

Animal Services Appeal Committee Minutes
May 27, 2020 – 3:00 PM
Virtual Meeting

Present: C. Blissett, Chair
K. Langille, Member
W. Nunn, Member
S. O'Dwyer, Member

Also Present: A. Gratton, Staff Liaison, Manager of Enforcement Services
J. Bartlett, Animal Services Officer
H. Oerlemans, Council and Committee Coordinator (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: J. Herzog-Evans, Member

Call to Order

Heather Oerlemans, Council and Committee Coordinator, advised that due to the ongoing COVID-19 State of Emergency, the Animal Services Appeal Committee meeting is being held electronically. She provided Members of the Committee with an overview of meeting etiquette and procedures with respect to conducting the meeting electronically.

1. Disclosures of Interest

1.1 There were no disclosures of interest.

2. Appeal Hearing

2.1 Appeal of Order to Restrain a Dog
12 Guthrie Crescent,
Appeal # ASA 20-04

A. Gratton, Manager, Enforcement Services, advised that the issuing Officer of the order was unable to attend and that J. Bartlett, Animal Services Officer, would speak to the matter. Mr. Bartlett, Animal Services Officer, provided an overview of the circumstances that led to the issuance of the Order. Mr. Bartlett stated that on April 10, 2020, there was an altercation between the complainant's and appellant's dogs. Animal Services received a complaint that the appellant's dog was off-leash in D'Hillier Park at the time of the altercation and bit the

complainant's dog.

A question and answer period ensued between J. Bartlett and the Committee regarding whether the park was an off-leash dog park and the degree of the damages sustained by the complainant's dog.

J. Selfridge and G. Selfridge, the complainants, appeared before the Committee and provided a witness statement. Mr. Selfridge advised that the injuries to his dog included puncture wounds and emotional trauma. He stated that the incident has impacted his behaviour and routines when walking his dog.

R. Dunn and D. Dunn, the appellants, appeared before the Committee and provided a history of the dog. Mr. Dunn advised that the dog did not have a history of aggression.

A question and answer period ensued between the appellant and the Committee regarding why the dog was off-leash in the park.

The Committee excused the complainants, appellants, A. Gratton and J. Bartlett from the virtual meeting at 3:32 p.m. and reviewed the matter. The complainants, appellants, A. Gratton and J. Bartlett returned to the virtual meeting at 3:42 p.m.

Recommendation:

Moved By S. O'Dwyer

That the Order to Restrain a Dog for the dog 'Lucy' residing at 12 Guthrie Crescent, be confirmed.

Carried

3. Adjournment

3.1 Motion to Adjourn

Recommendation:

Moved By S. O'Dwyer

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Secretary, Animal Services Appeal
Committee