



**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWN OF GEORGINA**

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**Appeals Committee (Aggressive/Dangerous Dogs) Minutes**

Date: Monday, September 16, 2024  
Time: 7:00 PM

Members of

Committee Present: Charlene Biggerstaff  
Dan Fellini  
Lee Dale

Staff Present:

Lisa Hnatiw  
Mike Hutchinson

**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**

Moved By: Councillor Fellini

Seconded By: Councillor Biggstaff

Councillor Dale be appointed as Chair for tonight's meeting

**Carried**

**3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Councillor Biggerstaff declares a conflict of interest on Section 9 of the agenda, pertaining to the minutes of the meeting held on May 28th, 2024 as Councillor Biggerstaff participated as a resident.

Minutes held on May 28th, 2024 will be presented for adoption in a future meeting.

**4. EXPLANATION OF MEETING PROCEDURE**

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

**5. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEM(S)**

One Addendum Item

- Additional correspondence received from Florence Rollings regarding appeal 22-2689.

**6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved By: Councillor Fellini

Seconded By: Councillor Biggerstaff

**Carried**

**7. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL OR WITHDRAWAL**

None

**8. AGGRESSIVE/DANGEROUS DOG APPEALS**

**1. Aggressive/Dangerous Dog Appeal 22-2689**

Owner - Florence Rollings, located at 43 The Queensway South, Keswick.

Requesting appeal for Dangerous Dog Order issued for "Bagel"

Rhonda Ostash speaks on behalf of her mother Florence Rollings due to anxiety. Rhonda spoke on why the Dangerous Dog Order should be overturned. Rhonda states that Bagel is not a dangerous dog and has proof from letters, videos and photos. Rhonda speaks about the behaviour of the other dog Rubber involved in the incident. Rhonda speaks about an incident, where the order was posted to a bulletin board at 43 The Queensway South. Rhonda speaks about the other statements in the agenda.

The Committee confirmed that Rhonda was speaking on behalf of her mother.

Councillor Biggerstaff asks clarifying questions regarding the incident that happened on July 1st, 2022.

Councillor Fellini asks clarifying questions regarding the bite.

The Committee Secretary advised the declarant would not be attending the meeting

Councillor Dale asks By-law staff if there was any previous orders on Bagel. Manger of Municipal Law Enforcement confirmed there have been no pervious orders.

Committee discusses between each other to make a decision.

Councillor Dale asks clarifying questions to Manager of Municipal Law Enforcement regarding the order in an apartment setting.

Committee asks Florence/Rhonda if there are any sections in the order that they are concerned on complying with.

Committee continues to discuss between each other to make a decision.

**Decision:**

Moved By: Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By: Councillor Fellini

**Carried.**

The order for the Aggressive/Dangerous dog appeal #22-2689 is upheld in its entirety with the amendment of Section 3.1 (c)(ii) where as the dog must be secured to a harness instead of a collar.

2. **Aggressive/Dangerous Dog Appeal 23-2249**

Owner - Jerzy Rabianski, located at 100 Lake Drive North, Keswick.

Requesting appeal for Dangerous Dog Order issued for " Neo"

Jerzy Rabianski states he was not present during the time of the incident and that his mother was watching the dog Neo. Jerzy stated that his mom was not supposed to walk the dog, but did it anyway. Jerzy spoke regarding Neo's behaviour. Jerzy states that Neo was also bit during the incident and explains why Neo might have acted out. Jerzy states he would like some relief from the order and states the sections he would like amended.

Councillor Biggerstaff would like to give Jerzy an opportunity to read over Section 3.2 of the order and see if he has any concerns.

Jerzy states he would like relief from Section 3.2 (b)(c)(d). Jerzy states his concerns regarding the fence requirements.

Councillor Dale asks Municipal Law Enforcement staff clarification regarding fencing requirements when a property backs onto a lake.

Councillor Biggerstaff asks Jerzy if the fence is properly latched. Jerzy states how the locking/latching mechanism works on the fence.

The Declarant, Shauna Worthington provides details on what happened during the incident on June 2nd, 2023.

Councillor Dale asks Shauna regarding the severity of her injuries and if treatment was given.

Shauna states she visited her nurse practitioner clinic and South Lake Hospital to seek treatment.

Councillor Dale asks Shauna to given more details regarding the incident on June 2nd, 2023.

The Committee discusses between each other on there decision and asks clarifying questions to Jerzy regarding his property and items from the order he would like amended.

Committee asks Manager of Municipal Law Enforcement how Animal Services will be following up to make sure the order is being followed and how to word the amendment properly.

Five minutes granted at 8:54pm to give Manager Municipal Law Enforcement to come up with the proper wording for the decision.

Moved By: Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By: Councillor Fellini

Meeting will reconvene at 9:00pm

**Carried**

Manager of Municipal Law Enforcement presents the wording for the amendments.

Councillor Dale confirms with the committee that they approve the wording of the amendment.

**Decision:**

Moved By: Councillor Fellini

Second By: Councillor Biggerstaff

**Carried**

The order for the Aggressive/Dangerous dog appeal #23-2249 be upheld in its entirety with amendments to Section 3,1(d)(ii) to state “within a yard that is entirely enclosed by a fence, excluding the waterfront side of the property, not less than 1.83 metres (6') high, or the height of the current and existing fence on the property, whichever is less, 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. While in the rear yard, the dog must be tethered on a lead or a leash that will prevent the dog from crossing all property lines”. Section 3.2(b) be waived. An extension of 30 days from September 16th, 2024 be given to the appellant to comply with the order.

**9. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting held on May 28, 2024.

As stated at the beginning of the meeting. Councillor Biggerstaff stated a conflict of interest with regards to the meeting minutes held on May 28th, 2024 as Councillor Biggerstaff participated as a resident. The minutes will be adopted in a future meeting.

**10. OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**11. NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting will be held on September 25th, 2024 at 7:00pm

**12. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Moved By: Councillor Fellini

Seconded By: Councillor Biggerstaff

The meeting adjourn at 9:04 p.m.

**Carried.**