



THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWN OF GEORGINA

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Appeals Committee (Aggressive/Dangerous Dogs) Minutes

Date: Thursday, September 26, 2024  
Time: 7:00 PM

Members of

Committee Present: Charlene Biggerstaff  
Dan Fellini  
Lee Dale

Staff Present:

Lisa Hnatiw  
Tyler Nicholson

**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 Biggerstaff

Councillor Dale be appointed as Chair for tonight's meeting

**Carried**

**3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None.

**4. EXPLANATION OF MEETING PROCEDURE**

Councillor Dale 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 Biggerstaff

Seconded By: Councillor Fellini

**Carried**

**7. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL OR WITHDRAWAL**

None.

**8. AGGRESSIVE/DANGEROUS DOG APPEALS**

1. Aggressive/Dangerous Dog Appeal 23-4089

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

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

Rudy Teunissen provides details on what happened during the incident.

Councillor Dale asks clarifying questions towards Mr. Teunissen's statement and why he thinks the decision was bias.

The Declarant, Lindsay Perrin provides details on her opinion towards the appellant's statement. Mrs. Perrin provides details regarding the incident. Mrs. Perrin provides details regarding another incident that happened after the appealed incident.

Councillor Biggerstaff asks the declarant clarifying questions.

Councillor Biggerstaff asks Bylaw staff to verify if there was another incident that happened. The chair gives Mr. Nicholson time to look into the matter.

Councillor Dale asks Mrs. Perrin for more details regarding her experiences with the two dogs and more details regarding the two incidents.

Supervisor of Municipal Law Enforcement, Tyler Nicholson states that there was another incident in July, and the documents are with Animal Services.

Councillor Dale asks if there was other charges given to the appellant. Mr Nicholson states that other charges were given regarding the July incident.

Councillor Dale asks Mr. Nicholson to clarifying the difference between Aggressive and Dangerous.

Councillor Fellini asks Mr. Nicolson if a police report was given. There was no police report for the incident.

Rudy Teunissen states the character of the dogs and what they are like around children. Mr. Teunissen states the proactive measures he has done to keep his dogs on his property and the training they have done. Mr. Teunissen states that he does not take his dogs off the property since the incident happened.

Councillor Dale asks clarifying questions to Mr. Teunissen.

Councillor Dale asks Bylaw staff if the fence is appropriate to pass inspection.

The Committee discusses between each other to come up with a decision.

Rudy Teunissen states the condition of the fence and what he has done to make sure the dogs do not get through the fence.

The Committee continues to deliberate their decision.

**Decision:**

Moved By: Councillor Fellini

Second By: Councillor Biggerstaff

**Carried**

The orders for the Aggressive/Dangerous dog appeal #23-4089 be upheld in their entirety with amendments to Section 3,1(d)(ii) to include the following "If the fence is under 1.83 metres (6') upon inspection, the dog must be tethered on a lead or a leash that will prevent the dog from crossing all property lines". The appellant is responsible to set an appointment 30 days from September 26th, 2024 for an inspection.

**9. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

None.

**10. OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**11. NEXT MEETING**

TBD.

**12. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Moved By: Councillor Fellini

Seconded By: Councillor Biggerstaff

The meeting adjourn at 8:09 p.m.

**Carried.**