



THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWN OF GEORGINA

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Appeals Committee (Aggressive/Dangerous Dogs) Minutes

Date: Monday, October 28, 2024  
Time: 7:00 PM

Members of

Committee Present: Charlene Biggerstaff  
Dave Neeson  
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 Dale

Seconded By: Councillor Biggerstaff

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 Biggerstaff

Seconded By: Councillor Dale

**Carried**

**7. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL OR WITHDRAWAL**

None.

**8. AGGRESSIVE/DANGEROUS DOG APPEALS**

1. Aggressive/Dangerous Dog Appeal 24-0208

Owner Armando Di Martino, located at 3 Millennium Way, Keswick.

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

Armando Di Martino provided a detailed account of the recent incident involving his dog, Coco. Mr. Di Martino noted that Coco has had ongoing issues with the neighbors' dogs. He reported that Coco has undergone training since the incident and successfully interacted with twelve other dogs during these sessions. Mr. Di Martino expressed his sincere apologies for the occurrence.

Councillor Biggerstaff acknowledged receipt of a letter from Working K9 and commented on Mr. Di Martino's statements.

Susan Eaton, the declarant, outlined several instances in which Coco had been found loose and had approached her residence.

There were no members of the public present for the appeal meeting.

Councillor Biggerstaff asks Municipal Law Enforcement staff if the Animal Services has visited Mr. Di Martino's home to see if he is following the Order. Municipal Law Enforcement Manager, Mike Hutchinson states what the owner has to comply with on the Order before the appeal is heard. Mr. Hutchinson states that Animal Services has not reported any issues with Mr. Di Martino's compliance.

Mr. Di Martino apologizes for the incident that happened. Mr. Di Martino gives details of an incident that happened a couple years ago.

The committee engaged in a thorough discussion to reach a decision. Councillor Biggerstaff asked Mr. Di Martino whether he currently has a fence installed. Mr. Di Martino indicated that he does not have a fence at this time but plans to have one constructed in the near future

**Decision:**

Moved by: Councillor Dale

Seconded by: Councillor Biggerstaff

**Carried.**

The order for Aggressive/Dangerous dog appeal #24-0208 be upheld in its entirety with an extension of 45 days for the owner to comply with the order.

2. Aggressive/Dangerous Dog Appeal 24-1430

Owner - Andrew Skibinsky, located at 143 Cook's Bay Drive, Keswick.

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

Neither the appellant or the declarant are present for tonight's meeting.

The committee engaged in discussion to arrive at a decision.

**Decision:**

Moved by: Councillor Dale

Seconded by: Councillor Biggerstaff

**Carried.**

The order for the Aggressive/Dangerous dog appeal #24-1430 be upheld in its entirety.

**9. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

None.

**10. OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**11. NEXT MEETING**

November 25, 2024 at 7:00pm

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

**12. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Moved By: Councillor Dale

Seconded By: Councillor Biggerstaff

The meeting adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

**Carried.**