

Report to Council

Report Title: Dog Control By-Law Amendment

Prepared By: Fiona Hamilton, Clerk

Department: Clerk's

Date: June 4, 2019

Report Number: CLK2019-13 **File Number:** C11CL

Attachments: Draft Dog Control By-Law

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves Report Number CLK2019-13- Dog Control By-Law Amendment, prepared by Fiona Hamilton, Clerk, and in doing so authorizes that the amended Dog Control By-Law be brought forward.

Report:

Background:

The Municipality of Brockton currently enforces By-Law 2012-105 for Dog Control within the community of Brockton. Upon review of By-Law 2012-105, staff have determined that the By-Law does not contain specific timelines as to when dog owners are to report their dog as being deceased to the Municipality of Brockton.

Analysis:

Staff have included the following provisions to the Dog Control By-Law in order to provide further clarification to the public as to when they are to report their dog as being deceased, and return the dog tag to the Municipality of Brockton.

Section 3 of By-Law 2012-105 states the Dog Tags, Licensing, and Registration requirements. Under Section 3.9 of By-Law 2012-15, "Dog tags shall not be transferable and shall expire and become void upon the sale, death, or other disposal of the dog. The tag shall be returned to the Municipality so that the dog may be deleted from the register". This provision does not contain defined timelines as to when the owner is to return their dog tag to the Municipality. Staff are proposing that the following be amended to the Dog Control By-Law:

- 1) The tag shall be returned to the Municipality by March 1 after the owner will have received the January invoice and been reminded about the fee.
- 2) There shall be no refund for the year in which the dog has been removed from the registry.
- 3) Any outstanding or late payments shall be added to the final tax bill.

Staff are recommending the March deadline as the renewals are processed in January and invoice which would provide owners will sufficient opportunity after receiving the invoice. The Draft Dog Control By-Law has been attached to this report for Council’s review. Staff are recommending that the amended Dog Control By-Law be brought forward by By-Law.

Sustainability Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Sustainable Strategic Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

- Do the recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity? N/A

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Fiona Hamilton, Clerk

Reviewed By:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer