Alternatives for Consideration

Concept	Details	Pros	Cons
Contract Services Out	Contractor responsible for all outcomes after hold period (i.e adoption, rescue, euthanasia)	• More available intake space	• No control over animal outcomes • Loss of community relations • Negative impact on HBSPCA and rescue partners • Loss of existing partnerships • Contract is costly • Difficult to monitor and administrate contract • Unlikely to find competent bidder
HBSPCA Partnership	Sharing of all costs and benefits for adopted animals	• Collaboration toward common goal • Recovery of sheltering and medical costs	• Limited capacity for animals • Negative impact on donations for HBSPCA • Confusion for public over responsibilities and mandates • Elimination of other rescue partners
Charge Fee for Animals transferred to adoption programs	All animals transferred to outside agencies will have a nominal fee	• Cost recovery of medical and sheltering costs	• Unaffordable for rescue organizations • Reduction of partners willing to take animals • Public not in favour • Negative appearance for City
Adopt Animals from Stoney Creek, Flamborough and Glanbrook only. HBSPCA continues to have first right of refusal for Hamilton, Ancaster and Dundas animals.	These areas were not considered in original arrangement with HBSPCA	• Generate some revenue for shelter animals	• Very confusing for public • Difficult to manage and operate • Promotes separation between communities
Euthanize after Hold Period	Animals not returned to owner by end of stray hold period are euthanized in queue to create intake space	• Reduce sheltering and food costs	• Public Backlash • Not an acceptable option for Animal Community • Staff morale • Increase in euthanasia costs