

# **INFORMATION ITEMS**

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**Week Ending November 22, 2013**

## **REPORTS**

1. By-law Service Review – Animal Control

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Cities of Barrie and St. Catharines – Support of Guelph’s September 30, 2013 resolution requesting the Province establish an infrastructure funding program for sidewalk maintenance

## **BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

1. None

## **ITEMS AVAILABLE IN THE CLERK’S OFFICE**

1. None

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TO City Council

SERVICE AREA Operations, Transit and Emergency Services

DATE November 22, 2013

**SUBJECT Bylaw Service Review – Animal Control**

REPORT NUMBER OTES121336

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### SUMMARY OF REPORT

To provide Council information on the upcoming review of the City's Animal Control Bylaws.

### KEY FINDINGS

On-going Bylaw reviews are continuing, due to the public concerns received, staff will be conducting a review of the City's Animal Control Bylaws.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of conducting the Bylaw review is provided within the existing operating budget of the City's Bylaw Compliance, Security and Licensing Department.

## BACKGROUND

Staff are continuing to review Bylaws as part of the on-going Bylaw Service Reviews process initiated in 2008. Based on public concerns received over the past couple of years related to domestic and wildlife animal issues, the next large Bylaw Service review to be completed will be that of the City's Animal Control Bylaws. The specific Bylaws that will be reviewed are the City's Animal Control Bylaw (1991)-14008, Exotic and Non-Domestic Bylaw (2013)-19577 and Poultry Bylaw (1985)-11952.

## REPORT

Starting in December 2013 a Bylaw Service Review on the City's Animal Control Bylaws will begin. Based on the City's Community Engagement Framework a working group consisting of City staff, stakeholders and members of the public will be created to conduct a review of the City's Animal Control Bylaws. This collaborative approach was taken during the recent review of the Business Licensing Bylaw - Driving Instructor Category; and was found to be very effective for all involved.

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In addition to the involvement of community members interested in Animal Control, representatives from the following organizations or groups will be invited to join the working group:

- Guelph Humane Society
- Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
- Ontario Veterinary College
- Local Pet Stores
- Canadian Kennel Club
- Local Animal Daycares
- Bylaw Compliance staff
- Building Services staff
- Parks and Open spaces staff
- Environmental Planning staff
- Environmental Advisory Committee
- River Systems Advisory Committee
- Guelph Police Service

Once formed, the working group will be tasked with reviewing the City's current Bylaws and enforcement practices with respect to Animal Control. In addition to providing input into the identified Bylaw Service review questions, the working group will suggest possible changes to the City's Bylaws and/or their enforcement.

Once the working group has concluded their review, their findings along with any suggestions or amendments will be presented to the public for comment. Following the public opportunity for input, a report will be created for Council's consideration.

While it is anticipated during this process a number of points related to animal control will be raised, the following questions have already been posed by the public and will likely be considered by the working group during the review:

- Should the City's Animal Control, Exotic Animal and Poultry Bylaws be combined into one Bylaw?
- Should there be a limit on the number of animals per residence?
- Should animal day-care facilities or other pet services be regulated/licenced?
- Should controls be implemented to address outdoor cats?
- Should an anti-wildlife feeding regulation be created to discourage coyotes and other predators?
- Should the City create dog bite regulations?
- Should the issuance of dog licences be valid for one year from the date of issue (rather than all expiring on December 31)?

## **CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN**

This initiative supports the following Strategic Directions:

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- 2.2 Deliver Public Service better.
- 2.3 Ensure accountability, transparency and engagement.
- 3.1 Ensure a well-designed, safe, inclusive, appealing and sustainable City.

## DEPARTMENTAL CONSULTATION

Building Services  
Community Engagement  
Corporate Communications  
Parks and Recreation  
Planning Services  
Guelph Humane Society

## COMMUNICATIONS

Staff in conjunction with Public Engagement staff and Communications staff will continue their strategy to engage and educate the public on this matter. Throughout the review process, information will be advertised within City News and on Guelph.ca

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of conducting the Bylaw review will be provided for within the existing operating budget of the City's Bylaw Compliance, Security and Licensing Department.

## ATTACHMENTS

None

  
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File: A16

Blair Labelle, City Clerk  
City of Guelph  
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**Reference: Endorsement of a Resolution Regarding a Request to the Province of Ontario to Establish an Infrastructure Funding Program for Sidewalk Maintenance**

Dear Blair Labelle,

Thank you for your correspondence dated October 8, 2013 regarding the above mentioned matter.

Please be advised that your letter was circulated to City Council on October 21, 2013 for their information, and no action was taken.

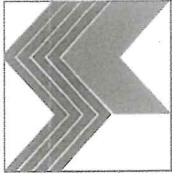
If you have any questions concerning the above, please do not hesitate to contact the City Clerk's Office.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Pearson".

Lisa Pearson  
Committee & Print Supervisor

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November 14, 2013

Ministry of Transportation  
Honourable Glen Murray  
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Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8



**Re: Support of City of Guelph's Resolution – Establishment of Infrastructure Funding Program for Sidewalk Maintenance**

Please be advised that the Council of the City of St. Catharines, at its meeting held November 4, 2013, gave consideration to the City of Guelph's request to support its resolution respecting the establishment of an infrastructure funding program for sidewalk maintenance.

The Resolution, which was endorsed by the City of St. Catharines' Council, reads as follows:

1. That the Operations, Transit & Emergency Services Committee report OTES091324, Sidewalk & Sign Inspection Programs - Update, dated September 10, 2013 be received.
2. That staff consider an alternate method to marking sidewalk discontinuities that meets regulatory compliance and reduces visual impact.
3. That sidewalk discontinuity per kilometer be included as a key performance indicator in the Public Works Annual Report.
4. That staff report back in 2014 with a funding strategy to close the gap on sidewalk infrastructure maintenance.
5. That Council requests the Province of Ontario to establish an infrastructure funding program for sidewalk maintenance to support the goals of the legislation and assist municipalities close the gap on sidewalk infrastructure repairs.
6. That this resolution be forwarded to the Council approved comparator municipalities for endorsement.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at extension 1506.

Bonnie Nistico-Dunk  
City Clerk

cc Blair Labelle, City Clerk, City of Guelph, 1 Carden St., Guelph ON N1H 3A1 ✓