



GEORGINA

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF GEORGINA
Appeals Committee (Aggressive/Dangerous Dogs) Agenda**

Thursday, July 4, 2024

7:00 PM

Pages

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Town of Georgina recognizes and acknowledges that we are on lands originally used and occupied by the First Peoples of the Williams Treaties First Nations and other Indigenous Peoples, and on behalf of the Mayor and Council, we would like to thank them for sharing this land. We would also like to acknowledge the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation as our close neighbour and friend, one with which we strive to build a cooperative and respectful relationship.

We also recognize the unique relationship the Chippewas have with the lands and waters of this territory. They are the water protectors and environmental stewards of these lands and we join them in these responsibilities.

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

4. EXPLANATION OF MEETING PROCEDURE

5. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEM(S)

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

7. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL OR WITHDRAWAL

8. AGGRESSIVE/DANGEROUS DOG APPEALS

8.1 Aggressive/Dangerous Dog Appeal 23-4089

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Owner - Monika Arpasi & Rudy Teunissen, located at 5877 Latimer Road, Sutton West.

Requesting appeal for Aggressive Dog Order issued for "Zoey" and "Astra".

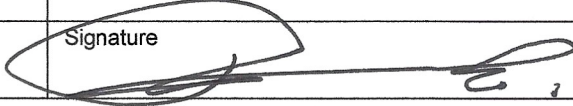
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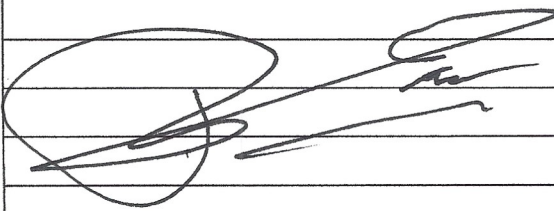
10. OTHER BUSINESS
11. NEXT MEETING
12. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Appeal 23-4089
“Zoey” & “Astra”

Witness Statement

Witness			
Last name Teunissen		First Name Rudy	
Street address 5877 Latimer Road			Unit number
City/Town Sutton West	Postal code L0E 1R0	Province ON	E-mail [REDACTED]
Telephone number	Cell Number [REDACTED]		
Driver Identification Number	Signature 		
Incident details			
Location Vacant Lot East of 5877 Latimer Road, Sutton West			
Date of incident Friday, September 15, 2023		Time of incident Approximate noon	

I, Rudy Teunissen, submit the following statement as a true and accurate account of what I personally witnessed regarding the incident.

<p>Statement: My 2- 6 month-old puppies became attracted to loud sawmill machinery and screaming loud voices. They proceeded to run to our next-door vacant lot, which is a non-residential area, used as a sawmill, I ran after them to attach the leash to their collars</p> <p>As I entered the area, I witnessed both dogs standing approximately 20 feet from the 2 adult males, barking at them. One male was running towards the puppies with a 2x4 piece of lumber and throwing rocks at them, while the other male shot 3 rounds of bullets toward them, on top of a trailer 30 feet away as the puppies ran back towards me.</p> <p>I yelled "Stop shooting" as I attempted to leash the puppies being scared, he would hit me and the puppies. The other male kept running towards me with the 2x4 piece of lumber, screaming and yelling "Get them fucking dogs off this property, they are attacking us" I apologized and requested to stop yelling and approaching us so as not to upset the puppies further.</p> <p>I leashed both puppies and proceeded back to our own yard, as he kept yelling in an extremely violent manner "I am going to call the fucking police" I again apologized as he kept following me aggressively yelling and threatening me.</p> <p>Both puppies remained distant throughout the entire incident and never made contact with any of the males, as they were more scared than violent. The overreaction and the aggressive behavior of the 2 males made things even worse for me to control the puppies.</p> <p>I am fully aware of the ruling and unfortunately, as we are training them to stay on our property, the unusual noises attracted them to investigate. I also had my 2 adult dogs with me as they stayed at our property as I directed. A similar incident happened 2 years ago with the same neighbor while they were puppies as we just moved to our property, and it never happened again!</p> <p>We are in the process of fencing this side of our property mostly for the fact to keep this neighbor from our property in fear of being shot at. The following day I had to fly out of the country for business reasons and was unable to contact the police. However, after this report, I will pursue that option, to have it on record.</p>
<p>Yours truly, Rudy Teunissen</p> <p></p> <p>Dated: September 25, 2023.</p>
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AGGRESSIVE/DANGEROUS DOG DECLARATION

Office Use Only

Dog Owner

Name: _____

Address: _____

Description of Dog

Name of Dog: _____

Dog Tag no.: _____

Breed of Dog: _____

Microchip no: _____

Dog Colour/description: _____

Rabies Tag no: _____

Incident Details

Address: 5833 Latimer Road

Location on Property **/OR** Location on Street: On Driveway of 5833 Latimer Road (Our property)

Date of Incident: Friday September 15, 2023

Time of Incident: approx. 12 noon (pm)

Details of Incident:

On Friday September 15th around noon I was in my driveway cutting firewood with my dad (in his 70's). The two dogs from next door (2 large brown/black German Sheppard's) came running towards us, barking aggressively. They jumped on us with their front paws and were growling, baring their teeth and foaming at the mouth. My dad and I managed to hold them off by grabbing large pieces of wood and screaming at them to get away. Their owner (our neighbour) came running to get the dogs when he heard our screams. He had trouble controlling them and getting them back on the leash. We asked him to return once the dogs were in the house to talk about how to avoid this happening again, but he didn't come back. The dogs returned to my house this morning, so clearly the owners aren't taking this seriously. I am terrified to have my 2 young kids play outside now. We reported these dogs 2 years ago and they told Animal Control that they would keep them on their own property. We've now had them come to our house off leash 5+ times in the past 3 months. There is also a daycare across the road. After this attack, I can't let this happen to anyone else – especially a child. Something needs to be done to keep my family and our neighbours safe from these large vicious dogs.

Name of Witness: Bart Perrin

Phone no: [REDACTED]

Address of Witness: 5833 Latimer Road, Sutton



Signature of witness

Commissioner for Taking Affidavits

AGGRESSIVE/DANGEROUS DOG DECLARATION

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Address: _____	
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Breed of Dog: _____	Microchip no: _____
Rabies Tag no: _____	
Dog Colour/description: _____	

Incident Details

Address: 5833 Latimer Road

Location on Property **/OR** Location on Street: My son's driveway (5833 Latimer Road)

Date of Incident: 09/15/23

Time of Incident: 12:00pm

Details of Incident:

On Friday my son and I were cutting wood at his place next to the house when suddenly 2 large dogs came running across the field from the neighbours. They were very aggressive and barking and growling and refused to stop as we backed away. We yelled at them to go home but they kept coming at us until I finally took up a large club of wood and they surrounded us but refused to leave looking for ways to get at us. Finally with all the yelling and barking the neighbour (owner) came across my son's field. He was unable to get them on a leash for quite some time but finally got them on their way back. These dogs are dangerous and way to aggressive but probably think they are defending territory but it is not their territory. They are a real danger to anyone but especially to children (my 2 grandchildren) as well as the day care next door. The neighbour **MUST** be made to keep them their property and they should be on leash and muzzled.

Name of Witness: Donald Perrin

Phone no: [REDACTED]

Address of Witness: [REDACTED]



Signature of witness

Commissioner for Taking Affidavits

AGGRESSIVE/DANGEROUS DOG DECLARATION

Office Use Only

Dog Owner

Name: _____

Address: _____

Description of Dog

Name of Dog: _____

Dog Tag no.: _____

Breed of Dog: _____

Microchip no: _____

Dog Colour/description: _____

Rabies Tag no: _____

Incident Details

Address: 5833 Latimer Road, Sutton

Location on Property **/OR** Location on Street: On our property – front/back of house

Date of Incident: Many (listed below)

Time of Incident: Various (listed below)

Details of Incident:

Our neighbours 2 aggressive, large German Shephard’s have come onto our property many times over the past few years. I’ve got 2 videos and a picture of such incidents and will send them in separate emails (due to the size)

- July 6, 2023 – 6:57pm – we had just finished dinner and were sitting in our family room playing with the kids after dinner. We saw both dogs directly outside our front window. My husband went out to yell and tell them to get home. I started filming when they had just got to the street. They weren’t scared and wouldn’t budge until their owner started screaming from their property.
- September 13, 2023 – 12:34pm – Video – heard barking while I was working from my home office. Looked out my window into the backyard and saw both dogs running loose very close to our house.
- September 15, 2023 – 12:00pm – No video/picture – my husband and father-in-law were approached while cutting firewood in our driveway. The dogs were very aggressive towards them, barked, growled, jumped on them and wouldn’t relent until their owner came (who had trouble getting them under control)
- September 19, 2023 – 8:26am – Picture – again, was working from home and heard barking – the two dogs were off leash in our driveway

My kids love playing outside, wait in our driveway for the bus, and we are having an outdoor birthday party for our 6-year-old on October 1st. We need something done to keep everyone safe from these dogs. The owners do not keep them on their own property, and barely have control over them when they escape. I’m worried for my family’s safety.

Name of Witness: Lindsay Perrin

Phone no: [REDACTED]

Address of Witness: 5833 Latimer Road, Sutton



Signature of witness

Commissioner for Taking Affidavits



AGGRESSIVE/DANGEROUS DOG ORDER

To: Monika Arpasi
Address: 5877 Latimer Road, Sutton West

Description of dog

Name: Zoey
Breed: German Shepard
Colour/Description: Black, Red, Unsterilized Female

Dog tag no. N/A **Rabies tag:** N/A **Microchip implant:** 952000001381961

The Corporation of the Town of Georgina is in receipt of a Declaration duly executed by the Manager of Municipal Law Enforcement/C.M.L.E.O. pursuant to Section 2.1 (a) of By-law No. 2008-0138 (REG-1), stating that the dog described above, on the 15th day of September, 2023, did demonstrate aggressive behavior, namely, while running at large, did bark, growl, and jump on two individuals.

In accordance with Section 2.1 of By-law No. 2008-0138 (REG-1) the dog described above is hereby declared as **Aggressive**.

As such, in accordance with Section 3.1 of By-law No. 2008-0138 (REG-1), you are hereby ordered to:

- (a) License the dog annually with the Town in accordance with the by-law providing for the licensing of dogs.
- (b) Not allow the dog to be at large.
- (c) Restrain the dog when off the property as follows:
 - (i) fitted with a muzzle as defined, and
 - (ii) fitted with a leash, not more than 1.83 metres (6') in length, properly secured to a collar or harness, all of which are strong enough to prevent the dog from breaking away, and
 - (iii) controlled by a person not less than 16 years of age.
- (d) Restrain the dog when on the property as follows:
 - (i) inside the dog owner's dwelling; or
 - (ii) within a yard that is entirely enclosed by a fence not less than 1.83 metres (6') high equipped with a lockable self closing, self latching gate that can not be opened from the outside by a child less than 10 years of age and constructed so as to prevent the dog from escaping.
- (e) Infix the dog with a microchip implant.
- (f) Sterilize the dog before the age of 6 months or within 30 days of being designated as aggressive. The dog owner shall provide proof of sterilization immediately upon request of the Manager of Municipal Law Enforcement/C.M.L.E.,O.
- (g) Display "Beware of Dog" warning signs, in a conspicuous place, at all entrances to the property indicating the presence of an aggressive dog.
- (h) Comply with the terms of the Aggressive/Dangerous Dog Order as amended.

Furthermore, if your dog has been declared Dangerous, in accordance with Section 3.2 of By-law 2008-0138 (REG-1), you are also hereby ordered to:

- (a) Comply with all restrictions as noted in Section 3.1 of By-law No. 2008-0138 (REG-1).
- (b) In addition to the yard fencing requirements noted in Section 3.1(d)(ii), keep the Dangerous Dog fitted with a muzzle, as defined, when not secured within the dog owner's dwelling.
- (c) Produce proof of liability insurance in the amount of not less than \$25,000, to the Manager of Municipal Law Enforcement/C.M.L.E.O., for any injuries to a person or domestic animal caused by the Dangerous Dog.
- (d) Surrender the Dangerous Dog to the Town animal shelter for humane euthanasia when the dog owner is unable or unwilling to meet the requirements of this by-law.

Request for a hearing before the Appeal Committee

In accordance with Section 2.1(c) of By-law No. 2008-0138 (REG-1), you may request a hearing before the Appeal Committee by submitting a written request, but such request must be received by the Town within 30 days of the date of this order. A cheque or money order in the amount of \$100.00 made payable to the "Town of Georgina" must accompany the appeal request. The appeal request must be addressed to the Town of Georgina, attention to the Manager of Municipal Law Enforcement/C.M.L.E.O., 26557 Civic Centre Road, Keswick, ON, L4P 3G1.

Take notice that, notwithstanding that a dog owner has requested a hearing before the Appeal Committee, Sections 3.1 (a), (b), (c), and (d)(i) of the Aggressive/Dangerous Dog By-law remain in effect until the Appeal Committee has rendered its decision or the expiration of 30 days from the issuance date of this Order.

Take further notice that, the Manager Municipal Law Enforcement/C.M.L.E.O. must be notified within forty-eight (48) hours of any change to the residency of the aggressive/dangerous dog.

This Order is duly served in accordance with Section 2.1(b) of By-law No. 2008-0138 (REG-1) on this 27 day of September, 2023.



Manager of Municipal Law Enforcement/C.M.L.E.O.



AGGRESSIVE/DANGEROUS DOG ORDER

To: Monika Arpasi

Address: 5877 Latimer Road, Sutton West

Description of dog

Name: Astra

Breed: German Shepard

Colour/Description: Black, Red, Unsterilized Female

Dog tag no. N/A

Rabies tag: N/A

Microchip implant: 952000001381972

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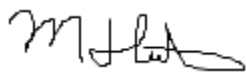
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Manager of Municipal Law Enforcement/C.M.L.E.O.

October 11, 2023

Rudy Teunissen and Monika Arpasi
5877 Latimer Road
Sutton West, ON. L0E 1R0

Town of Georgina, Municipal Law Enforcement
26557 Civic Centre Road
Keswick, ON. L4P 3G1

Attention: Mike Hutchinson, Manager, C.P.S.O, M.L.E.O

Subject: Appeal and Hearing Request for Aggressive/Dangerous Dog Order
RE: Astra & Zoey.

Dear Mr. Hutchinson,

We are requesting a hearing before the appeal committee, regarding our 2- 6-month-old German Shepards Astra and Zoey., regarding an incident that occurred on September 15, 2023.

Both orders were served together at the same time on September 27, 2023. With this request, I have enclosed two cheques in the amount of \$100.00 each, one for Astra and one for Zoey.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at [REDACTED] if further information is needed.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Rudy Teunissen', written over a horizontal line.

Rudy Teunissen

▼ Astra (37141868)

HomeSafe Code	N0TGR6FY
Status	Active
Name	Astra
External Identifier	
Date of Birth	Jan 22, 2023
Animal Type	Dog
Breed	German Sheppard
Colour	Black, Red
Microchip Number	952000001381972
Gender	Female, Unsterilized
Veterinarian	
Rabies vaccine expiration date	Jul 24, 2024
Other Information	

[More Details](#)

Licences

Status	Start	Exp.	Fee	
Dog - Intact	Active	Sep 21, 2023	Sep 22, 2024	\$35.00

▼ Zoey (37141867)

HomeSafe Code	N0TKR8Z7
Status	Active
Name	Zoey
External Identifier	
Date of Birth	Jan 22, 2023
Animal Type	Dog
Breed	German Sheppard
Colour	Black, Red
Microchip Number	952000001381961
Gender	Female, Unsterilized
Veterinarian	
Rabies vaccine expiration date	Aug 02, 2024
Other Information	

[More Details](#)

Licences

Status	Start	Exp.	Fee	
Dog - Intact	Active	Sep 21, 2023	Sep 22, 2024	\$35.00

January 12, 2024

Aggressive/Dangerous Dog Appeal for "Astra" and "Zoey"

Additional Documents.

As per the email dated December 14, 2023, informing me of a hearing date and submitting documents to be added to the agenda, I have attached the following;

- 1) Being proactive towards the charges we have built fencing around the property and installed a main gate at our driveway entrance. (See pictures #1 and 2.)
- 2) Understanding the charges and the need for obedience we have entered both Astra and Zoey into a puppy training workshop, called "Dog Training with Eli"
<https://elidogtrainer.com>
- 3) 2 months after the incident my brother-in-law visited us with his 9-year-old daughter for 3 weeks, I have attached pictures of them interacting and playing with the girl.
- 4) My brother-in-law (the girl's father) made a statement in writing regarding the experience and behaviour of Astra and Zoey (see attached).
- 5) Both Astra and Zoey have received all vaccinations from our veterinarian at the "Stouffville Veterinary Clinic" for puppies, including in the first **8 weeks**, Distemper, parvovirus, and Bordetella, at **10 weeks** DHPP (vaccines for distemper, adenovirus [hepatitis], parainfluenza, and parvovirus), at **16 weeks** DHPP, rabies, Influenza, Lyme disease, Leptospirosis. When they turn **1 year** of age they will receive the vaccine for Influenza, Coronavirus, Leptospirosis, Bordetella, and Lyme disease per lifestyle. After that, they will receive vaccines for Rabies (as required by law) **every year thereafter**.
- 6) I have also attached an affidavit notarised by a lawyer of me witnessing the incident.

I have taken this extremely seriously and take full accountability as it has given me an understanding of the importance of the puppy's behavior and proper training. It was a devastating experience for all involved, including the puppies, and I am hoping with the actions we have taken Astra and Zoey may have a second chance by clearing their names.

Thank you kindly for your understanding,

Rudy Teunissen
5877 Latimer Road, Sutton West, ON.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

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In the matter described hereby:

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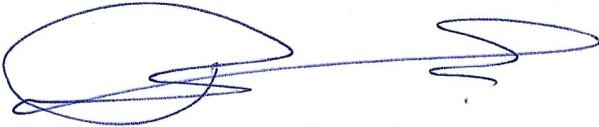
I, Rudy Teunissen, in Sutton West, in the Province of Ontario:

MAKE OATH AND SAY:


1. The information contained in this Affidavit, signed by me, is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and understanding.
2. On September 15, 2023, the following event occurred:

As I was walking my two 6-month-old German Shepherd puppies on our property, they became attracted by loud wood-cutting noises and people yelling. They proceeded to the vacant lot beside our property, and I followed calling them back. Unfortunately, being puppies and in the process of training, they did not listen. I appeared at the scene and witnessed the dogs barking at 2 individuals, one being my neighbour, who approached the dogs throwing rocks while swinging a piece of lumber at the 2 puppies, while the other individual was shooting a firearm. Although barking due to the aggressive approach of one individual and the shooting from the other person, at **NO** time did both dogs make **ANY** contact with any of these two individuals, they only barked at them standing back and running around as they were being chased. I requested for my neighbour to move away and stop attacking and chasing the dogs, and to stop the shooting since they made the situation even more dramatic for the dogs. I do have a heart condition and therefore it took a bit longer to retrieve and attach the leash to both dogs, which I eventually did while violently being yelled at by my neighbour, as I took them back to our property.

SWORN/ AFFIRMED before me at Keswick, in the Province of Ontario, on January 9, 2024



Rudy Teunissen
5877 Latimer Road, Sutton West, ON. L0E 1R0
Electrical Consultant



Commissioner for taking Affidavits

Noah David Hobson
Hobson Morris Law
Professional Corporation
185 A The Queensway South
Keswick, ON L4P 2A3

December 29, 2023

Regarding my experiences with Astra and Zoey

To Whom It May Concern,

By visiting my sister and my brother-in-law, Rudy, and Monika, for 3 weeks for a Christmas vacation with my 9-year-old daughter, I would like to make some comments about our experiences with the puppies Astra and Zoey, being the owner with training experiences of German Shepherd dogs.

When we reach out to the dogs, we are invading their personal space. We force an interaction between the dog and ourselves without giving them a chance to decide if we are safe, or if they are comfortable with the interaction. We proceeded (myself and my daughter) to sit on the sofa as both puppies approached us and started to sniff, there was no barking more of a careful timid approach. We proceeded to talk among ourselves ignoring direct attention to the dogs as they proceeded to lay down. My daughter began petting them as they rolled on their backs, seemingly enjoying it.

The first 2 days they kept their distance from us observing our moves but quickly accepted us as part of the family. I took them for walks on the leash alone and my daughter quickly became a playmate to the puppies as we videotaped this on many occasions. With her taking their toys out of their mouth and jumping on them, we never at any time seen a retaliation from the puppies. We accompanied them at one of their training sessions and saw no aggressive behaviour towards the other dogs either.

I wrote this statement as I know how much Rudy and Monika care for and love their dogs, they are part of the household, and sleep with them in the bedroom. In my experiences and the actions they have taken, I see no concern with both Astra and Zoey in the future.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janka Arpasi', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Janka Arpasi



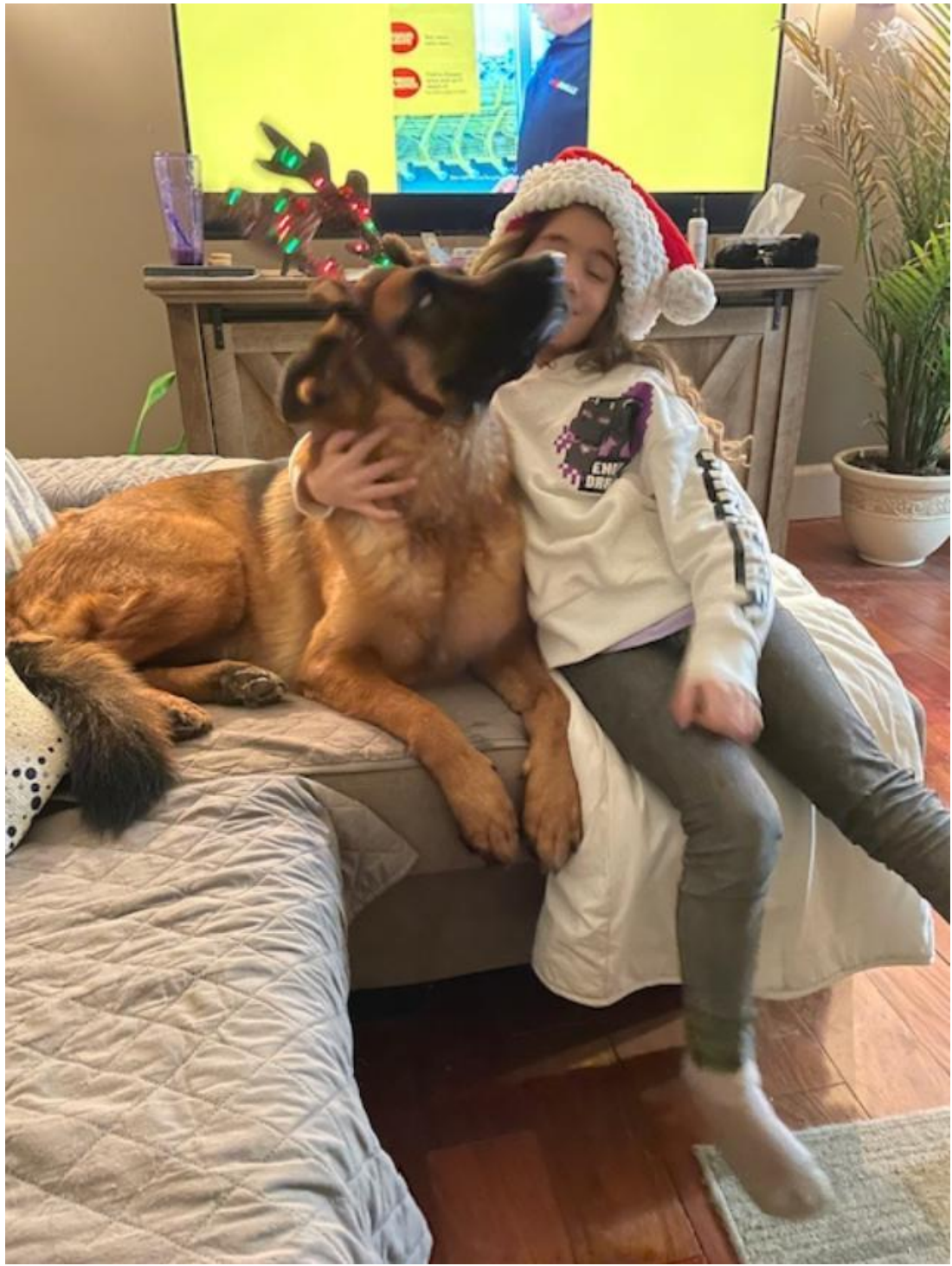
















THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF GEORGINA

GEORGINA

Appeals Committee (Aggressive/Dangerous Dogs) Minutes

Date: Tuesday, May 28, 2024
Time: 7:00 PM

Members of
Committee Present: Dan Fellini
Dave Neeson
Lee Dale

Staff Present: Lisa Hnatiw
Mike Hutchinson

1. CALL TO ORDER

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2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Moved By: Councillor Dale

Seconded By: Councillor Fellini

Councillor Neeson be appointed as Chair for tonight's meeting

Carried

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

4. EXPLANATION OF MEETING PROCEDURE

Councillor Neeson provided an explanation of the meeting procedures and proper speaker etiquette.

5. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEM(S)

No addendum items.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By: Councillor Fellini

Seconded By: Councillor Dale

The May 28, 2024 agenda be approved as amended

Carried

7. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL OR WITHDRAWAL

None

8. AGGRESSIVE/DANGEROUS DOG APPEALS

1. Aggressive/Dangerous Dog Appeal 23-3877

Owner - Andrew Knight & Irene (Irka) Dorosh, located at 272 Kenwood Avenue, Keswick.

Requesting appeal for Dangerous Dog Order issued for "River".

Andrew Knight and Irka Dorosh spoke on the incident that happened with their dog River and his character. States that River is an emotional support dog. They stated what they have done to make sure this incident does not happen again.

Councillor Neeson states how emotional these appeals can be for both parties.

Councillor Fellini asks if this isn't the first time something like this has happened with River.

Mrs. Dorosh had addressed the two times when River got loose.

Councillor Dale asks the owner, if Mr. Knight and River reside in the RV. Mr. Knight and River do not reside in the RV. They take the RV camping.

Councillor Dale asks if River is a registered support dog. Mr. Knight states that River goes everywhere with him and has the papers to support that River is an emotional support dog.

Councillor Dale states on page 33 out of 49 of the agenda, there are notes from the license veterinarian that there were behaviour concerns of River before he was adopted. Mrs. Dorosh states that since River has been in their house he has not displayed any aggressive behaviour. She states River is good with other dogs and kids since he was adopted.

Councillor Dale asks the appellants to speak on one of the witness statements.

Councillor Neeson asks the appellants if they could give anymore detail regarding the incident on September 2, 2023.

Charlene Biggerstaff is asked to speak. Technical difficulties arose.

Six minutes granted at 7:54pm to give Charlene Biggerstaff time to fix the technical issues.

Moved By: Councillor Dale

Seconded By: Councillor Fellini

Meeting will reconvene at 8:00pm

Carried

Charlene Biggerstaff stated her feelings on the situation and stated that she would like the committee members to give the dog owners a chance to request for adjustments.

Councillor Dale and Councillor Neeson asks Mrs. Biggerstaff some clarifying questions regarding the night of the incident.

First public speaker, Philippa Mullins speaks on the character of River.

Second public speaker, Daniel Podilczyk speaks on the character of River.

Mr. Knight and Mrs. Dorosh states the character of River and everything they have done to make sure an incident that happened, does not happen again.

Councillor Neeson asks the appellants if there any amendments they would like or want the title to be rescind.

Mr. Knight and Mrs. Dorosh state the amendment they would like.

Councillor Dale and Councillor Neeson ask bylaw staff clarification questions regarding the order and the bylaw.

Councillor Dale asks clarification questions to the appellants.

Committee discusses their thoughts on the matter.

Decision:

Moved By: Dale

Seconded By: Fellini

Carried

The dog "River" be deemed Aggressive instead of Dangerous, with the modification to the leash length from 6ft in the bylaw, to 12ft to accommodate Mr. Knights mobility challenges.

9. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on January 29, 2024.

Moved By: Councillor Fellini

Seconded By: Councillor Dale

That the minutes of the meeting held on January 29th, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Carried

10. OTHER BUSINESS

None

11. NEXT MEETING

TBD

12. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved By: Councillor Dale

Seconded By: Councillor Fellini

The meeting adjourn at 8:46 p.m.

Carried.