



THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF GEORGINA

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Appeals Committee (Aggressive/Dangerous Dogs) Minutes

Date: Thursday, November 28, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

Members of

Committee Present: Charlene Biggerstaff
Dan Fellini
Dave Neeson

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 Neeson

Seconded By: Councillor Fellini

Councillor Biggerstaff be appointed as Chair for tonight's meeting.

Carried.

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

4. EXPLANATION OF MEETING PROCEDURE

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

5. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEM(S)

No addendum items.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councillor Neeson suggests that we combined the two appeals into one appeal since they are both from the same incident.

Committee Secretary asks the appellants and declarant if that is okay. Everyone confirmed they would like to proceed as one appeal.

Moved By: Councillor Neeson

Seconded By: Councillor Fellini

Carried.

7. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL OR WITHDRAWAL

None.

8. AGGRESSIVE/DANGEROUS DOG APPEALS

1. Aggressive/Dangerous Dog Appeal 24-0676

Owner - Maria Mancusa and Roman Masek, located at 23 Manniku Road, Udora.

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

2. Aggressive/Dangerous Dog Appeal 24-0676

Owner - Catrina Munnik, located at 23 Manniku Road, Udora.

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

Maria Mancusa provided a comprehensive account of her side of the incident. She stated that after the event, she reached out to those involved via Facebook to inquire about any veterinary bills, expressing a willingness to cover the costs. Once Ms. Mancusa received the orders, she installed a 6-foot fence as a precautionary measure. Ms. Mancusa emphasized that the incident was isolated, and she was not present when it occurred. She also requested that a home video she submitted be presented to the committee for review

Councillor Neeson asked for clarification on the relevance of the video. Ms. Mancusa explained that the video was intended to demonstrate the behavior of the dogs involved.

The Committee Secretary played the video for review.

Catrina Munnik provided a detailed statement regarding her side of the incident. She explained that as soon as the dogs went missing, she and others went searching for them. Ms. Munnik also reached out to the declarant on Facebook,

offering to cover any veterinary expenses. However, she stated that the declarant declined the offer, not wishing for the appellants to pay

Councillor Neeson inquired whether Ms. Mancusa and Ms. Munnik had witnessed any biting during the incident. Both appellants confirmed they did not.

Councillor Fellini asks the appellants some clarifying questions.

Jackie Parker, the declarant, requested that her address not be recorded on the record.

Councillor Fellini motioned to waive the rules of procedure to accommodate Ms. Parker's request.

Moved by: Councillor Fellini

Seconded by Councillor Neeson

Carried.

Jackie Parker provided a detailed account of the incident involving her dog and the two dogs in question. She explained that she did not wish for the appellants to pay the veterinary bills, understanding that the owners would incur costs due to the orders placed on the dogs. Ms. Parker preferred that any financial contributions from the appellants go towards the costs of installing a fence and fulfilling other aspects of the order.

Councillor Fellini makes a comment regarding the matter.

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

The appellants made comments regarding the letter from the veterinarian outlining the behavior of the dogs involved. Ms. Munnik also provided additional remarks regarding the incident and the resulting wounds.

Ms. Parker clarified that the photos of the wounds were taken during the healing process and reiterated her desire to prevent a recurrence of the incident.

The committee members discussed the details of the incident and considered the evidence provided.

Decision:

Moved by: Councillor Neeson

Seconded by: Councillor Fellini

Carried.

The orders for Aggressive/Dangerous Dog Appeal #24-0676 for "Bear" and "Jenna" be upheld in their entirety.

9. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

None.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

11. NEXT MEETING

TBD

12. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved By: Councillor Neeson

Seconded By: Councillor Fellini

The meeting adjourn at 7:52 p.m.

Carried.