

Report to Council

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| Report Title: | Dog Control By-Law Amendments | | |
| Prepared By: | Lisa MacDonald, Animal Control and By-Law Enforcement Officer and Sarah Johnson, Corporate Records, Licensing and Communications Assistant | | |
| Department: | Clerk's | | |
| Date: | October 29, 2019 | | |
| Report Number: | CLK2019-36 | File Number: | C11CL, P14 |
| Attachments: | Draft Amended Dog Control By-Law | | |

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CLK2019-36 – Dog Control By-Law Amendments, prepared by Lisa MacDonald, Animal Control and By-Law Enforcement Officer and Sarah Johnson, Corporate Records, Licensing and Communications Assistant, and in doing so authorizes that the amended Dog Control By-Law be brought forward.

Report:

Background:

On June 4, 2019, staff brought forward Report Number CLK2019-13, updating the Municipality's Dog Control By-Law.

Upon the hiring of a new Animal Control and By-Law Enforcement Officer, staff have completed a further review of the Dog Control By-Law, and have rewritten a number of provisions to ensure clarity in the by-law, the health and safety of animals, and to allow for different types of licensing regimes for kennels.

Staff have prepared a draft amended Dog Control By-Law that has been attached to this report for Council's information.

Analysis:

While many sections of the by-law remain the same, they have been moved or restructured for greater clarity. The following are some of the most significant changes:

- The Municipality of Brockton may appoint a pound outside of the boundaries. As the Animal Control Officer also provides services to Arran-Elderslie and South Bruce, there may be occasions where it is closer in distance to use a pound in those locations rather than driving an animal to Walkerton. Also,

this provision provides more flexibility if the current pound were to decide to no longer operate as a pound (a situation that has been experienced in an adjacent municipality).

- Provisions have been included to the By-Law to address diseased and injured animals. These changes are resulting from requests from the veterinary clinics. There have been occasions where a diseased animal is taken to the veterinary clinic and the owner cannot be identified. In these cases, the clinics want to ensure that they have the legal authority to euthanize a diseased animal rather than keep it suffering and impounded.
- Provisions have been amended to include temporary boarding facilities (e.g. Dog Hotels). The previous kennel licenses related only to commercial breeding kennels. There is demand for facilities like pet hotels, and the licensing regime helps to ensure that only vaccinated animals are permitted in these facilities.
- Kennel Conditions have been separated out to ensure that all types of kennels follow the same regulations with respect to the minimum conditions for keeping an animal.

The Animal Control and By-Law Enforcement Officer will also be conducting a Dog Count of households in Brockton starting in the month of November 2019, and ongoing into 2020. This dog count will ensure that residents in Brockton that own a dog, are complying with the Dog Control By-Law, and that their dogs have been/or are issued a municipally-licensed dog tag.

This dog count project is being advertised in the November issue of the Brockton Buzz Newsletter, and will be promoted on the Municipal website and social media accounts.

Sustainability Checklist:

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

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| • 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

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