

Wheatland County

Request for Decision

Regular Council Meeting

May 5, 2020

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Bylaw 2020-17 – Animal Control

Recommendation from Administration

THAT Council Approve Bylaw 2020-17:

Motion #1 – First Reading of Bylaw 2020-17; this being a bylaw of Wheatland County, cited as the ‘Animal Control Bylaw’, to provide for the licensing, regulation and control of dogs and other animals within Wheatland County.

Motion #2 – Second Reading of Bylaw 2020-17; this being a bylaw of Wheatland County, cited as the ‘Animal Control Bylaw’, to provide for the licensing, regulation and control of dogs and other animals within Wheatland County.

Motion #3 – That permission be granted to hold Third and Final Reading of Bylaw 2020-17.

Motion #4 – Third and Final Reading of Bylaw 2020-17; this being a bylaw of Wheatland County, cited as the ‘Animal Control Bylaw’, to provide for the licensing, regulation and control of dogs and other animals within Wheatland County.

Chief Administrative Officer’s Comments

N/A

Report

After an application from a ratepayer to have chickens within a hamlet as emotional support animals, Council directed staff to develop a process for ratepayers to make application for Emotional Support Animals within hamlets. Common emotional support animals tend to be livestock such as chickens and pot-bellied pigs.

Under the Land Use Bylaw, livestock animals are not allowed to be harboured within hamlet boundaries. This bylaw allows for ratepayers to apply for an Emotional Support Animal Permit if there is a need for that animal based on the conditions listed in the bylaw within a Hamlet.

In the bylaw there is a clear guideline what constitutes an emotional support animal, the conditions that must be followed in the case of granting an Emotional Support Animal permit. The sections regarding Emotional Support Animal Permits Only applies to Hamlets as listed in the definition section.

Relevant Policies, Practices, and Legislation

Animal Control Bylaw 2016-02

Alignment with the Strategic Plan

Responding to community needs.

Response Options

Option 1: THAT Council accepts/approves the recommendation as proposed.

Option 2: THAT Council does not accept/approve the recommendation as proposed.

Option 3: THAT Council accepts/approves an alternate recommendation of Council's choosing.

Implications of Recommendation

General

Staff anticipate an increase in Emotional Support Animal applications.

Organizational

A slight increase in application review and the inspection of properties.

Financial

N/A

Environmental, Staff, and Public Safety

N/A

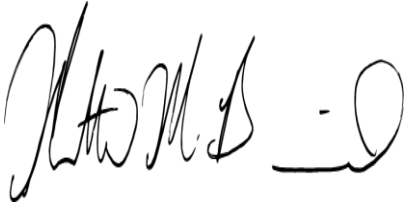
Follow-up Action / Communications

Upon the approval of Bylaw 2020-17, Administration will direct staff to communicate the changes to County ratepayers through our media channels.

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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Matthew Boscarol

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Brian Henderson