



**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST HANTS  
Public Hearing  
July 11, 2017  
Second Reading of Dog By-law D-003**

Present:	A. Zebian	Warden
	R. Jannasch	Councillor District 1
	K. Monroe	Councillor District 2
	D. Keith	Councillor District 3
	T. Leopold	Councillor District 4
	D. Francis	Councillor District 5
	R. Hussey	Councillor District 6
	J. Daniels	Councillor District 7
	P. Morton	Deputy Warden
	R. Zwicker	Councillor District 10
	C. Osborne	CAO
	M. Laycock	Director of Finance
	M. LeMay	Director of Planning and Development
	S. Shah	Planner
	R. Brown	Municipal Clerk
	C. Remme	Executive Assistant

There were 10 members of the public in attendance.

Warden Zebian advised Council that the public hearing is being held under Section 168 of the Municipal Government Act for the proposed Dog By-law, D-003. He went on to say that the public hearing gives the public opportunity to ask questions and raise concerns about the By-law noting once concluded, the Council meeting will resume and Councillors may ask questions and make comments before being called to approve or reject the proposed Dog By-law.

Warden Zebian then called on the CAO to speak on the By-law.

The CAO reviewed the report. She advised Council that since the dissolution of the former Town of Hantsport the Municipality has administered two separate dog by-laws which, although similar in dog registrations and regulations for dog ownership, had significant differences in the registration fees, penalties and the operation of kennels. The CAO advised that D-003 would repeal the current by-laws and enable one set of regulations and registration fees that would apply to all dog owners in West Hants.

The CAO pointed out that the most significant change in the Dog By-law is in regard to the registration process which now provides for three types of registrations: Annual, Life-time and Kennel. She went on to describe the three types.

The CAO advised of the changes in penalties and informed of the Notice of Violation process, which is a lesser fee to be paid within 14 in lieu of prosecution. She stated the By-law also provides more clarity around when a dog can be impounded, seized or destroyed.

The CAO advised that the proposed By-law had been reviewed by the Municipal Solicitor. The Dog By-law states the fees will be set by policy and these fees will be included in the proposed Fees Policy. Under the Fees Policy the current fees will remain in effect and new fees will be effective April 1, 2018.

Warden Zebian asked if there any questions from the public. There were none.

Warden Zebian called for any oral or written submissions in favour of the amendment. There were none.

Warden Zebian called for any oral or written submissions in against the amendment. There were none.

Warden Zebian asked if the CAO had any closing comments. She had no closing comments.

Warden Zebian declared the Public Hearing adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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Abraham Zebian, Warden

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Rhonda Brown, Municipal Clerk