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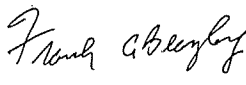
**Halifax Regional Council
January 8, 2008**

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer



Frank Beazley, Chief of Police

DATE: 20 December 2007

SUBJECT: **Proposed By-Law A-301, An Amendment to By-Law A-300,
Respecting Animals and Responsible Pet Ownership**

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

ORIGIN

As a result of a motion of Regional Council on December 11, 2007, Council requested staff amend clause 6(3)(a) of By-Law A-300, Respecting Animals and Responsible Pet Ownership.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Regional Council:

1. Give first reading to By-Law A-301 (attached as Appendix A), and set a public hearing date to adopt the By-Law.

BACKGROUND

Regional Council approved By-Law A-300, Respecting Animals and Responsible Pet Ownership on October 23, 2007 to come into effect April 1, 2008.

At the December 11, 2007 Regional Council meeting, Council requested clause 6(3)(a) of By-law A-300, Respecting Animals and Responsible Pet Ownership be amended:

1. Clause 6 (3) (a) of By-Law A-301, Respecting Animals and Responsible Pet Ownership currently reads as follows:

No owner of a cat shall:

(a) cause or permit a cat at any time to run at large,

DISCUSSION

It is proposed that s.6(3)(a) would read:

6(3) No owner of a cat shall

(a) cause or permit a cat to run at large, except

(i) A spayed or neutered cat may run at large on public property; and

(ii) The burden of proof that a cat has been spayed or neutered lies upon the owner of the cat;

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None which can be determined at this time.

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

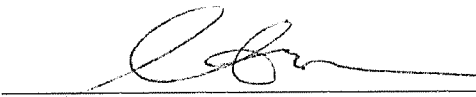
Maintaining the status quo, and not adopt the recommended amendments to By-Law, A-300.
This alternative is not recommended.

ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A: Amended A-301 By-Law Respecting Animals

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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Appendix A

**HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
BY-LAW NUMBER A-301
RESPECTING ANIMALS AND RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP**

BE IT ENACTED by the Council of the Halifax Regional Municipality that clause 6 (3)(a) of By-law A-300 be amended as follows,

6(3) No owner of a cat shall

(a) cause or permit a cat to run at large, except

(i) A spayed or neutered cat may run at large on public property; and

(ii) The burden of proof that a cat has been spayed or neutered lies upon the owner of the cat;

Done and passed on this day of , 2008.

Mayor

Acting Municipal Clerk

I, Julia Horncastle, Acting Municipal Clerk for the Halifax Regional Municipality, hereby certify that the above-noted By-Law was passed at a meeting of the Halifax Regional Council held on , 2008.

Julia Horncastle, Acting Municipal Clerk