

REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY CLERK AND ACCESSIBILITY COORDINATOR

Re: By-Law to prohibit and regulate the keeping of exotic and other certain kinds of animals with in the City of Elliot Lake.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report of the Deputy Clerk and Accessibility Coordinator be received;

And that committee approve the attached drafted Exotic Pets By-law with Ministry of the Attorney General review to forward to the next regular meeting of council for adoption.

BACKGROUND

The updated and modernized Animal Control and Responsible Pet Ownership, By-Law 22-100 was passed during the October 11th, 2022 regular meeting of council. During the work done on this by-law all sections in relation to “exotic” or “prohibited” pets and animals in the City of Elliot Lake were removed in order to add into a stand alone exotic pet’s by-law that has now been drafted and attached here for committee review and feedback.

ANALYSIS

The exotic pets by-law attached has been drafted utilizing the current one in place, reference to other municipalities and modernized language to assist in enforceability and effectiveness.

The updates made to this bylaw include additional and more comprehensive definitions for enforceability purposes, clear and concise headings in order to separate the potential issues surrounding exotic pets and animals within the municipality. The City of Elliot Lake Municipal Enforcement Officer has reviewed and provided feedback during internal consultation. Most recent edits from the Ministry of the Attorney General have been highlighted for ease of review in the final draft attached.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Schedule fees/fines as applicable once approved and implemented.

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

The implementation of this by-law aligns with the City’s Strategic Plan through Health and community wellness and Environmental stewardship.

SUMMARY

With the repeal of the current bylaw and implementation of a modernized and amended version, this by-law will be more effective and efficient for the purposes of prohibiting and regulating the keeping of exotic and other certain kinds of animals with in the City of Elliot Lake and enforceability for the municipal enforcement officers.