

**STAFF REPORT: BUILDING & BY-LAW DEPARTMENT**



**REPORT TO:** Finance & Administration  
Committee

**MEETING DATE:** July 24, 2007

**REPORT NO.:** SRB.07.26

**SUBJECT:** Animal Control Services

**PREPARED BY:** Sharon Long, Admin. Assistant

**A. Recommendations**

THAT Council receive Staff Report No. SRB.07.26 for information purposes.

**B. Background**

1. Town By-law No. 2006-32, enacted March 27, 2006, requires that:
  - a. dogs be licenced;
  - b. dogs to be leashed and under the control of a competent person when not on the property of the owner of the dog or on a property for which consent has been granted; and,
  - c. dog owners collect and appropriate dispose of the excrement of their dogs.
2. With respect to other Animal Control Services, the Town:
  - a. receives complaints with respect to dead animals on roadways and refers same to the owner of the road (ie: Town, County or MTO) for removal;
  - b. responds to calls with respect to possible rabid animals (typically, the By-law Enforcement Officer is the first to attend and proceeds to evaluate the animal and, if applicable, then arranges for the OPP's attendance for the disposal of the animal with By-law Enforcement gathering the remains and delivering them to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency Office in Owen Sound for testing.
3. The Town does not provide other animal control services.
4. Over the past few years, the number of calls for animal control services related to felines and "other (raccoons, deer, skunk, squirrels, fox, etc.) have increased considerably.
5. The number of Animal Control Complaints related to felines/"other" in 2004, 2005 and 2006 were 15/10, 20/12 and 25/15 respectively.

6. Should Council desire to provide enhanced or increased animal control services, it would be appropriate for Council to direct staff to review same as part of the 2008 Budget process.

**C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan**

*Providing a strong, well managed municipal government.*

**D. Budget Impact**

N/A

**E. Attached**

N/A

Respectfully submitted,

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Signature

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