight sheep one year of age were killed and listed the value as \$1,000 each. The owner provided a copy of a 2011 bill of sale for \$900 (Appendix C) for the registered mature sire of the deceased sheep. The animals killed were not mature so their respective value is less.

Research on current market value was done by contacting local sheep breeders and the British Columbia Sheep Breeders Association for similar sheep for sale (Table 1). The common current market price was \$800 for black ram lambs and \$600 for white ram lambs.

Table 2 shows the compensation amount of 75% of market value for a total compensation of \$4500. This will be paid from the Bylaw Services Operating Budget.

Table 1 – Registered Babydoll Ram Lamb Values

<b>Source</b>	<b>Registered White Ram Lambs Value</b>	<b>Registered Coloured Lamb Rams Value</b>
Yellow Point Farms, Ladysmith	\$600	\$800
BC Sheep Federation	\$600	\$800
Leo's Little Lambs, Kamloops	\$600	\$600
Average Price	\$600	\$733

Table 2 – Compensation Claim

<b>Animal</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Market Value</b>	<b>Total</b>
Black ram lambs	6	\$800	\$4,800
White ram lambs	2	\$600	\$1,200
		Total	\$6000
		75%	<b>\$4,500</b>

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Electoral Area Services Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

That payment be approved to Mr. Brian Milne in the amount of \$4,500 which is 75% of the decrease in market value of the total losses.

Submitted by:	Don Brown, Chief Bylaw Officer
Concurrence:	Shawn Carby, CD, BHSc, MAL, Senior Manager Protective Services
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Attachments: Appendix A – Compensation Excerpt from CRD Bylaw No. 1465  
Appendix B – Compensation Claim by Brian Milne, 291 Long Harbour Road  
Appendix C – 2011 Bill of Sale for Mature Registered Black Babydoll Ram Lamb