

Angel's Animal Rescue Society (Angel's) was founded in 2008 and named after a dog that was badly injured in a car accident. Two people died in the accident, however Angel survived.

Not all communities have an SPCA, leaving many animals homeless, scared and subject to abuse and neglect, with no organization to advocate or care for them. There are only 37 SPCA locations in BC. With 164 incorporated municipalities and many more unincorporated communities and First Nation reserves located with regional district boundaries, many areas do not have access to this vital service.

Currently the Society is located near the City of Merritt, an area that has no SPCA. Hundreds of dogs have come to Angel's from all over the province, and have been given a second chance. Due to the cold winter, Angel's is in desperate need of an indoor facility big enough to accommodate up to 50 dogs. The current location is limited in size and will not support expansion.

Angel's has recently been awarded the Pepsi Refresh Everything Grant in the amount of \$100,000 to expand their facility.

A potential new site was located at the end of Petit Creek Road near Merritt. This property is owned by the Crown. Legal description: ¼ parcel located immediately south of NE 1/4, Section 23, Township 13, Range 23 West Meridian 6, Kamloops Division Yale District.

Development Plan

Proposed Use

The TNRD has no animal control or animal welfare bylaws outside of municipal boundaries. The result is an enormous number of abandoned, abused and stray dogs currently exist within the TNRD. The objective of this project is to significantly reduce the number of homeless and abused animals within the TNRD.

The proposed for this property is to establish an animal rescue facility for unwanted, abused and abandoned dogs and puppies in the area. This service will include all areas not serviced by an SPCA, including all First Nation reserves.

Nature and Location of all Proposed Improvements in Relation to the Application Boundary

Improvements would be completed in accordance with all regional planning/building regulations and the terms identified in the Crown Lease. See attached site plan.

No clearing of trees is anticipated as all facilities will be placed in natural clearings that already exist. Minimal earthworks are anticipated for buildings as all will be prefabricated and will not require foundations. Earthworks will be required for drilling well, installing septic system and fencing.

All necessary approvals will be obtained prior to commencing proposed earthworks.

Access to the property will be from Petit Creek Road.

Proposed Development and Operation Schedule

The following is proposed within the first year of obtaining tenure:

- Fencing of primary facility and perimeter;
- Placement and servicing of care takers resident (modular home);
- Placement and servicing of main office (container);
- Placement and servicing of animal facility (container).

Long term development will include the development of trails and eco tourism facility where visitors can interact with animals and take them on walks.

Utility servicing of property

Water supply will be provided by well. All necessary permitting will be obtained prior to drilling and well development.

Septic system will be installed with all necessary permitting.

Electric power supply by BC Hydro.

Heating equipment will be either electric or propane.

All other relevant details of the proposal

In addition to being limited in space, the current location is in a residential area and noise from the current facility has caused some concern for adjacent neighbours. The remote location of the Crown property will provide an environment where dogs will be free to be dogs and not impact neighbouring residents.

Angel's is a not-for-profit society that relies on donations to meet the day to day expenses of providing a vital public service. Angel's does not have the financial capacity to purchase property. Funding from the Pepsi Refresh Everything Grant Program will assist them in establishing a new home and an urgently needed sheltered area for these animals. Without a Crown Lease this service cannot relocate or expand and may be faced with closing its doors.