

Town of Riverview

COUNCIL REPORT FORM



Presented to: Mayor & Council

Department: Corporate Services – By-law Enforcement

Date: September 18, 2018

Subject: Consolidation & Amendments to Animal Control By-law

BACKGROUND

As part of his mandate for by-law enforcement our new By-law Enforcement Officer has begun a review of our current by-laws to ensure they are up to date and concurrent with our existing practices. Some changes to our processes and the imminent introduction of the DocuPet licensing system has made changes to the Animal Control By-law necessary.

With the assistance of the Animal Control Officer the Animal Control By-law was reviewed and changes made. Major additions and amendments to the by-law have been highlighted within the attached document and the following items were deleted.

- 1) “Animal Rescue Organization” means a reputable organization in the Greater Moncton Area that rescue and provide care for abandoned animals.
- 2) “Poundkeeper” means the person or persons appointed by the Town to retain all animals.

CONSIDERATIONS

Legal:

Changes to this by-law have been made in accordance with the Province of New Brunswick’s Local Governance Act.

Financial:

In order to assist with the compliance of animals at large and to combat interference with our Animal Control Officer while carrying out the provisions of this by-law, an increase and addition to fines have been included.

Policy:

No policies are affected by this by-law.

Stakeholders:

Changes to this by-law will assist in keeping pets, their owners and non-pet owners safe and secure in their community.

Strategic Plan:

This by-law addresses the following objectives within the Town's Strategic Plan:

- Promote Riverview as an inclusive community with a good quality of life for residents.
- Promote opportunities to maintain community safety.
- Provide high quality customer service to residents and businesses.
- Promote a safe work culture.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

The By-law Enforcement Officer and the contracted Animal Control Officer collaborated in researching other community by-laws to create a by-law that best suited the needs of our community.

Communication Plan:

If recommended to Council this new by-law will be placed on the Town's website for public notification.

OPTIONS

Council has the following options:

- 1) To recommend to Council first reading of *By-Law 600-05-04 A By-law Relating to the Control of Animals in the Town of Riverview* be given at the October 9, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council; or
- 2) Make additional amendments to By-law 600-05-04.

RECOMMENDATION FROM STAFF

Staff recommends that Council take the necessary steps to adopt By-law 600-05-04-A By-law Relating to the Control of Animals in the Town of Riverview.