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May 15, 2013

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Dear Committee Members:

NOTICE OF MEETING
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL CONTROL

Please take note of the following meeting of the above-noted Committee.

DATE: Thursday, May 23, 2013

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

PLACE: Committee Room "E", Ground Floor, City Hall

A copy of the agenda is attached.

Please notify the City Clerk's Office in advance of the meeting if you are unable to attend.

Yours truly,

Kathy O'Brien, Secretary
Advisory Committee on Animal Control
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Attachments

- cc: City Solicitor General Manager, Corporate Services Department
- City Manager Communications Manager
- Inspector Dale Solie, Saskatoon Police Service
- Ms. Tiffany Koback, Shelter Manager, Saskatoon S.P.C.A.
- Ms. Eva Alexandrovici, President, Saskatoon Animal Control Agency
- Mr. Geoff McLeod, Urban Forestry Superintendent, Infrastructure Services Department
- Open Space Consultant, Leisure Services Branch, Community Services Department

Quorum Requirements: Six

The date of the next meeting is June 27, 2013

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AGENDA

(OPEN TO PUBLIC)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL CONTROL

**THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2013 AT 11:30 A.M.,
COMMITTEE ROOM "E", GROUND FLOOR, CITY HALL**

1. Minutes - of meeting held on April 25, 2013.

2. Report of Chair
(File No. CK. 225-9)

3. Report of Open Space Consultant
(File No. CK. 151-18)

4. Update – Animal Bite Awareness campaign
(File No. CK. 152-4)

5. Animals in Truck Beds
(File No. CK. 225-9)

Material on this matter will be circulated at the meeting.

6. Animal People – March 2013 Edition
(File No. CK. 225-9)

A copy of the above-noted publication will be available for perusal at the meeting.

7. Court Reports - Animal Control Bylaw Prosecutions
March 2013
(File No. CK. 435-17)

Attached is a copy of the above-noted Court Report, as provided by the Municipal Prosecutor.

Transport of Dogs in Truck Beds/Open-Top Cargo Areas

Problem: Saskatoon currently has no bylaw in place to provide for adequate minimum protection of dogs with respect to being transported in truck beds and/or open-top cargo areas

General Info:

-the main concern is the very real danger of an unrestrained dog jumping from, or being flung from, an open truck bed; this poses huge risk to both the animal, and to the other motorists on the road

-risks include:

- **Eye, Ear & Nose Damage**

Being in the open air traveling at high speeds can cause damage to the delicate parts of the dog's face. The swirling of the air currents in the bed of a pickup truck can cause dirt, debris and insects to become lodged in the dog's eyes, ears, and nose.

- **Being Ejected from the Truck**

In cases of vehicle collisions or sharp braking, the dog is at serious risk of being flung from the vehicle. If the dog is improperly tethered in the vehicle, neck/spine injuries, as well as being dragged are all very real risks.

- **Jumping**

It is impossible to predict what stimuli may entice a dog to jump from the vehicle; exposure to other animals, vehicles, wildlife, people, smells, etc, all lead to the danger of dogs jumping from the truck if not properly secured. Oftentimes, the result is broken limbs, and in some cases, de-gloving. Frequently, euthanasia is the result.

-The Canadian Veterinary Journal reviewed 70 cases of dogs that sustained injuries due to being in truck beds unrestrained; Case records of 70 dogs injured while riding in the back of open pickup trucks during the period January 1, 1982, to May 1, 1993, were reviewed. Most dogs were young (mean age 2.4 y) and of medium to large size (average weight 22.6 kg). Sixty-five dogs (93%) were injured during the months of April through October. Forty-nine dogs (70%) had single injuries and 21 dogs (30%) sustained multiple injuries. Fractures were the most frequent injury incurred, with fractures of the femur the most common. Surgical repair was recommended in all but 2 cases.

-the ASPCA classifies transporting dogs unrestrained in truck beds as animal cruelty; many Canadian SPCAs officially advise against such transport

-in the past, few Canadian municipalities have had specific laws requiring proper restraint of dogs; in the past 10 years, British Columbia and Alberta municipalities have begun to pilot such bylaws

Examples from other Municipalities:

Cambridge

From Animal Control Bylaw 65-08

2.27 RESTRAINT IN MOVING MOTOR VEHICLE: No person shall allow a dog to be in a moving motor vehicle in an area that is not enclosed, including the back of a pick up truck or a flat bed truck, unless the dog is:

(a) contained in a ventilated kennel or similar device securely fastened to the bed of the truck or

(b) securely tethered by a body harness in such a manner that it is not standing on bare metal, cannot jump or be thrown from the vehicle, and cannot reach beyond the outside edges of the vehicle

Calgary

From the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw (Bylaw Number 23M2006)

SECURING ANIMALS IN VEHICLES

20. (1) No person shall allow an Animal to be outside of the passenger cab of a motor vehicle on a roadway, regardless of whether the motor vehicle is moving or Parked.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection 20(1), a person may allow an Animal to be outside the passenger cab of a motor vehicle, including riding in the back of a pickup truck or flat bed truck if the Animal is:

(a) in a fully enclosed trailer;

(b) in a topper enclosing the bed area of a truck;

(c) contained in a ventilated kennel or similar device securely fastened to the bed of the truck; or

(d) securely tethered in such a manner that it is not standing on bare metal, cannot jump or be thrown from the vehicle, is not in danger of strangulation, and cannot reach beyond the outside edges of the vehicle.

(3) For the purpose of this Section, "roadway" means any street or highway, whether publicly or privately owned, any part of which the public is ordinarily entitled or permitted to use for the passage or Parking of vehicles.

(4) The Owner of a vehicle involved in an offence referred to in this Section is guilty of the offence, unless that vehicle Owner satisfies the Court that the vehicle was:

(a) not being driven or was not Parked by the Owner; and (b) that the person driving or Parking the vehicle at the time of the offence did so without the vehicle Owner's express or implied consent.

Canmore

From BYLAW 10-2011

SECURING DOGS IN VEHICLES

28. No Owner shall allow a Dog to be outside of the passenger cab of a motor vehicle while on a Highway including in the back of a pickup truck or on the flat bed of a truck, regardless of whether the motor vehicle is moving or stationary unless the Dog is:

(a) in a fully enclosed trailer;

(b) in a topper enclosing the bed area of the truck;

(c) contained in a ventilated kennel or similar device securely fastened to the bed of the truck; or

(d) securely tethered in such a manner that it is not standing on bare metal, cannot jump or be thrown from the vehicle, is not in danger of strangulation, and cannot reach beyond the outside edges of the vehicle.

Other Municipalities with Similar Bylaws:

Medicine Hat

Okotoks

Okanagan

Strathmore

Banff

Thompson

it should be noted that in all cases, if an individual cannot afford/does not have access to such restraints, it is always a viable alternative that the dog simply ride inside the truck



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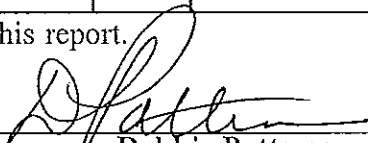
Office of the City Solicitor
 March 2013 COURT REPORT
 Animal Control Bylaw Prosecutions - City of Saskatoon

Convictions/Orders	2013		No.	Average Fine
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Dog Attack Domestic Animal			1	\$300.00 + \$60.00 surcharge Order for Destruction
Dog Attack Domestic Animal			1	\$300.00 + \$60.00 surcharge Order to Confine
Dog Attack Domestic Animal			1	\$200.00 + \$50.00 surcharge Order for Destruction
Dog Attack Domestic Animal			1	\$200.00 + \$50.00 surcharge Order to Confine
Dangerous Dog Charge	1	\$250.00 + \$60.00 surcharge Order to Confine Issued		
Cat at Large	1	\$100.00 + \$50.00 surcharge		
Cat at Large	1	\$50.00 + \$40.00 surcharge	1	\$50.00 + \$40.00 surcharge
Dog at Large			2	\$250.00 + \$60.00 surcharge
Dog at Large			5	\$250.00 surcharge waived
Dog at Large	5	\$100.00 + \$50.00 surcharge		
Dog at Large	1	\$100.00 surcharge waived	1	\$100.00 surcharge waived
Dog at Large	1	\$75.00 + \$40.00 surcharge		
Dog at Large	1	\$50.00 + \$40.00 surcharge	3	\$50.00 + \$40.00 surcharge
Dog at Large			1	\$50.00 surcharge waived
Dog With No License	1	\$300.00 + \$60.00 surcharge		
Dog With No License	2	\$300.00 surcharge waived		
Dog With No License	2	\$250.00 + \$60.00 surcharge	3	\$250.00 + \$60.00 surcharge
Dog With No License	3	\$250.00 surcharge waived	4	\$250.00 surcharge waived
Fail to Wear Identification			1	\$100.00 surcharge waived
Fail to Wear Identification			2	\$30.00 + \$40.00 surcharge
Total Conviction/Orders	19		27	
Other Outcomes				
Withdrawn	1		1	
Dismissed	8		1	

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March 2013 COURT REPORT
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	2013		2012	
Convictions/Orders	No.	Average Fine	No.	Average Fine
Total Other Outcomes	9	\$3,275.00 + \$660.00 surcharge	2	\$5,010.00 + \$760.00 surcharge
Total Charges Before Court	28		29	

Only those violations dealt with by the Court are recorded in this report.
The number of fines paid voluntarily are not included.



Debbie Patterson,
Municipal Prosecutor

cc: Advisory Committee on Animal Control (Office of the City Clerk)
Eva Alexandrovici, SACA
City Solicitor
Derek Kowalski - Solicitor

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