



MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE

REPORT NO. LS-011-24

TO: Mayor and Members of Council
FROM: Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
MEETING DATE: September 9, 2024
SUBJECT: Proposed Amendment to Animal Control By-law

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. LS-011-24 **BE RECEIVED** for information;

AND THAT Council **APPROVE** the draft amendment to Animal Control By-law 63-2022, as appended to this report, in principal and direct staff to bring forward the amending by-law at the next regular meeting of Council.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a draft of an amendment to the Animal Control By-law (63-2022) in order to do some minor housekeeping amendments and to ensure that the by-law has provisions for the newly permitted Doggy Day Care use, are similar to a kennel licensing.

BACKGROUND:

At the Council meeting on July 15, 2024 Council passed a zoning amendment to permit a new use of "Doggy Day Care" and as part of this, staff need to ensure that our Animal Control by-law is brought up to date to be in compliance with the Zoning By-law.

The proposed amendment will provide consistency with the Zoning By-law with the addition of the definition of Doggy Day Care, which is taken from the Zoning By-law and the addition of definitions for Board and Operator and updating the definition of Dog, will further provide clarity within the Animal Control By-law.

The sections that refer to purchasing a dog license and or dog tags have been updated to reflect the transition from annual license fee for Dog tags, to a permanent dog tag, which were approved by Council starting January 1, 2022 (report number F-015-21 and resolution number 307-2021).

There is an addition of a section for registering Doggy Day Cares. This keeps Doggy Day Care's in line with Kennels and allows for inspections and requires proof of insurance, naming the municipality as an additional insured to protect the Municipality.

The fee for the Doggy Day Care registration will mirror the one for Kennels and will come into force and effect with the 2025 Fees and Charges. Current Doggy Day Care operators will be contacted in late November with regard to the registration and inspection requirements.

COMMENTS:

Attached to this report is the updated or consolidated version of the Animal Control By-law, which lays out the updates within the by-law, with new parts highlighted in yellow and parts that are being replaced or removed are shown with strike through lines.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The 2024 fee for Kennel License is \$156.00 annually.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK

Pillar: *Community Communications & Engagement*

Goal: *Increase communications between the municipality (Council and Staff) and the public*

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft Consolidated Animal Control By-law – with proposed changes
Schedule A
Schedule F
Schedule G

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