

Subject: Bylaw No. 19/017 Amendment to Animal Control Bylaw No. 02/031 and Community Standards Appeal Committee Bylaw No. 19/001**APPROVALS:****Annette Antoniak**_____
Director_____
Chief Administrative Officer**Recommended Motion:**

1. THAT Bylaw No. 19/017, being a bylaw to amend Animal Control Bylaw No. 02/031 and Community Standards Appeal Committee Bylaw No. 19/001, be read a first time.
2. THAT Bylaw No. 19/017 be read a second time
3. THAT Bylaw No. 19/017 be considered for third reading.
4. THAT Bylaw No. 19/017 be read a third and final time.

Summary:

Administration recommends that Council pass a Bylaw amending Animal Control Bylaw No. 02/031 and Community Standards Appeal Committee Bylaw No. 19/031 to delegate the responsibility for hearing requests to review declarations of vicious animals to the Community Standards Appeal Committee.

Background:

The Animal Control Bylaw has been in effect since April 23, 2002, and there have been no amendments made to date. Bylaw Services held an extensive public engagement on responsible pet ownership from February 16, 2019 to March 13, 2019 to obtain feedback from residents, including residents in the region's rural communities. A total of 796 online surveys were completed and 133 people attended the seven public sessions that were held throughout the region. Bylaw Services used this feedback to prepare a new Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw and is currently working with the Legal Services team to finalize a draft for introduction to Council in the Fall of 2019. The new Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw will encourage responsible pet ownership through licensing, public education and enforcement. The Bylaw will serve two roles, to set a minimum standard of acceptable behaviour and to achieve compliance to that standard for pets and owners.

It is anticipated that the new Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw will include a process

for the owner of an animal deemed vicious to request a review of this decision by the newly established Community Standards Appeal Committee. The current Animal Control Bylaw delegates the responsibility for reviewing these decisions to Council. Administration proposes that Council amend the current Animal Control Bylaw and Community Standards Appeal Committee (CSAC) Bylaw to delegate Council's responsibility for reviewing declarations of vicious animals to the CSAC. This approach will continue to ensure that residents are provided with a fair, open and transparent process for reviewing the decision to declare an animal vicious, while also ensuring that Council is able to properly spend its time focusing on policy decisions that impact the community at large.

Rationale for Recommendation:

The appointment of the Community Standards Appeal Committee provides an opportunity to amend the Animal Control Bylaw Section 5.02(c) appeal process for bylaw decisions related to declaration of Vicious Animals until such time that the Responsible Pet Owner Bylaw is in effect.

Strategic Priorities:

Responsible Government

Attachments:

- 1. Bylaw No. 19/017 Amendment to Animal Control Bylaw No. 02/031 and Community Standards Appeal Committee Bylaw No. 19/001**
- 2. Animal Control Bylaw No. 02.031**
- 3. Community Standards Appeal Committee Bylaw No. 19.001**