

COUNCIL NOTICE OF MOTION

Received Date	07/23/2025
Meeting Date	07/28/2025
Open or Closed	Open Session

Her Worship Mayor Donna Noade Reardon and Members of Common Council

SUBJECT : Enforcement Options regarding the Keeping of Animals

Primary Author	Input from Council	Input from Staff
Deputy Mayor John MacKenzie	Mayor	Chris McKiel

PROPOSED MOTION:

That the CAO be directed to investigate and report back on potential enforcement options at the City's disposal to address the challenges associated with the keeping of wild, domestic and exotic animals.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Section 9.10 of the City's Zoning By-Law provides for the keeping of chickens as a secondary use in one- or two-unit dwellings, semi-detached dwellings, or mini-homes. Section 10.10 also allows for the keeping of other animals, such as goats, horses, ponies, sheep or cows. The by-law provides detailed requirements for those who choose to house these animals on their property.

A recent complaint from a citizen concerning the on-going challenges caused by their neighbour's chickens has highlighted the need to explore potential enforcement tools that could be used by the City to address issues related to the keeping of animals.

I recommend that staff be directed to report back to Council back on potential enforcement options, including fines, at the City's disposal to address the challenges associated with the keeping of animals.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:

This aligns with the Council priority of Belong

SERVICE AND FINANCIAL OUTCOMES:

Enhanced by-law enforcement.

INPUT FROM OTHERS:

Input was received from Chris McKiel, Director of Development and Community Standards

ATTACHMENTS – N/A