

Amendments to the Animal Control and Dangerous Animals Bylaws

ISSUE

This report submits Bylaw No. 9867, *The Animal Control Amendment Bylaw, 2023* and Bylaw No. 9868, *The Dangerous Animals Amendment Bylaw, 2023* for City Council's consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council consider Bylaw No. 9867, *The Animal Control Amendment Bylaw, 2023* and Bylaw No. 9868, *The Dangerous Animals Amendment Bylaw, 2023*.

BACKGROUND

At its [October 31, 2022 Regular Business Meeting](#), City Council considered the report of the General Manager, Community Services, dated October 17, 2022, 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 October 17, 2022 report of the General Manager, Community Services, be approved without the amendments detailed in Appendix 2 to this report entitled "2. Enable owners of dangerous animals to apply for reviews of their dangerous animal orders after 24 months from the date of the order;
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 directed by City Council, provisions were added to clarify that, if an animal is already subject to a dangerous animal order and proceedings are brought in relation to that animal again due to a subsequent event, the Court is able to issue a new order that is not less restrictive than the previous order, or an order for destruction. While this has not caused any substantive issues in the past, there has been some confusion regarding the procedure for handling this type of circumstance.

In accordance with City Council's instructions, we are pleased to submit Bylaw No. 9867, *The Animal Control Amendment Bylaw, 2023* and Bylaw No. 9868, *The Dangerous Animals Amendment Bylaw, 2023* for City Council's consideration.

APPENDICES

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 9867, *The Animal Control Amendment Bylaw, 2023.*
2. Proposed Bylaw No. 9868, *The Dangerous Animals Amendment Bylaw, 2023.*

Report Approval

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