

Priorities Committee Meeting_Jul12_2016

REPORT FOR INFORMATION**Review of Dog Control Bylaw 85-2006****Report Purpose**

To provide Priorities Committee with an update and a timeline for the review of the Dog Control Bylaw 85-2006.

Council History

December 12, 2006 – Council gave three readings to the Dog Control Bylaw 85-2006.

Strategic Plan Priority Areas

Economy: n/a

Governance: Ongoing review of bylaws is a best practice for municipalities.

Social: Contributes to a helping, caring and safe community

Culture: n/a

Environment: n/a

Other Impacts**Policy:**

Legislative/Legal: Council may, by bylaw, amend the Dog Control Bylaw

Interdepartmental: Bylaw Enforcement Services is working with Legislative and Legal Services and Communications on a review of the Dog Control Bylaw

Summary

Enforcement Services and Legislative and Legal Services recently conducted an internal review of the Dog Control Bylaw. This review identified that a number of revisions should be considered. Best practices in the Capital Region, and in municipalities across Canada, will be identified. The study will include enforcement procedures, licencing practices, citizen education on requirements, provisions respecting vicious dogs, and over limit permits. Administration will report to Council with an analysis of best practices and stakeholder input and a proposed revision to the Dog Control Bylaw by the end of the first quarter of 2017.

Communication Plan

Communications will support a comprehensive public engagement process. Public engagement will include facilitated focus groups and public presentations with question and answer sessions, commencing this fall. Communications will create resident and stakeholder awareness of the process and timelines; and generate awareness and interest in participating in public engagement. Communication vehicles to reach stakeholders include website, social media and advertisements.