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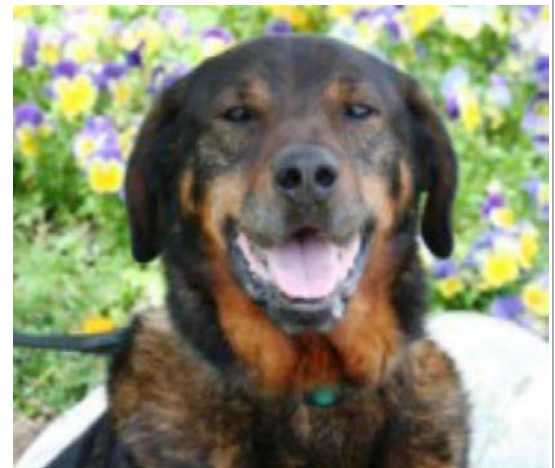
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**For immediate release – November 8, 2011**

Mayor Lois E. Jackson and Delta Council are excited to announce that the Chief Administrative Officer has concluded negotiations with FortisBC for a property located at the southwest corner of Tilbury Road and Hopcott Road for the construction of a new animal shelter.

Replacing the existing animal shelter has been a priority for Mayor and Council since the shelter, which was built in 1972, is outdated, too small and poorly located. In addition, the working conditions are no longer appropriate for shelter staff and the many dedicated volunteers who donate their time for the animals. The new shelter design is a significant upgrade, with a much larger building, animal runs, a welcoming foyer, and increased space for cats, dogs and other small animals. The new shelter will incorporate best management practices for the care and welfare of the animals, creating a more suitable environment. The new location of the shelter will also provide excellent access to nearby safe walking trails to ensure animals can be well exercised.

Delta staff anticipate bringing forward a report for Council's consideration at the December 12, 2011 Regular Meeting to recommend the award of a construction contract for the new animal shelter. The report will include an artist's rendering of the new shelter and a map of the nearby safe walking trails. Commencing in January 2012, staff will provide monthly updates to Council at Regular Meetings regarding the progress of construction and finances of the new animal shelter.



"The health and welfare of our animals is an utmost priority," said Mayor Lois E. Jackson. "It is critical that we have a new shelter that meets the needs of the animals, staff and our dedicated volunteers."

The Corporation of Delta extends its thanks to FortisBC for their collaboration and assistance on the land purchase; their support towards this community asset is sincerely appreciated.

For more information on this media release, contact the Mayor's office at (604) 946-3210 or email [mayor@corp.delta.bc.ca](mailto:mayor@corp.delta.bc.ca)

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