



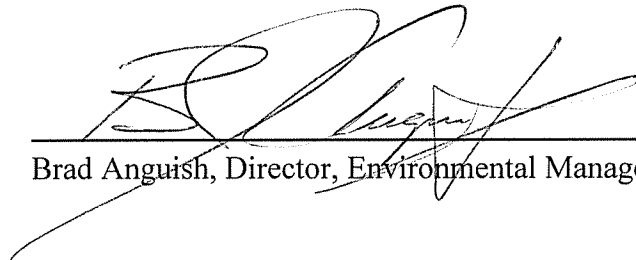
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**Halifax Regional Council
September 28, 2004**

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:

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Brad Anguish, Director, Environmental Management Services

DATE: September 14, 2004

SUBJECT: Cat Regulations Update

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Staff

BACKGROUND

At the meeting of Regional Council on July 13, 2004, a motion was passed to defer consideration of By-Law C-400, Respecting the Regulation of Cats, until staff can consider the issue in context of the pending harmonized By-Law A-300, Respecting Animals & Prohibited Animals which will be brought to Regional Council in the Fall.

DISCUSSION

Since the approval of staff's recommendation by Regional Council on July 13, 2004, extensive research has begun across Canada relative to cat legislation/by-laws to determine what regulations would be appropriate to incorporate in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

The staff expert assigned to this initiative has been unavailable for the past 3 weeks and is expected to be unavailable for an additional 5 weeks. Due to these unforeseen circumstances and competing priorities, another staff member has only been assigned recently to continue this research and collaborate with Legal Services to develop provisions that will be included in By-Law A-300, Respecting Animals & Prohibited Animals.

Staff's intention is to submit a recommendation report and complete a Committee of the Whole presentation introducing By-Law A-300 as soon as the research is completed and cat regulations have been developed and incorporated into the by-law. We anticipate the report and presentation will be to Council at the end of November.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budgetary implications to this report

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

ALTERNATIVES


N/A

ATTACHMENTS

None

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