



REQUEST FOR DECISION

SUBJECT: **Bylaw 25-991 Animal Control**
SUBMISSION TO: REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MEETING DATE: April 22, 2025
DEPARTMENT: CORPORATE SERVICES
STRATEGIC PLAN: Governance

REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION
CAO: MANAGER:
DIR: EK PRESENTER: SS
LEG: SS

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial (cite) – N/A

Council Bylaw/Policy (cite) – Bylaw 18-799 Animal Control Bylaw, Bylaw 94-014 Keeping of Animals in Hamlet of DeBolt, Town of Grande Cache Bylaw 801 Animal Control Bylaw

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION: That Council give first reading to Bylaw 25-991 Animal Control, as presented.

MOTION: That Council give second reading to Bylaw 25-991 Animal Control, as presented.

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Greenview's animal control bylaws establish regulations for the licensing, control, and welfare of domestic animals. There are currently three different bylaws regulating animal ownership within the municipality. The current Greenview Bylaw 18-799 Animal Control does not include provisions for owning animals in Grande Cache, an urban area that requires different considerations. Bylaw 94-014 Keeping Animals in the Hamlet of DeBolt contravenes the current bylaws and is not currently being enforced. As well, Bylaw 801 Animal Control, is a remaining Town of Grande Cache bylaw that needs to be repealed. In undertaking a review of these bylaws, this created a timely opportunity to amalgamate the two bylaws into a single cohesive Animal Control Bylaw. One of the several advantages of consolidating these bylaws is providing the public and enforcement authorities easier access to locate information related to municipal animal regulations.

As consolidating did not allow exact language to be moved from one bylaw to the other, the legislative changes are noted below.

Changes

Administration has removed the specifics for confinement; as how they are currently written is overly prescriptive and difficult to enforce. Requiring a declaration of vaccination to license a dog under the age of 4 months has not been kept from the Grande Cache bylaw. Off-leash park provisions have not been kept as no hamlet has an off-leash park.

In keeping with current practices, Bylaw 25-991 only requires annual dog licenses in Grande Cache. They will become available on a voluntary basis in the remainder of Greenview. The regulation of dog teams has not been included, residents will still need to follow the restrictions on the number of dogs.

The bylaw has been broken into regulations that will affect everyone within Greenview and regulations that will only apply to those within Hamlet Service Areas. It has also been reformatted for readability. Grammar, definitions and other house keeping changes have also been made.

BENEFITS OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. The benefit of Council accepting the recommended motion is Greenview's Animal Control Bylaw will be updated to reflect current best practices, along with allowing for easier access to this information.
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DISADVANTAGES OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

There are no perceived disadvantages to the recommended motion.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Alternative #1: Council has the alternative to make additional amendments to the bylaw.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION:

There are no financial implications to the recommended motion.

STAFFING IMPLICATION:

There are no staffing implications to the recommended motion.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT LEVEL:

Greenview has adopted the IAP2 Framework for public consultation.

INCREASING LEVEL OF PUBLIC IMPACT

Inform

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL

Inform - To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.

PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC

Inform - We will keep you informed.

FOLLOW UP ACTIONS:

Administration will bring the bylaw back to Council for final readings and amendments.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Bylaw 25-991 Animal Control Bylaw – Draft
- Bylaw 18-799 Animal Control Bylaw - Active
- Bylaw 94-014 Keeping of Animals in Hamlet of DeBolt - Active
- Town of Grande Cache Bylaw 801 Animal Control Bylaw – Active