

Recommendation:

That the Building Department-2021-16 report, dated October 19, 2021, regarding Comprehensive Animal Control By-law be received and that Council authorize staff to proceed with the engagement of the public for receiving comments on the creation of a Comprehensive Animal Control By-law.

Overview:

At the end of 2020, Council reviewed a draft Animal Control By-law. As a result of timing and necessity to pass a dog licensing and ownership by-law, staff reduced the by-law to the necessities, and Council then passed the Responsible Dog Ownership By-law No. 2021-11.

Over the past few months, Staff have reviewed and updated the Animal Control By-law, relying on some public outreach, including associations and upper level government agencies. We are now ready to bring this by-law back to Council for a public meeting to receive comments and revise as needed.

Staff would propose a schedule of posting of a draft by-law on the website with commentary by the end of October, with a public meeting to be scheduled for November 16, 2021 at 5:00 p.m., and a return to Council on December 7, 2021 for review as required.

We would like to receive comment from farming associations, hunting associations, animal welfare agencies and anyone else in the community who may be impacted by this by-law.

Financial Impact:

There is no financial impact regarding the passing of this by-law at this time.

Strategic Plan Applicability:

To ensure and enable an effective and efficient municipal administration.

Sustainability Plan Applicability:

N/A

Report Approval Details

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Attachments:	
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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