

To: **FOIP Act section 17(1)**
Cc: Council
From: Matthew Goudy, CAO
Date: May 1, 2019

Reference: 11/154/2019-154

RE: Dog Licensing

Thank you for your written concern regarding the new [Responsible Animal Ownership Bylaw #469](#).

Council received your letter and it was included (on page 40) in the [Council mailbox](#) at the April 23, 2019 Council Meeting. Although there was an appreciation of the specific circumstances you have outlined, Council ultimately felt that the benefit of a consistent application of the recently passed bylaw outweighed the negative impact to those with elderly animals. Accordingly, they did not provide any direction to administration to change the bylaw to grandfather older animals.

You mentioned that your dog is not microchipped; however, if it is spayed or neutered, the license fee is \$75 for its lifetime, rather than \$150.

For your daughter's new puppy, she has until it is one year of age to license it. It is anticipated, by one year of the animal's age, animal owners will decide to either alter or keep their animals intact. This will also allow the owner to benefit from the one-time license at the lowest possible cost. If your daughter does alter and microchip her new dog, she will only have to pay \$15, which will be for the lifetime of the dog.

The new licensing structure for cats and dogs are the following:

- Altered and Microchipped - Dog or Cat - \$15
- Unaltered and Microchipped - Dog or Cat - \$75
- Altered but not Microchipped - Dog or Cat - \$75
- Unaltered and not Microchipped - Dog or Cat - \$150

Thank you again for expressing your concerns.

Sincerely,

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Matthew Goudy, P.Eng
Chief Administrative Officer

