



PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

November 3rd, 2009

MINUTES

Present Cllr Dennis Gauthier, Chairman
 Cllr Ken Brown
 Cllr Jim Sheedy

 John Baird, CAO/Clerk
 Bruce Lloyd, Treasurer/Deputy CAO

 Mike Street, By-Law Enforcement Officer

Regrets None

Also Attending: Mayor Jack Wilson

Cllr Gauthier called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

Letter to Marek Branecki

Cllr Gauthier outlined the email from Mr. Marek Branecki regarding a letter received with respect to garbage placement. Mr. Branecki was complaining to the Cllr with respect to the tone of the letter that he received.

The CAO explained that the letter Mr. Branecki received was a form letter that is sent out when people are found to be in violation of the garbage By-Law. Clearly there were items placed out for the pick-up by Mr. Branecki that were not to be placed out. Further, it was noted that the placement of the materials was later than required.

Committee discussed the letter and the requirements for the placing of garbage for pick up. The garbage is to be put out no earlier than 4 days ahead of the pick up date, so if pick up is scheduled for a Monday, the items cannot be placed out earlier than Friday of the week before.

Committee discussed several options for the letter. Members suggested that the letter be modified slightly to provide a check box beside each bullet point that staff can check off the specific violation that the property owner is being cited for. In this way, there would be no confusion about the specific violation. Members also suggested that the letter be re-worded to appear a little more "friendly".

The CAO indicated that the staff would adjust the letter as requested.

The CAO asked who would be contacting Mr. Branecki regarding the committee discussions. Cllr Gauthier indicated that since Mr. Branecki's email was directed to him, he would respond to Mr. Branecki. Staff would not have to take further action except to re-word the letter as suggested by the committee.

Garbage Cans at the End of Driveways

Members raised the issue of Canadian Waste drivers placing empty cans in the middle of driveways and on the roadway when they empty the cans. Members felt that this is a road hazard, and inattentive drivers could end up hitting the cans, or they could result in an accident. Members requested that a letter be sent to Canadian Waste to have the drivers address this issue.

Email from Ray Roberts

The Cao outlined the email from Mr. Ray Roberts and the response from the office to his email. Essentially, Mr. Roberts is complaining about noise in the neighborhood, and has asked whether there is a Noise By-Law in place for his area. In the absence of a By-Law, Mr. Roberts is asking how to go about getting Council to set one up.

Members discussed the email and Mr. Robert's concerns. There are no By-Laws that cover Mr. Robert's area of the municipality. Staff is not recommending that a By-Law be established due to inability to enforce the By-Law.

Committee felt that the response sent to Mr. Roberts adequately outlined the municipal position with respect to Noise By-Laws and that no further action was required at this time.

Quarterly Update from By-Law Enforcement Officer

Mr. Street gave the committee an update of the activities undertaken over the summer. He outlined the new procedure for sale of animal tags, which was quite successful this summer. He also gave committee an update on the animal bite, and the status of the order for the dog to be removed from the municipality. As far as he has been able to determine, the owner has removed the animal from the municipality.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM.

Dennis Gauthier, Chairman

John Baird, CAO/Clerk