

Animal Services Appeal Committee Minutes
January 26, 2022 – 3:00 PM
Virtual Meeting

Present: C. Blissett, Member
H. Harty, Member
E. Holt, Member
K. Langille, Member
J. McCalla, Chair

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

Regrets: None noted

Call to Order

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.

1. Appointment of Chair

- 1.1** The Committee was advised that the appointment for the Chair of the Animal Services Appeal Committee for the January 1, 2022 to November 14, 2022 term would take place at this time.

Heather Ellis called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Animal Services Appeal Committee.

Carleen Blissett nominated Janelle McCalla for the position of Chair.

Janelle McCalla accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations and the nominations were closed.

Recommendation:

Moved By C. Blissett

That Janelle McCalla be appointed Chair of the Animal Services Appeal Committee for a term ending November 14, 2022.

Carried

2. Disclosures of Interest

2.1 There were no disclosures of interest.

3. Appeal Hearing

4.1 Appeal of Orders to Restrain a Dog
3 Selkirk Drive
Appeal # ASA 22-01

J. Bartlett, Animal Services Officer, provided an overview of what led to the issuance of the Orders to Restrain for 3 Selkirk Drive on October 5, 2021. Mr. Bartlett stated that the attack occurred across the street from 3 Selkirk Drive. Mr. Bartlett stated that two dogs broke free from their dog walker while leaving their house and attacked a neighbour walking her three children. Mr. Bartlett advised that two individuals were bit during the incident. He further advised that this was the second altercation with the dogs. Mr. Bartlett recommended that the Committee confirm the orders.

A brief question and answer period ensued between the Committee and Mr. Bartlett regarding which dog was responsible for the bite wounds.

N. Farrar, witness to the incident, appeared before the Committee. Ms. Farrar provided an overview of the incident and advised that the attack was not provoked, nor did it occur on the appellant's property. She stated that she and her three children were attacked while walking on the sidewalk on the opposite side of the road from 3 Selkirk Drive. Ms. Farrar further stated that during the attack she picked up her two year old child and her other children were pushed to the ground by the dogs. Ms. Farrar advised that she and her 8 year old daughter were bit by the dogs and that the wounds required medical treatment.

L. Sharpe, the appellant, appeared before the Committee. Ms. Sharpe provided an overview of the temperament of the dogs. Ms. Sharpe stated that she had not witnessed the situation as the incident occurred while the dogs were being walked by her dog walker.

A brief question and answer period ensued between the Committee and Ms. Sharpe regarding:

- Ms. Sharpe's request of the Committee; and,

- where the dogs were walked during the 'pack' walks.

M. Howes, witness for the appellant, appeared before the Committee. Ms. Howes stated that the dogs were walked by her company and that there were no previous incidents while walking the dogs. Ms. Howes advised that she takes the dogs to various dog parks. She further advised that the dogs remained muzzled while in public.

A question and answer period ensued between the Committee and Ms. Howes regarding:

- how often the dogs are walked by Ms. Howes; and,
- the locations where the dogs are walked off leash.

The Committee excused the appellant, Ms. Farrar, Ms. Howes, K. Novia, and J. Bartlett from the virtual meeting at 3:47 p.m. and reviewed the matter. The appellant, Ms. Farrar, Ms. Howes, K. Novia, and J. Bartlett returned to the virtual meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Recommendation:

Moved By E. Holt

That the Orders to Restrain a Dog for 3 Selkirk Drive be confirmed.

Carried

4. Adjournment

4.1 Motion to Adjourn

Recommendation:

Moved By H. Harty

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

Secretary, Animal Services Appeal
Committee