

Present: E. Holt, Acting Chair
J. McCalla, Member
W. Nunn, Member

Also Present: K. Novia, Supervisor, By-law and Animal Services
B. Hollinger, Animal Services Officer
H. Ellis, Council & Committee Coordinator (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: C. Blissett
K. Langille

1. Call to Order

- 1.1** H. Ellis advised that the Animal Services Committee Chair was not in attendance and that nominations for an Acting Chair would take place at this time.

J. McCalla nominated E. Holt as Acting Chair.

E. Holt accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations.

Recommendation:

Moved By J. McCalla

That E. Holt be appointed Acting Chair of the Animal Services Appeal Committee.

Carried

- 1.2** K. Novia, Supervisor of By-law and Animal Services, addressed the appellants and introduced the Committee. Ms. Novia outlined the authority of the Animal Services Appeal Committee and explained that the Committee has the ability to confirm Orders to Restrain, modify or rescind them.

2. Disclosures of Interest

2.1 There were no disclosures of interest.

3. Appeal Hearing

3.1 Appeal of Order to Restrain a Dog
20 Rimrock Crescent
Appeal # ASA 21-02

B. Hollinger, Animal Services Officer, provided an overview of what led to the issuance of the Order to Restrain for 20 Rimrock Crescent. Ms. Hollinger advised that a member of the public had received a dog bite from the dog residing at 20 Rimrock Crescent. Ms. Hollinger recommended that the Committee confirm the order.

A brief question and answer period ensued between the Committee and B. Hollinger regarding clarification on muzzling and restraint of the dog in the appellants' backyard.

E. Pauls and B. Wellsbury, the appellants, appeared before the Committee. Ms. Pauls advised that the backyard was now fully fenced and that the dog has since participated in obedience training classes. Ms. Pauls requested that the Order be rescinded.

A question and answer period ensued between the Committee and the appellants regarding:

- communications between the appellant and complainant regarding fencing and allowing the dog to be in the backyard unleashed;
- whether there was a level two training available;
- whether the dog was registered with the Town;
- when and how the training collar was being used;
- the age of the dog; and,
- whether there was anyone under the age of 16 who walked the dog.

K. Novia advised that a formal complaint regarding the incident had been submitted to the Town.

The Committee excused the appellants, K. Novia, and B. Hollinger from the virtual meeting at 3:29 p.m. and reviewed the matter. The appellants, K. Novia, and B. Hollinger returned to the virtual meeting at 4:14 p.m.

Recommendation:

Moved By J. McCalla

That the Order to Restrain a Dog for 20 Rimrock Crescent be modified to remove the muzzle requirement on August 25, 2022 so long as the following conditions are met:

1. That the dog be enrolled in additional obedience training from a Certified Trainer satisfactory to the Town of Whitby; and,
2. That a Letter of Completion of Training satisfactory to the Town of Whitby be submitted no later than August 1, 2022 to the Town of Whitby, Animal Services.

Carried

4. Adjournment

4.1 Motion to Adjourn

Recommendation:

Moved By W. Nunn

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Secretary, Animal Services Appeal
Committee