

**Municipality of Lakeshore**  
**Report to Dog Pound Committee**  
**Legislative & Legal Services**  
**By-law Services**



**To:** Chair and Members of the Dog Pound Committee  
**From:** Rob Sassine, Division Leader - By-law Services  
**Date:** March 12, 2025  
**Subject:** Dog Pound Daily Boarding Costs

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**Recommendation**

This report is presented at the April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Dog Pound Committee meeting, for information only.

**Background**

At the April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Dog Pound Committee meeting, the following motion was passed:

Resolution #4-04-2024

Direct Administration to prepare a report regarding the cost of boarding dogs that come into the care of the Dog Pound, per day.

**Comments**

The Dog Pound budget is presented in April for the current budget year. This allows administration the time to receive and process all expenses related to the operation of the Dog Pound for the previous year. Administration is then able to more accurately estimate future operating costs to present to the Dog Pound Committee during their budget deliberations in April.

**Financial Impacts**

In 2024, the gross operating cost for the staff and operation of the Dog Pound was \$93,270. The Dog Pound collected approximately \$4,275 in daily impound fees from residents whose dogs were in our care. The 2024 Daily Impound Fees reflect an over 100% increase from 2023 due to administration increasing the Daily Impound Fee from \$15 to \$25 per day. This increase was adopted by Council and put into effect at the Dog

Pound in July 2024. The increase more accurately reflects the amounts that are charged by similar facilities in neighbouring communities.

The Dog Pound facility operates 365 days per year so the cost to operate the Dog Pound in 2024 was approximately \$243 per day. Below is a historical chart for reference.

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Gross Operating Costs</b> | <b>Impound Fee Revenue</b> | <b>Net Operating Cost</b> | <b>Daily Operational Cost</b> |
|-------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>2022</b> | \$87,757                     | \$1,175                    | \$86,582                  | \$237                         |
| <b>2023</b> | \$93,089                     | \$2,078                    | \$91,011                  | \$249                         |
| <b>2024</b> | \$93,270                     | \$4,273                    | \$88,997                  | \$244                         |

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