

## NEWS RELEASE

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### City of Nanaimo assists with exotic bird relocation

*Former SPCA shelter offered to assist displaced birds*

#### Summary

Nanaimo City Council has agreed to rent the former SPCA building on Labieux Road to the Greyhaven Exotic Bird Sanctuary. Greyhaven is currently in need of space as they work to relocate approximately 450 exotic birds following the closure of the World Parrot Refuge in Coombs.

*Strategic Link:* Taking Responsibility and Building Community Partnerships.

#### Key Points

- The World Parrot Refuge in Coombs can no longer care for the 450+ birds under its care.
- The birds need to be resettled as soon as possible.
- Greyhaven Exotic Bird Sanctuary has stepped up to find homes for the birds and to provide medical attention where required.
- The City of Nanaimo is offering the former SPCA Shelter on Labieux Road to Greyhaven as a staging area for some of the birds as they are rehoused.

#### Quotes

"The City of Nanaimo is very pleased that we can assist Greyhaven with the relocation of the exotic birds from the World Parrot Refuge."

Wendy Pratt  
Councillor  
City of Nanaimo

#### Quick Facts

- Greyhaven Exotic Bird Sanctuary is a non-profit organization that is assisting in the rescue and relocation of the birds.
- The City will assign the current BCSPCA lease to Greyhaven for \$1 per annum. Greyhaven will be responsible for insurance and utilities.
- The lease will terminate on December 1, 2016 at which time Greyhaven expects all of the birds to be relocated.

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