



City of
Peterborough

TO: Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

FROM: Phyllis Hodder, Accessibility Coordinator

MEETING DATE: November 7, 2012

SUBJECT: Report AAC12-014(A)
Animals Chapter 192 Dogs-Licensing-Regulation

PURPOSE

A follow up report to the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommending that the AAC review the City of Peterborough Bylaw Animals, Chapter 192 Dogs – Licensing – Regulation.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee review the recommendation outlined in Report AAC12-014(A), dated November 7, 2012, of Phyllis Hodder, Accessibility Coordinator as follows:

That The City of Peterborough By-Law Animals, Chapter 192 Dogs – Licensing – Regulation appended to Report AAC12-014(A), be received for review.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget or financial implications associated with the recommendation.

BACKGROUND

As mandated by the AODA the AAC is responsible to review municipal policies, programs and services to ensure the City is meeting the needs of the public in striving towards a barrier free community.

Subsequent to the AAC's review of Animals Chapter 192 Dogs-Licensing-Regulation on October 3, 2012 The Council for Persons with Disabilities (CPD) has asked the AAC to continue to review the By-law and the current fines issued when an off leash dog approaches a service animal. This is a result of a complaint CPD received this past summer regarding dogs at large in public parks approaching people with disabilities who have a service animal. The challenge is to educate the public that this is inappropriate, as it is distracting to the service animal.

Currently, the City of Peterborough contracts Animal By-Law Enforcement to the Peterborough Humane Society. Three enforcement officers respond to complaints made to the Peterborough Humane Society, however, in some instances, the dog that is causing the problem has left the area by the time the enforcement officer has arrived.

The Animals Chapter 192 Dogs – Licensing – Regulation, which was passed in 1994, is in place to regulate many aspects concerning the keeping of dogs. The regulation addresses the issue of dogs at large however; it fails to address the specific issue of service animals.

Since the Animals, Chapter 192 Dogs – Licensing – Regulation was enacted over 18 years ago, a current review of the Regulation by the AAC, and resulting recommendations is appropriate to ensure current accessibility considerations are reflected. Attached to this report please find and review the Dog-Bylaws of other Municipalities to ensure our by-law recommendations are up to date. In addition attached is a list of the fines associated to dogs being off leash.

Submitted by,

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Attachments:

Appendix A – Animals Chapter 192 Dogs – Licensing – Regulation

Appendix B – City of Peterborough Dog Licensing Fees and Fines

Appendix C – Town of Midland By-Law 2009-18

Appendix D – City of Guelph By-Law 1191-14008

Appendix E – Town of Fort Erie By-Law 82-2001

Appendix F – Town of Milton By-Law 90-2004