

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes

Council Report

Report Number LIC2018-002

Date: March 20, 2018

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Council Chambers

Ward Community Identifier: All

Subject: Canine Day Boarding

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Recommendations:

That Report LIC2018-002, **Canine Day Boarding**, be received; and

That staff be directed to prepare an amendment to By-Law 2014-141, a By-Law to Licence, Regulate, and Govern Kennels in Kawartha Lakes, to include licensing provisions to permit and regulate canine day boarding facilities located in industrial and commercial zones within the City of Kawartha Lakes and report back by the end of the third quarter of 2018.

Department Head:_____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other:_____

Chief Administrative Officer:_____

Background:

At the December 12, 2017 Council Meeting, staff were directed to review licensing of and zoning for canine day boarding facilities where canines are housed for daily care, not including overnight boarding, and report back to Council by end of Q1 2018.

Rationale:

The City does not currently licence or regulate canine day boarding facilities. By-Law 2014-141, a By-law to Licence, Regulate, and Govern Kennels in Kawartha Lakes, defines a kennel as:

“any building, structure, dog run or other facility, which houses dogs for the purpose of breeding, boarding or training for profit or not for profit. For the purposes of a boarding and training kennel the dogs do not live at the property where they are to be boarded or trained on a permanent basis but will be at the kennel for more than 8 consecutive hours.”

Canine day boarding facilities differ from kennels captured under the Kennel Licensing by-law because they do not offer breeding or overnight stays and operate as more of a commercial venture.

In response to the direction from Council, Planning and Licensing staff researched the matter and determined that canine day boarding facilities are a commercial enterprise and therefore are permitted on properties zoned for commercial and/or industrial use and where “personal service” is listed as a permitted use. Canine day boarding facilities are recommended to be licensed with appropriate noise attenuation measures, outdoor exercise areas, waste management protocols, and other regulations established.

Should Council wish to approve the recommendation of staff to create provisions to licence and regulate canine day boarding facilities within the kennel licensing by-law, the amending by-law would include the following elements:

- Definitions;
- Regulations on distance separations between properties on which the canine day boarding facilities are located and properties zoned and/or used for residential or institutional uses;
- A limit on the number of animals depending on the type of facility in accordance with facility size and existing by-laws;
- Fencing requirements;
- Noise mitigation requirements;
- Waste removal requirements.

Other Alternatives Considered:

Should Council wish to not take any action on this matter, the following resolution should be passed:

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Financial/Operation Impacts:

Implementation of a by-law regulating canine day boarding facilities will have moderate impacts on staffing, namely on the Senior Licensing Officer, due to application processing and inspection requirements.

Relationship of Recommendation(s) to the 2016-2019 Strategic Plan:

N/A

Review of Accessibility Implications of any Development or Policy:

N/A

Servicing Implications:

N/A

Consultations:

Manager of Municipal Law Enforcement
Manager of Planning
City Clerk

Attachments:

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