

APPROVAL REPORT

The Animal Control Amendment Bylaw, 2020 and The Dangerous Animals Amendment Bylaw, 2020

ISSUE

This report submits Bylaw No. 9710, *The Animal Control Amendment Bylaw, 2020*, and Bylaw No. 9711, *The Dangerous Animals Amendment Bylaw, 2020* for City Council's consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council consider Bylaw No. 9710, *The Animal Control Amendment Bylaw, 2020*, and Bylaw No. 9711, *The Dangerous Animals Amendment Bylaw, 2020*.

BACKGROUND

At its [February 24, 2020 Regular Business Meeting](#), City Council considered the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated February 11, 2020 and resolved in part:

- “1. That the Proposed amendments to Bylaw No. 7860, *The Animal Control Bylaw, 1999* and Bylaw No. 8176, *The Dangerous Animals Bylaw, 2003* as outlined in the February 11, 2020 report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, be approved”,

with the exclusion of recommendation 6 in Appendix 1; and

- “2. That the City Solicitor be requested to make the necessary amendments to Bylaw No. 7860, *The Animal Control Bylaw, 1999*, and Bylaw No. 8176, *The Dangerous Animals Bylaw, 2003*”.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

In addition to the amendments approved by City Council, *The Animal Control Amendment Bylaw, 2020* clarifies the definition of “at large”. It is now clear that animals that are off-leash in common areas of private property, such as in the hallways of an apartment building, are “at large” within the meaning of this Bylaw.

At its November 25, 2019 Multi-Year Preliminary Corporate Business Plan and Budget Meeting, City Council approved free licensing for “service animals”. A definition of “service animals” has therefore been added to *The Animal Control Bylaw, 1999* and references to “guide dog” have been changed to “service animal”, where appropriate.

Various housekeeping amendments have been made to both *The Animal Control Bylaw, 1999* as well as *The Dangerous Animals Bylaw, 2003*.

In accordance with City Council's instruction, we are pleased to submit Bylaw No. 9710, *The Animal Control Amendment Bylaw, 2020*, and Bylaw No. 9711, *The Dangerous Animals Amendment Bylaw, 2020* for City Council's consideration.

NEXT STEPS

Updated parcel number, title number and reference land description for the recently expanded Avalon Off-Leash Area are not yet available, and will be added to *The Animal Control Bylaw, 1999* through a subsequent amendment.

APPENDIX

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 9710, *The Animal Control Amendment Bylaw, 2020*;
2. Proposed Bylaw No. 9711, *The Dangerous Animals Amendment Bylaw, 2020*.

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