

Humane Society members back board decision to withdraw from OSPCA

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Members of the Upper Credit Humane Society (UCHS) have voted unanimously not to reapply for affiliation with the OSPCA.

The members voted at the annual general meeting of the UCHS in Georgetown Tuesday night, confirming the decision made by the organization's board earlier this year. There are 56 UCHS members—39 attended the meeting and cast their vote.

"As a board we've always believed we made the right decision for the UCHS at this time," said UCHS board chair Kathy Yorke. "Our membership has endorsed our decision."

The decision made by the board in February not to renew its Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA) affiliation had angered some of the organization's volunteers and an animal control officer who has since resigned.

Yorke said the decision not to renew the affiliation was based on finances. She said when the new board took over the



shelter it was two weeks away from closing its doors and its finances were deep in the red, but by the end of the year, due to hard work, dedication and fundraising, they were able to close the year with money in the bank. UCHS was paying an annual OSPCA affiliation fee of \$1,500 per month, and monthly cruelty expenses of \$1,200.

"We hope the community will continue to support the Upper Credit Humane Society and the great work we do for the animals in our communities," said Yorke.

She asks anyone interested in volunteering with UCHS to visit the organization's website at www.uppercredit.com

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