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**Halifax Regional Council**  
**December 13, 2005**

**TO:** Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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**DATE:** December 7, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Harmonized Bylaw A-300-Respecting Animals

### **INFORMATION REPORT**

#### **ORIGIN**

July 5, 2005 Committee of the Whole staff presentation of draft Harmonized By-Law A-300.  
October 25, 2005 Committee of the Whole staff presentation and Council debate of draft Harmonized By-Law A-300.

## **BACKGROUND**

During the October 25, 2005 Committee of the Whole, staff presented a draft harmonized By-Law A-300 Respecting Animals for Council's consideration and direction. During the COW session Council brought forward 32 issues for staff to review and return with a supplementary report. Staff have also received several comments/suggestions from members of the public and interest groups that should also be considered.

## **DISCUSSION**

The termination of the animal control services by the NSSPCA has presented a tremendous challenge. Currently there is only one FTE dedicated to the animal control service in HRM and this transition requires the Community Projects division to concentrate more staff resources. To ensure a seamless transition of service to the public, staff's sole focus must be dedicated to assuming responsibility of the animal control services from NSSPCA effective December 15, 2005. Accordingly staff has had to set aside work on the supplementary report to Council regarding the harmonized By-Law A-300. Staff will endeavour to complete the review of the 32 issues raised by Council and submit a supplementary report as soon as resources allow in the New Year.

## **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

N/A.

## **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**

N/A

**Animal Control-Harmonized Bylaw A-300  
Council Report**

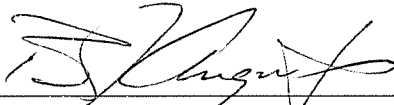
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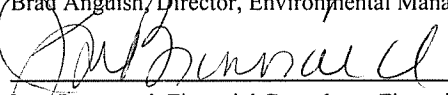
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