

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF POWASSAN

BY-LAW no. 2007-35

Being a By-Law to appoint an Animal Control Officer

WHEREAS Section 9 of the Municipal Act, 2001 enables municipalities to govern their affairs as they consider appropriate and to enhance their ability to respond to municipal issues; and

WHEREAS Section 15(1) of the Police Services Act, RSO. 1990, Chapter p.15 states that a municipal council may appoint persons to enforce the by-laws of the municipality.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Powassan enacts as follows:

1. That Sandy Briggs be appointed as Animal Control Officer for the Corporation of the Municipality of Powassan effective January 1, 2008.
2. That by-law 2007-10 repealed effective December 31, 2007.

Adopted December 18, 2007.



Mayor



Clerk

AGENDA ITEM NO.	13.3
DATE:	DEC. 18/07

RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF PORT HONORABLE

11th March 1914

My dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the matter of the proposed extension of the term of office of the members of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New York and New Jersey.

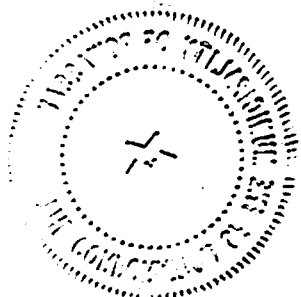
The Board of Commissioners of the Port of New York and New Jersey has the honor to inform you that it has considered the matter and has decided to extend the term of office of the members of the Board for a period of one year, commencing on the 1st day of January, 1915.

Very respectfully,
Commissioner of the Port of New York and New Jersey

Very truly yours,
John D. Rockefeller

Enclosed for you are two copies of the report of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New York and New Jersey for the year 1913.

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Sandy Briggs.

ANIMAL CONTROL
Callander, Chisholm Twp., & Nipissing Twp.

705-724-2676

RR4, Powassan, Ont., P0H 1Z0.

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Sandy Briggs,
RR 4, Powassan, Ont.,
724-2676

RE POWASSAN ANIMAL CONTROL.

QUALIFICATIONS:

I am not a Provincial Offences Officer and therefore not eligible to hand out tickets. As you already have a Provincial offence's officer in your By-Law officer, who is already trained in ticketing, court preparation, etc., it would be more cost effective and better to utilize his services than have an Animal Control Officer trained etc. to possibly hand out one ticket a year.

I have been designated as an expert witness in court, and have been to court in Powassan, North Bay and Parry Sound, as the previous Animal Control Officer for Powassan, both with the By-Law officer and the OPP., as well as for other dog related matters.

For more than fifteen years we did the Animal Control for Powassan, as well as doing the town of Trout Creek and the Township of South Himsworth before amalgamation. Therefore, we are very familiar with the roads/areas/skidoo trails in the Municipality. We currently do the Animal Control for Callander, Chisholm and Nipissing Townships, and have done for many years. We were asked by the Reeve and members of Council to cover East Ferris but felt this was too big an area to add to what we already had. Powassan being in the centre of the area we currently cover does not pose the same logistical problems. When doing the Animal Control for Powassan, we had a good rapport with the office staff as well as the residents of the area, and the local OPP officers. We co-ordinate with the North Bay Humane, Bonfield A/C, current Powassan/East Ferris A/C., and South River A/C on any animals found close to their boundaries as lost dogs cross boundary lines quite often.

We have placed puppies of our own breeding, as well as unclaimed, young, healthy dogs with Service Organizations such as the Lions Foundation (Oakville) and another group that works with autistic children in the Kitchener area.

Have worked on the Animal Control by-laws for Powassan and Chisholm with members of the respective councils.

Have been one of the fence viewers and the livestock evaluator for Powassan for many years, therefore am familiar with the office staff, some committees, and Council.

We have two trucks (one is a 4-wheel drive) and a van here with which we can respond to calls, and have various sized crates, snare poles, leads, collars, muzzles, a live trap, etc. and have cell phones with us in the vehicles.

We own and operate Wimberway Kennels and Farm, Memorial Dr., Powassan, and have lived here for over 25 years. I am currently Chairman of EPS Training Associates, a life member of

the Canadian Kennel Club and the Labrador Owners Club, a CKC Obedience trial, Retriever field test, Rally Obedience trial, Canine Good Neighbour test, and Tracking test judge, and the CKC Working Certificate Rep. for Northern Ontario. For four years was one of 4 Ontario Directors with the Canadian Kennel Club, and for the last two years have been a Director with the East Parry Sound Cattleman's Assoc.

Have worked with dogs all my life, in Boarding kennels, Veterinary Hospitals, and top breeding/showing kennels, as well as operating my own breeding kennels since 1960 and being involved in a variety of activities related to dogs: instructing in obedience, retriever field work, rally, agility, and tracking, including giving seminars. We show and trial our own dogs. I also have several books published relating to Labrador Retrievers and Training, and have Labrador and Border Terrier archive lists attached to the farm's webpage at: www.wimberway.com.

The EPS Training Assoc. runs events regularly at the farm - including agility trials, tracking tests, obedience trials, rally trials, and Retriever field tests. We run training classes from late April through til October in the above areas of activity.

We have responded to large animal calls from the OPP and North Bay Police: i.e: cow in downtown Powassan; horses on the road; cattle on the road/highway, and do not have a problem responding to these calls. We are used to handling cattle, horses, goats, and sheep, and also have a working Border Collie that works with our own livestock.

For cats and nuisance wildlife, we have a couple of live traps and lend these out to the homeowner.

SERVICES/FACILITIES OFFERED:

If I am out of town or out on another call, my partner Ivan Paul responds to calls for stray dogs or injured dogs, and to calls from the OPP and North Bay Police. We both have cell phones but due to the lack of phone service towers, can be out of range when back near Commanda or at the east side of Chisholm. When we are outside, we check the answering machine every hour or so, and respond immediately to all calls re stray/injured dogs, or OPP impoundments. For other dog related calls, we try to contact the owner(s) ASAP by phone, and if necessary, follow up with a visit when in the area rather than making a separate trip. We answer the phone from 8am to 10pm, and check any calls that are left on the answering machine during the night, and respond if it is an emergency/Police call. We basically respond to emergency calls 24/7, 365 days a year, but do NOT respond to non-emergency calls after 10pm at night or before 8am.

Our kennels are designed for the safety of the visiting dogs, and are secure, with any damaged panels/gates replaced as necessary. We board a limited number of dogs. The kennels are heated in winter, with plenty of air ventilation in the summer. We quarantine dogs for the Health Dept., and the kennels are inspected by the Dept. Of Agriculture because we do the Animal Control for other areas, by Rocky and Barb Griswold for the Township annual kennel check, and also by Dr. Ron Schweitzer for other Townships.

We do our own kennel chores, but do have a well-trained girl who comes in for morning chores when I am away. She regularly works for the Callander Animal Hospital and grew up here at the farm.

PROCEDURE: (a) For a stray dog call:

If we receive the call directly, we respond immediately. If the call is on the answering machine, we call back to make sure the dog is still there before going.

We respond to the call (as necessary), and catch and impound the dog if possible.

Once the dog is back at the kennels, the "trip book" is filled in with date, township, mileage and result of call, and the "pound book" is completed with the information on the dog, location, description, etc.

The dog is checked (if possible) for tattoo, chip, or tags, and if there is identification we follow through in trying to locate the owner. In the past we have called as far away as Florida and Michigan on tag ids, and been able to locate the owner(s).

The dog is impounded for the required period (varies with each township, but a minimum of three business days is required by the Dept. of Agriculture.)

In event of an injured animal, we call on our Vet., or the Vet on emergency call, and take the dog to the Vet's for emergency treatment if required. Each Township has a maximum fee for emergency Veterinary treatment, and we take an injured dog to whichever Vet clinic is available. We can usually reach someone from the Callander or Shannondale Veterinary hospitals with whom we have always worked. For any large animal problems/injuries we contact Norma De Rose in Sundridge.

If the dog is not claimed within 24 hours, and has no tattoo, chip, or tag, we put feelers out for people interested in adopting the dog when the impound period is up, providing the dog is suitable for adoption. As an Animal Control officer, if we adopt a dog that is aggressive, bites, or has other problems which might lead the dog to bite, we are liable if the dog subsequently bites etc., therefore are very careful with what we place and with whom.

A suitable, eminently adoptable dog may be here much longer than the required impounding period, but the Township where the dog was picked up are only charged board for the impound period.

Dogs that need to be euthanized are put down by the Callander Animal Hospital and buried. The clinic keeps a record of the breed, colour, sex, approximate age of the dog put down, and directly bills the township/municipality.

PROCEDURE (b) On other type calls:

We ascertain what the problem is, and if possible who the owner of the dog is, or the address/location of the owner. We then try to contact the owner of the dog and will drive by when in the area to see if the complaint is valid .i.e: non-stop barking; left out with no shelter; etc .If possible, we talk to the owners and advise them that there has been a complaint and ask them to rectify the situation, and may check with other neighbours to validify the complaint. We then include the information in our reports, and if necessary, relay the problem to the By-Law officer.

FEES:

The cost of the bail for impounded dogs is set by the Municipality/Township and is \$25 per animal in Powassan. Any owner claiming an impounded dog is charged bail, (\$25), board, (\$12 per day), and if necessary, license fees before being released. These monies are all handed in to the Township with our bills.

Our board fees are \$12 per day per dog. We do not have facilities for picking up more than one or two cats at a time. Cat board rates are \$5 per day, and previously owners were charged \$10 bail plus board.. Vet fees for cat euthanasia, and for our disposal are the same as for a dog.

For each call out, we charge \$15 plus mileage. On extended loose dog/vet. calls, attending seminars, attending meetings, or out selling dog tags, we charge \$15 per hour plus mileage. Current mileage charges are 45c per km., but if the Municipality increases its rates for mileage to other Municipal workers, we would expect to be included in the change.

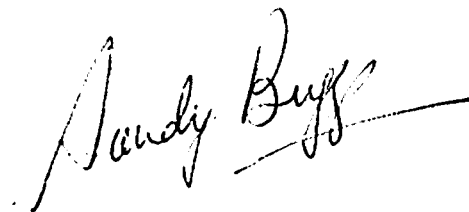
Euthanasia fees are billed directly by the Callander Animal Hospital to the Municipality. Disposal (burial) is \$25 per animal. Any combined trips to the Vet are split between the affected Councils.

Time used on phone calls regarding dog problems within the Municipality, are included in the monthly rate.

When attending any dog related seminar, we have split the cost between the Townships that I do the Animal Control for. Have attended several in the past both locally and in Sudbury, and normally plan on attending one day or weekend ones when possible.

Provided the office keeps us current, we maintain a list of the tags within the township in our own computer system and have them cross referenced by tag number, address, and owner. We ask that the office send a list of tags sold through to office to us on a regular basis so that the list can be maintained, and we are not put in a position of having a dog impounded on Friday night with a newly acquired tag that is not on our list. We will require a master list of tags sold in 2006/2007 so even stale dated tag owners can be identified.

See attached sheets for references.

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