

# HEARING COMMITTEE AGENDA

Hearing Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 9, 2020

Tom Davies Square - Council Chamber / Electronic Participation

#### COUNCILLOR MARK SIGNORETTI, CHAIR

Bill Leduc, Vice-Chair

4:00 p.m. HEARING COMMITTEE MEETING
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#### **ROLL CALL**

#### DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

 Report dated November 25, 2020 from the General Manager of Corporate Services regarding Request for Decision Vicious Dog Appeal - ACR 1049355. (RESOLUTION PREPARED) 4 - 42

### (NEOCECTION FRED ARED)

(This report provides a recommendation regarding an appeal for a vicious dog under ACR 1049355.)

2. Report dated November 12, 2019 from the General Manager of Corporate Services regarding Tax Adjustment Under Section 357 of the Municipal Act of Ontario for 2600 Regional Rd 55, Naughton.

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#### (RESOLUTION PREPARED)

(This report provides a recommendation regarding an application for a tax adjustment under Section 357 of the Municipal Act of Ontario for a property known municipally as 2600 Regional Rd 55, Naughton.)

3. Report dated November 12, 2020 from the General Manager of Corporate Services regarding Cancellation, Reduction or Refund of Taxes under Sections 357 and 358 of the Municipal Act, 2001.

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### (RESOLUTION PREPARED)

(This report provides a recommendation regarding tax adjustments under Sections 357 and 358 of the Municipal Act, 2001 for properties eligible for cancellation, reduction or refund of realty taxes.)

#### **MEMBERS' MOTIONS**

#### **ADDENDUM**

#### **CIVIC PETITIONS**

#### **QUESTION PERIOD**

## **ADJOURNMENT**



# **Request for Decision**

# Request for Decision Vicious Dog Appeal - ACR 1049355

Presented To:	Hearing Committee
Presented:	Wednesday, Dec 09, 2020
Report Date	Wednesday, Nov 25, 2020
Type:	Public Hearings

#### Resolution

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury upholds the finding of the Licence Issuer that the Dog is a vicious dog, pursuant to Section 33 (1)(a) of By-law 2017-22, as outlined in the report entitled "Request for Decision Vicious Dog Appeal - ACR 1049355", from the General Manager of Corporate Services, presented at the Hearing Committee meeting on December 9, 2020.

# Relationship to the Strategic Plan / Health Impact Assessment

This report refers to operational matters.

# Report Summary

City of Greater Sudbury By-law 2017-22, as amended, became effective on March 1, 2017 and regulates the keeping of animals and the registration of dogs and cats. Part III of the by-law entitled "Vicious Dogs"; section 28 of the by-law, contains provisions for the issuance of a Vicious Dog Notice to owners of dogs that have attacked a person or domestic animal without provocation.

In response to a complaint of a dog attack that occurred on September 28 2020, By-law Enforcement investigated the matter. In addition to a Part I Provincial Offence Notice, the

### Signed By

#### **Report Prepared By**

Melissa Laalo By-law Coordinator - Animal Care and Control

Digitally Signed Nov 25, 20

#### **Manager Review**

Brendan Adair Manager of Corporate Security and By-law

Digitally Signed Nov 25, 20

#### **Financial Implications**

Steve Facey
Manager of Financial Planning &
Budgeting
Digitally Signed Nov 25, 20

#### **Recommended by the Department**

Kevin Fowke General Manager of Corporate Services Digitally Signed Nov 25, 20

#### Recommended by the C.A.O.

Ed Archer Chief Administrative Officer Digitally Signed Nov 25, 20

Licence Issuer issued a Vicious Dog Notice to effectively deem the Dog vicious and impose restrictions to ensure the health and safety of the community. The Owners have appealed the notice, requesting a hearing of the matter by Committee of Council. The Committee may uphold or reverse the notice and its contents or, if the Dog is deemed vicious, may exempt the owner from all, or some of the requirements of Section 29, 30 or 31.

# **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

#### Recommendation

That the	City of Greater Sudbury	uphold the Vicious Dog Not	cice #1049355, issi	ued to
,		, City of Greate	r Sudbury.	

#### **Background**

City of Greater Sudbury By-Law 2017-22, as amended, became effective on March 01, 2017 and regulates the keeping of animals and the registration of Dogs and Cats. Part 3 of the By-Law entitled "Vicious Dog"; section 28 of the By-Law contains provisions for the issuance of a Vicious Dog Notice to owners of dogs that have attacked a person or domestic animal without provocation.

The effect of the notice is to ensure the owner of a dog deemed vicious by receipt of the notice, erect vicious dog signs on the owner's property, muzzle and leash the dog when not inside the owner's dwelling at all times, provide that the dog is microchipped and requires the owner to obtain additional liability insurance.

The By-Law is specific about how the process is carried out and the contents of the notice. Several provisions in the By-Law for the issuance of the notice are mandatory requirements of the Registrar and of the recipient of the notice.

This section also provides for an appeal of the notice by the owner of the dog requesting a hearing of the matter by Council or Committee of Council. The Committee may uphold the notice and its contents, exempt the owner from the erecting of the signs, muzzling, leashing, microchipping or obtaining insurance requirements or from all, or may modify the conditions for any of these conditions.

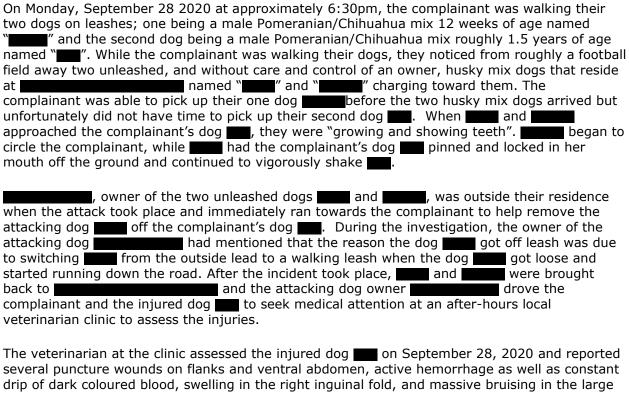
#### **By-Law Procedure Vicious Dog Notice - 1049355**

Part 3 of By-Law 2017-22 designates the Manager of Security and By-Law Services for the City of Greater Sudbury as the License Issuer pursuant to the By-Law, and By-Law Officers in Compliance and Enforcement have been appointed by the License Issuer to perform the task of issuing Vicious Dog Notices pursuant to the By-Law.

Subsection 28(1) of the By-Law states "The License Issuer may conduct an investigation to determine if a Dog should be found to be a Vicious Dog, where the License Issuer receives:

- (a) A written complaint, signed by the complainant, that a Dog has Attacked or Bitten a Person or a Domestic Animal without provocation or mitigating factors;
- (b) Particulars of the name and address of the owner of the Dog or adequate information to ascertain the Owner of the Dog which is subject of the complaint; and
- (c) Particulars of the Incident or Incidents giving rise to the complaint. and if deemed to be a vicious dog, requiring the owner to comply with any or all of the requirements set out in sections 28, 29 and 30."

A written complaint was received by the License Issuer from	n the complainant
, Greater Sudbury, req	juesting that the dog named " $lacksquare$ ",
kept at the address of	, Greater Sudbury, be deemed
vicious, based on an incident that occurred September 28,	2020.



several puncture wounds on flanks and ventral abdomen, active hemorrhage as well as constant drip of dark coloured blood, swelling in the right inguinal fold, and massive bruising in the large patches on ventral abdomen. The veterinarian then proceeded to do an exploratory surgery to assess the extent of damage from the bite wounds. It was determined there was massive amounts of damage and that the injured dog's injuries were devastating. The veterinarian informed the complainant of the risks associated with the continued surgery, after care, and expected quality of life, and due to the poor prognosis the complainant selected humane euthanasia. Also noteworthy, the offending dog owner also e-transferred a total of \$1400.00 to the complainant to pay for the vet bills incurred.

As a result of the By-Law Services investigation, Vicious Dog Order #1049355 was issued on October 02, 2020 as the attack occurred without provocation and the injuries sustained were severe which resulted in the death of the dog.

In addition, a Certificate of Offence was served on the offending Vicious Dog Owner for the offence "Owner permit dog to behave in a manner endangering safety of domestic animal" Contrary to City of Greater Sudbury bylaw 2017-22 Animal Care and Control Bylaw Section 26 (2) on October 02, 2020.

On October 14, 2020, the owner of the Vicious Dog contacted the Licence Issuer to request the removal of Section 29(1)(2), Section 30(2)(c)(i)(iv) and Section 31(1) (2)(a)(b)(c)(d). A formal appeal to the Hearing Committee was made for a final determination.

#### **Appeal Notice**

A letter of appeal of the Vicious Dog Notice was received by the owner of the dog and the hearing was scheduled. (See Letter of Appeal is attached to this report.) A notice was sent to the owner of the dog advising of the date and time of the hearing.

#### Conclusion

In consideration of this report, the witnesses and the appellant, pursuant to subsection 33(1) the Hearing Committee may decide one of three options below;

- 1. Uphold the Notice;
- 2. Modify the Notice exempting the owner from erecting vicious dog signs, muzzling or leashing, obtaining liability insurance or modifying any of these conditions; or
- 3. Quash the Notice exempting the owner from all requirements to muzzle and leash.

The License Issuer is confident that the Vicious Dog Notice issued to City of Greater Sudbury satisfies the requirements of By-Law 2017-22, Part 3, Section 28, a By-Law to regulate the keeping of animals and the registration of Dogs and Cats. The purpose of the notice is to mitigate the recurrence of a similar incident and provide an assurance of safety for the area residents and the general public. The Registrar recommends that the Vicious Dog Notice be upheld by the Committee.

#### **Supporting Documents**

- 1. Complainant Statement OCT 01 2020
- 2. Request to Deem Vicious from Complainant
- 3. Vet Assessment and Injuries
- 4. Investigation Photos (6 Photos)
- 5. Certification of Infraction-PON 7986279B
- 6. ACR notes 1049355
- 7. Animal Registration 2020
- 8. Vicious Dog Notice
- 9. Notice of Appeal from Vicious Dog Owner
- 10. Sections Vicious Dog Owner wants to Appeal from Notice
- 11. Copy of Vet Bill



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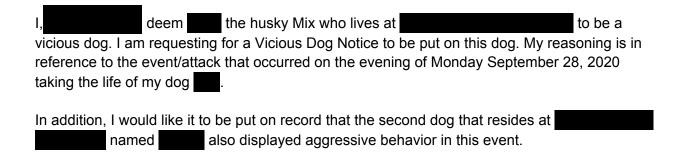
# STATEMENT FORM

ACR Case ID: 1049355 Date: October 1,2020 Time:
Name: Address (Street) (City) (Postal Code)
Date of Birth:
Phone Number
Statement taken by: Officer No
On Monday September 28,2000 1 was out walking my two doos on when I when I when I was an altercation with a neighbors two dogs who were off leash.
Lhad both my docs on leash when I was out walking. As I was making my way home I caught site of almost a football field away was walking two doos Off leash. Knowing these two doos have shown agression (growling & shawing teeth) to my dogs before I immediatly tried to pick up my dogs to protect them.  did not
The two dogs charged towards me t my two dogs.
I had only managed to pick up my one dog, when dog looked up



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Case ID: 1049355	Name
	(Surname) (First name)
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I screamed for help in hopes she would	a fair distance away.  and becom kicking day  drelease mine. Sho did not.
	running towards the situation finally rejeased
the decision not to m	the envergency vet ASAR. The streems, the We had to make hove forward with surgery of fectivery were too sith.





Patient: CANINE
Age: 1 Yrs. 9 Mos.

Breed: POMERANIAN/MIX Sex: Neutered Male

Color:

Date Type Staff History

10/1/2020 C LAT Client Communication - Emailed file to Kristen Demers - FINAL 10/01/2020

Date & Time: 10/1/2020 11:34

Staff:

#### NOTE:

Owner called:

- incident was reported to city

- an investigation has been started

- owner requests that file is emailed to Kristen Demers

Email: kristen.demers@greatersudbury.ca

Case number: 1049355

Emailed file.

9/30/2020 I	7	YOUR PET RECEIVED AN ANESTHETIC. PLEASE KEEP HIM/HER CONFINED UNTIL RECOVERED COMPLETELY. RESTRICT WATER INTAKE TO FREQUENT SMALL AMOUNTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. RESTRICT FOOD INTAKE TO SMALL AMOUNTS ALSO; 1/3 NORMAL RATION THIS EVENING. BECAUSE THE ANESTHETIC CAN LOWER THEIR BODY TEMPERATURE, KEEP THEM SOMEPLACE WHERE THEY WILL BE WARM AND DRY.
9/30/2020 I	7	FOR YOUR PETS SAFETY, HE/SHE WAS INTUBATED FOR THE ANESTHETIC. YOU MAY NOTICE SOME COUGHING FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS. THIS IS NORMAL DUE TO A SMALL AMOUNT OF IRRITATION TO THE THROAT FROM THE ENDOTRACHEAL TUBE. IF THE COUGHING SEEMS EXCESSIVE OR YOU ARE IN ANY WAY CONCERNED, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE.

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9/29/2020 C LAT Emailed file to rDVM - FINAL 09/29/2020

- CANINE, POMERANIAN/MIX, 1 Yrs. 9 Mos.

Date & Time: 9/29/2020 16:38

Staff:

NOTE:

9/29/2020 C LAT Client Communication - FINAL 09/29/2020

- CANINE, POMERANIAN/MIX, 1 Yrs. 9 Mos.

Date & Time: 9/29/2020 10:24

Staff:

#### NOTE:

- owner called to discuss aftercare
- would like semi-private ashes returned
- owner will decide on urn tomorrow when invoice is paid
- let owner know we do have towel, paw prints and collar, owner would like to bring home tomorrow

9/28/2020 C 7 Surgical Procedure - FINAL 09/29/2020 - Exporatory/ Wound Repair Surgical Procedure

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Patient History Repo	ort
Client: Patient: Species: CANIN Address: Age: 1 Yrs. Color:	
Date Type Staff History	
Date: 9/28/2020 Patient Name: 1 Yrs. 9 Mos. POMERANIAN Dr. Dr.	I/MIX Neutered Male 6.1 kilograms /M
PROCEDURE: Abdominal Exploratory/ Wound Repair	
HISTORY (SUBJECTIVE): Large dog attacked, put in his mouth an	d shook (see PE template for details)
EXAM (OBJECTIVE): See Examination Template	
BODY SCORE: 3 /5	
See Examination Template for PE findings	
PLANS/RECOMMENDATIONS: -Pre-op bloodwork Performed findings were WNL Surgery: wound explore/assessment	lone recently at rDVM and owner reports
PRE-SURGICAL DISCUSSION: Discussed surgical procedure and complications (hemorrhage, infection, anesthetic risk (including death); discussed all items on consent form, ow precautions. Advised that will be treated as shocky patient, with high pressure; he's been through a recent major trauma and suffered unknown	ner gave verbal consent due to COVID er than average fluid rate to maintain good blood
ASSESSMENT: low to moderate anesthetic risk due to unknown internal damage from wo	ounds
SURGERY: SURGEON: Dr DVM ATTENDING TECHNICIAN:	
PRE MEDS: 0.3ml Hydromorphone 2mg/ml INDUCTION: 1ml Propofol IV ENDOTRACHEAL TUBE: 5.5mm PAIN CONTROL: _0.24_ml Metacam 5mg/ml drawn but not given INTRAVENOUS FLUIDS: LRS @ 60ml/hr	
SURGICAL NOTES: Sx notes -(See attached files for intra-op photos) - entire ventral abdomen was clipped and prepped according to sta	andard surgical technique

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- patient was placed in dorsal recumbency and area of bite wounds was draped off from surrounding

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Date Type Staff History

#### tissue

- there was a large 8cm area of black discoloured skin on the ventral midline, and an elliptical incision was made through the skin around this area, as it was assumed to be devitalized and required debridement
- blunt dissection was used to remove the skin, and a combination of blunt and sharp dissection were used to debride all bruised subcutaneous tissue in that area
- once debridement was complete, four separate full thickness punctures were seen communicating with the abdominal cavity and massive trauma was seen, mostly on the right side of the abdominal muscles
- the linea alba was tented and a scalpel was used to make a stab incision, then the incision was extended using Metzenbaum scissors
- there was a moderate amount of thin bloody fluid in the abdominal cavity on initial exam
- the small intestines were hypersegmented and upon further inspection, an intestinal perforation was seen in the distal ileum with massive amounts of damage to the associated mesentery
- the urinary bladder was very small, but once a urinary catheter was placed retrograde and sterile flush injected, the bladder was seen to be intact, far in the pelvic cavity
- there was no obvious damage to the stomach, spleen, kidneys, or elsewhere in the intestinal tract
- called owner to report findings from exploration so far; advised of massive amount of damage and that sinjuries are devastating; if owner wishes to proceed with treatment, will require surgical removal of a loop of small intestine, resection of a large portion of his body wall, and treatment for presumed peritonitis after intestinal perforation; due to poor prognosis, owner chose euthanasia tonight without anesthetic recovery
- advised that euthanasia will be carried out immediately, as per owner's wishes, and a staff member will call tomorrow to discuss body care options; advised that while there will still be an invoice to pay, a compassionate discount will be applied
- disc. with owner contacting the City Bylaw office to discuss the dog who attacked , owner has full access to still from tonight, including photos that will be taken of the damage as we see it now, advised that in a case like this, the aggressor dog may be deemed dangerous and have restrictions while outdoors; won't help but may prevent this from happening again

O opted for on table Euthanasia

- 3ml Euthanyl IV
- sutured surgical incision in 3 layers using 3-0 monocryl, cleaned blood from body and wrapped in blanket, moved to cadaver freezer awaiting owner's body care choices

9/28/2020 T 4 Image: Tx Plan

9/28/2020 T 4 Image: Anesthesia Record

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Date Type Staff **History** 

9/28/2020 C 7 Examination - FINAL 09/29/2020 - EMERG - DOG ATTACK- rDVM

**Medical Exam** 

Date: 9/28/2020

Patient Name: | 1 Yrs. 9 Mos. POMERANIAN/MIX 6.1 kilograms Neutered Male

> Dr. DVM Technician: Monday, September 28, 2020

HISTORY (SUBJECTIVE): rDVM Baxter AH \*Curbside\*

- large dog attacked , picked up in his mouth and shook him at around 6:30pm tonight

- other dog was off leash, was on leash, larger dog has been known to attack neighbourhood dogs before, has even killed one in the past

- no food since 6:30pm tonight
- no concerns or issues prior to this incident
- UTD on vax
- Got new puppy and they get along great

CURRENT DIET: Great Canadian Dog food - all life stages

**EXAM (OBJECTIVE):** 

HR 160bpm, RR 28bpm, pale MM, QAR, well hydrated

**BODY SCORE: 3/5** 

**EYES:** no abnormal findings **EARS:** no abnormal findings NOSE: no abnormal findings

**ORAL CAVITY:** no abnormal findings LYMPH NODES: no abnormal findings

**INTEGUMENT:** several puncture wounds on flanks and ventral abdomen, active hemorrhage as well as constant drip of dark coloured blood, swelling in right inquinal fold, massive brusing in large patches on ventral abdomen, very painful, will assess further under GA

**MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM:** no abnormal findings

**NERVOUS SYSTEM:** no abnormal findings

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM:no abnormal findings, normal heart rate and rhythm, lung sounds clear bilaterally, normal

respiratory effort

**ANOGENITAL:** no abnormal findings

ABDOMINAL PALPATION: not done due to wounds and pain

**ADDITIONAL FINDINGS:** 

#### PLANS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

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Date: 10/1/2020 11:37 AM

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Patient: Species: CANINE Age: 1 Yrs. 9 Mos.

**Breed:** POMERANIAN/MIX Sex: Neutered Male

Color:

Date Type Staff **History** 

- exploratory sx to assess extent of damage from bite wounds, will need general anesthetic, as sedation will not be adequate; disc. risk of anesthesia in a dog with unknown trauma, but is necessary to provide prognosis and any possible treatment options; owner consented

- once extent of damage was realized, owner decided on compassionate euthanasia on table

ASSESSMENT: massive internal injuries caused by several bite-and-shake wounds; BDLD

PROBLEMS LIST: Wound- bite, Puncture wound

**DIAGNOSIS**: Dog Bite Wounds

#### TTO:

- disc, vital signs are okay, but has a massive hematoma on abd. will need GA to explore/repair and will plan to discharge in AM
- disc. sx risk and that once area can be explored, bite wounds have a nasty habit of being much worse than they look: owner was aware of this and due to the nature of the attack is very concerned about internal damage in
- got verbal consent for sx as per COVID Protocols, will call owner once wounds are assessed and go over treatment plan
- disc, findings during wound explore, likelihood of additional sx being needed, intestinal perforation means he'll also end up with some degree of peritonitis, which can seriously delay healing and become life threatening in many cases, at minimum, will require intestinal resection and anastomosis and removal of much of the muscle of the body wall due to shredding from bite wounds; chances of survial are less than 50% at this point; owners elected euthanasia during surgery tonight

#### TREATMENT:

- See Sx Template
- Semi Private Cremation, Tag No 22572
- Card with pawprint made + extra (towel and collar set aside for pick up by owner)

BDLD - abd wounds 9/28/2020 CK BET

Reason for Visit: EMERGENCY VISIT

Date Patient Checked Out: 09/30/20 Practice 1

Sep 28, 2020 07:34 PM Staff: 7 9/28/2020 V

> Weight : 6.10 kilograms

: 160 Pulse

: 28 Respiration

Mucous Membranes : Pale/Anemic : 2-4 sec Capillary Refill Alert/Attitude : OAR Hydration : normal

9/28/2020 D 7 Dog Bite Wounds Final

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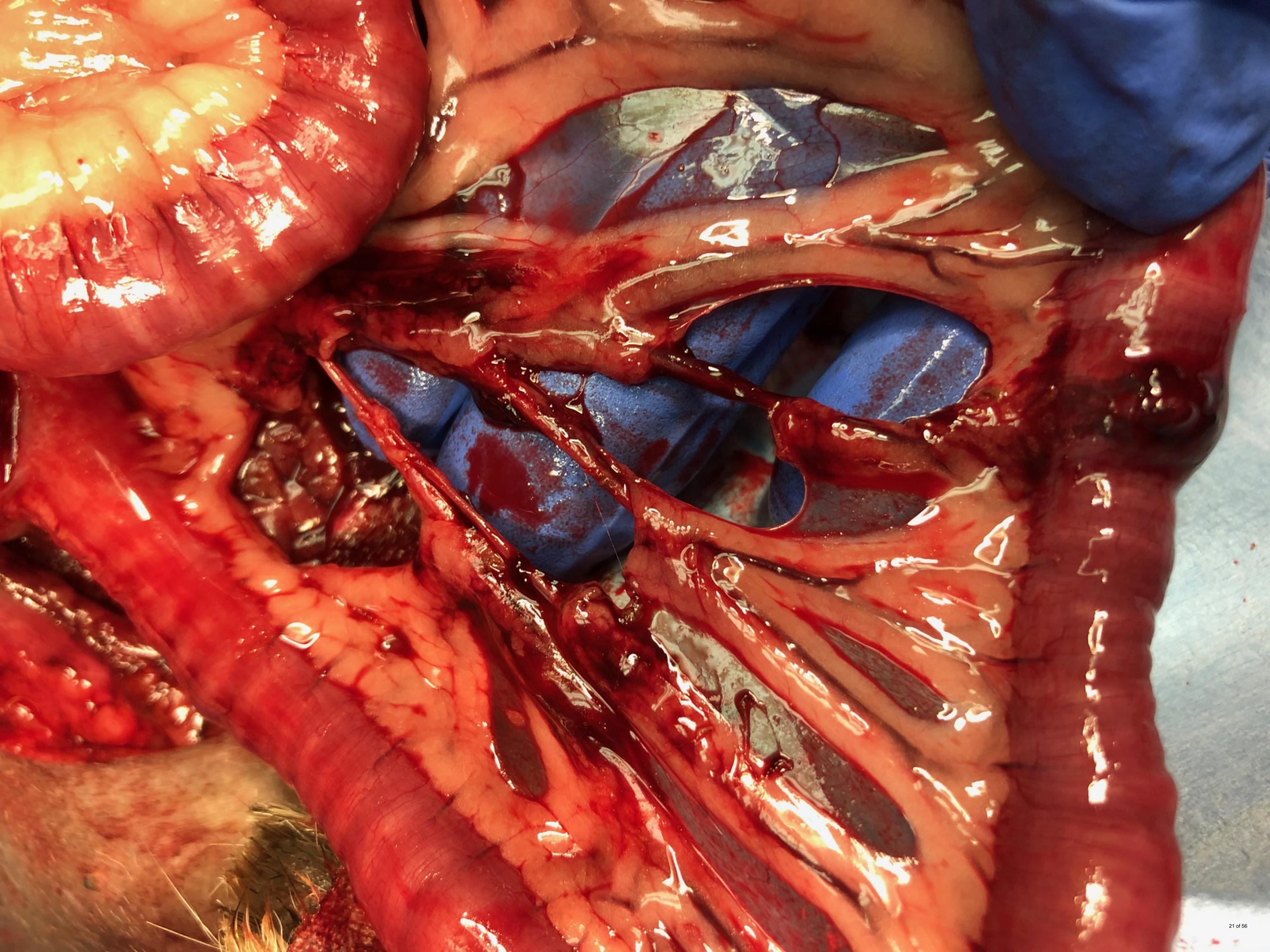
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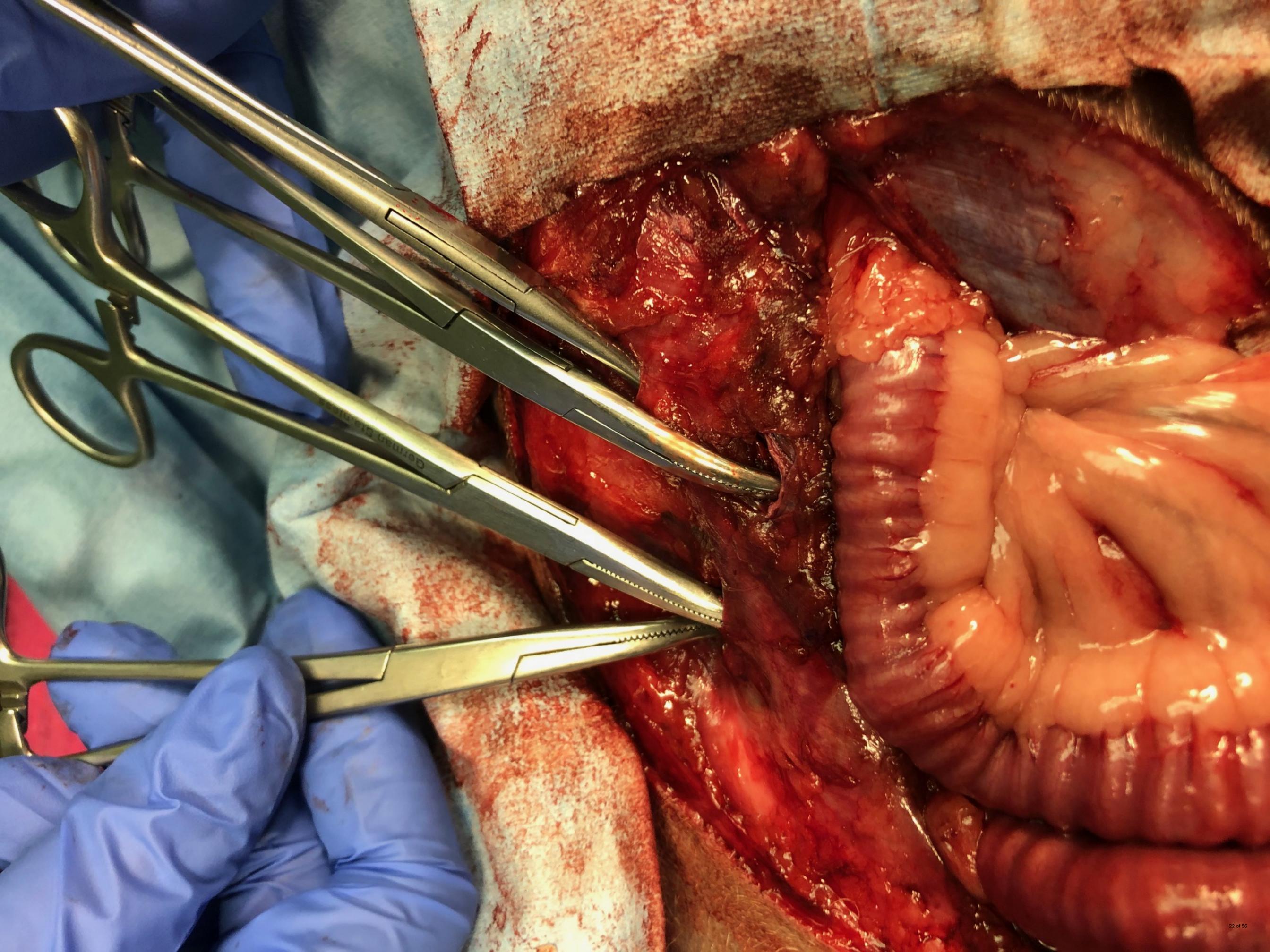
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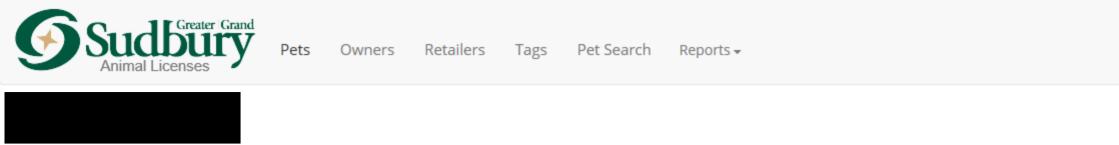


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October 1 2020 @ 1100hrs- DEMERS contacted caller back and asked details about what happened. Caller mentioned that was walking two dogs on leash one being a pom/chih mix male not neutered 12 weeks of age named and second dog is a pom/chih mix male neutered 1.5 years of age named was walking the dogs and noticed two unleashed husky mix dogs roughly a football field in length away come charging at and long dogs. Caller was able to pick up and dog but before could pick the second dog but up the one dog named (dog that was charging) attacked that, and picked up and continuously shook the dog created multiple puncture wounds on the second unleashed husky mix dog was circling the area showing teeth and growling towards and dogs. Caller mentioned that the second dog did not bite but was showing aggression the entire time. Caller mentioned after was freed rushed to the vet where unfortunately succumb to his injuries and passed away. Caller will be reaching out to send DEMERS all the information and evidence of the injuries and passed away. Caller will be reaching out to the death of DEMERS also sent caller a statement form for to fill out and return to DEMERS with details on the accident. DEMERS mentioned she will be laying charges for dog at large and to cause injury to another dog. Once DEMERS reviews all the evidence she will be placing a vicious dog order on the dog that caused severe injury to which ultimately lead to his death.

October 1st 2020 @ 1530hrs- DEMERS called dog owner and spoke to about the incident that took place Sept 28th @ 1830hrs. mentioned had lead outside and went to switch to the leash to bring on a walk when the dog got away from and started running towards the callers dog on the road. not make it to go in time and attacked one of the callers dog. Was able to pull and off the callers dog. In time and attacked one of the callers dog. the dog looked at. On Tuesday September 29th and had caller and over to place and discussed what happened and offered to pay \$1400.00 for yet bills ( transferred the money that night). are very apologetic and are very upset this happened, but they understand that by-law is now involved and the dog will be deemed vicious. DEMERS went over what deeming a dog vicious meant and was very cooperative with everything and will do whatever it takes. but ultimately decided they couldn't do that. mentioned went out yesterday September 30th 2020 and purchased a muzzle so can have that one at all times when out on a walk. mentioned they have had bark busters at the house to help train as well in the past to help with her aggression to some animals, certain dogs in the neighborhood and have been on play dates, is unsure of why this had happened and did not see the beginning of the attack since was trying to catch up to after she took off. DEMERS told that fines will be giving to as well since there was an attack and stated since has been off work since March will have some difficulties paying the fines since already paid \$1400.00 in vet bills. DEMERS mentioned he hands are tied but will speak to her manager in regards to this. DEMERS will be attending residence tomorrow Oct 2nd 2020 with Officer GOULET to take photo's of and go over the vicious dog order. Overall was very cooperative with DEMERS and very apologetic about what happened and is willing to do whatever by-law tells to do when it comes to

October 2nd 2020 @ 1125hrs- DEMERS and GOULET arrived at PL and spoke to dog owner . DEMERS issues 1 PON 7986279B for Owner permit dog to behave in manner endangering safety of domestic animal contrary to Animal Care and Control By-Law as well as a Vicious Dog Notice on the dog and understood completely and cooperated through he entire conversation. DEMERS went over the Vicious Dog Notice with and the appeal section (14 days). The mentioned will contact B.ADAIR to see if the can appeal certain parts of the Notice and get more time. DEMERS attached her business card to Notice and told if has any questions to reach out to DEMERS and she will help.



Contact





Retailer Setup → Security → Hello, Kristen Demers!

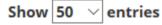








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2020-09-30 12:00 AM	LIVELY LIBRARY AND CITIZEN SERVICE CENTRE		Dog	3756	66.00	1101537		29 of 56

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# **VICIOUS DOG NOTICE #1049355**

Pursuant to City of Greater Sudbury Animal Control By-law 2017-22

#### **REGISTERED MAIL & HAND DELIVERED**

To:





The City of Greater Sudbury is in receipt of a written complaint that your dog, registration number 2020-3755, has attacked another dog without provocation or mitigating factors on September 28<sup>th</sup> 2020.

As License Issuer pursuant to By-law 2017-22, a By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Regulate the Keeping of Animals, Responsible Pet Ownership and the Registration of Dogs and Cats, and under authority of Section 28 of the By-law, I deem your dog to be a vicious dog. Therefore, you are hereby required to comply with the requirements as set out in Sections 29, 30 and 31 of the by-law which states:

#### WARNING SIGN - VICIOUS DOG

- 29 (1) Unless provided to the contrary by the Hearing Committee, every Owner of a Dog which has been found to be a Vicious Dog shall at all times display a warning sign purchased from the License Issuer:
  - (a) At that entrance to the Dwelling Unit of the Owner of the Vicious Dog, which a person would normally approach; and
  - (b) In a location and manner such that the sign will be clearly visible to a person approaching the entrance to the dwelling unit.
  - (2) Every Owner of a Dog which has been found to be a Vicious Dog shall:
  - (a) ensure that the sign purchased in accordance with subsection 29(1) is affixed to the Dwelling Unit or otherwise erected or placed in a manner that cannot be easily removed by a passerby; and
  - (b) replace the sign as required from time to time, in the event the sign

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is removed or defaced or otherwise becomes illegible.

(3) No Person shall remove a sign erected pursuant to subsection 29(1), while the dog found to be a Vicious Dog resides at that premises, except in accordance with paragraph 29(2)(b).

#### CONTROL OF VICIOUS DOG

- 30 (1) Unless provided to the contrary by the Hearing Committee, every Owner of a Dog, which has been found to be a Vicious Dog shall ensure that at all times when the dog is not on Premises owned or occupied by the Owner of the dog, the dog is:
  - (a) Muzzled;
  - (b) Securely fitted with a collar or harness in a manner such that the dog cannot detach the collar or harness;
  - (c) Leashed with a Leash securely attached to a collar or harness at all times in a manner such that the dog cannot detach the Leash from the collar or harness; and
  - (d) The Leash held by a Person who has the strength and capacity to securely control the dog so as to not permit or allow unwanted contact with another person or a domestic animal.
- (2) Unless provided to the contrary by the Hearing Committee, every Owner of a Dog, which has been found to be a Vicious Dog shall ensure that at all times when the dog is on premises owned or occupied by the Owner of the dog, the dog is:
  - (a) Securely contained inside the Dwelling Unit of the Owner of the Dog
  - (c) if outside the Dwelling Unit of the Owner of the Dog, the Dog is:
  - (i) Muzzled;
  - (ii) Securely fitted with a collar or harness in a manner such that the dog cannot detach the collar or harness;
  - (iii) Restrained by a chain or other restraint sufficient to prevent the dog from leaving the premises; and
  - (iv) Contained within a securely enclosed area, including a fence of an appropriate height for the breed of dog, constructed so as to prevent the dog from leaving the premise and in a manner such that the Vicious Dog is unable to come into contact with persons or other domestic animals
- (3) Unless provided to the contrary by the Hearing Committee, the Owner of a Dog, found to be a Vicious Dog shall provide evidence to the License Issuer that the dog has been Microchipped within 21 days of:

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- (a) The effective date of the service of the notice of the finding by the License Issuer that the dog is a Vicious Dog, in the event that no Appeal is filed to the Hearing Committee; or
- (b) The date on which the Hearing Committee confirms the finding a dog is a Vicious Dog, in the event that an appeal is filed to the Hearing Committee.
- 31 (1) Unless provided to the contrary by the Hearing Committee, every owner of a dog, which has been found to be a Vicious Dog shall obtain and maintain in effect at all times, the person owns the dog found to be a Vicious Dog, a policy of liability insurance with an insurer licensed to operate in Ontario, providing for coverage in an amount not less than one million dollars per occurrence, for losses arising from injuries caused by the owners dog and providing for the City to be notified in writing of any cancellation, termination or expiry of the insurance policy.
- (2) Every owner of a dog, found to be a Vicious Dog shall provide to the License Issuer, evidence that insurance compliant with subsection 31(1) is in effect:
  - (a) Within 10 business days of the dog being found to be a Vicious Dog;
  - (b) On each application for a license or a renewal license for the Dog;
  - (c) Prior to the expiry date of any policy; and
  - (d) Upon request by the License Issuer.
  - (3) Every owner of a dog, found to be a Vicious Dog shall provide the information required under subsection 15(1) to the License Issuer writing within two business days of any change in ownership or residence of the dog and provide the License Issuer with the new address and telephone number of the owner.

As License Issuer and in accordance with Section 28(5)(c), I am advising you of your right, if exercised within 14 days of the service of the notice, that you may apply to the Hearing Committee, to seek one or both or a reversal the finding that the dog is a Vicious Dog and an exemption from any one or more of the conditions in section 29, 30 and 31; the process to do so; and the applicable fee for such hearing.

The process to apply to the Hearing Committee is as follows;

Application to Hearing Committee

32 – (1) An owner who has been given notice that his or her dog has been found to be a Vicious Dog, may apply in writing to the License

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Issuer for a hearing before the Hearing Committee established pursuant to the City's Procedure By-law then in effect, and shall submit the applicable administrative fee for such applications. The application shall be filed within 14 days of the date that service of the notice under section 28 is effective.

The application fee for appeal hearings for Notices, as set out in Schedule CS-7 to the User Fee By-law 2017-24 is \$103.00.

Lastly and in accordance with section 28(6) of By-law 2017-22, the finding that a dog is a Vicious Dog shall be effective upon service of the notice under Section 28(5) and continue in effect unless and until such finding is revoked by the Hearing Committee.

Failure to comply with the provisions of this Vicious Dog Notice is an offence and will result in charges to the By-law and Provincial Offences Act.

Dated this October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

Brendan Adair, License Issuer

Manager of Security and By-Law Services

City of Greater Sudbury

City of Greater Sudbury Ville du Grand Sudbury



TOM DAVIES SQUARE 200 RUE BRADY STREET SUDBURY ON P3A 5P9

Kristen Demers

Jr. By-Law Enforcement Officer Agente subalterne d'exécution des règlements municipaux

kristen.demers@greatersudbury.ca

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# Notice of Appeal Hearing Committee Form 1

This Form is considered a public record, and will be included in the public agenda for the Hearing Committee. Information under this Form is collected under the authority of section 10 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 and section 32 of the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.56, and will be used for the purpose of an appeal before the Hearing Committee.

Note: For the appeal to proceed through the Hearing Committee, payment must be received.

Part 1: Appeal Type
Separate Notice of Appeal and additional appeal fee is required for each subject of appeal

	Appeal Type (check only the boxes related to your appeal)	Appeal Fee
<b>✓</b>	Appeal a decision on a licensing matter	\$106.00
~	Appeal a property tax issue	No Fee
~	Appeal an issue under the Drainage Act	No Fee
~	Appeal an issue under the Development Charges Act	No Fee
<b>✓</b>	Appeal a decision on a lottery licensing for charities matter	\$106.00
<b>~</b>	Appeal a decision on a topsoil regulation matter	No Fee
<b>~</b>	Appeal a decision made by acting as a property standards committee	\$106.00
~	Appeal a muzzling order	\$106.00
<b>~</b>	Appeal a street re-naming matter	No Fee
•	Appeal a matter regarding the regulation of trees on municipal road rights of way	No Fee
~	Appeal a complaint under the Development Charges Act	No Fee
<b>✓</b>	Appeal a Handi-Transit decision	No Fee
<b>V</b>	Appeal a matter as set out in municipal by-laws	No Fee

Questions on the collection of this information may be directed to the **Deputy Clerk**, PO Box 5000, Stn A, 200 Brady Street, City of Greater Sudbury, Ontario, P3A 5P3, clerks@greatersudbury.ca or by calling 311.

# Notice of Appeal Form 1

Part 2: Location Information				File #				
Address subject to	the appeal:							
Street Number	eet Number Street Name				Postal Code			
Part 3: Appellant Information								
First Name			Last	Name				
Corporation Name or Association Name (Association must be incorporated)								
Position Title (if applicable)			Email					
Street Number	Street Name				Sui	te/Unit Number		
City/Town	n Province		e		Postal Code			
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Telephone Number			Mobi	le Number				
Appellant Signature			'			Date (yyyy-mm-dd)		
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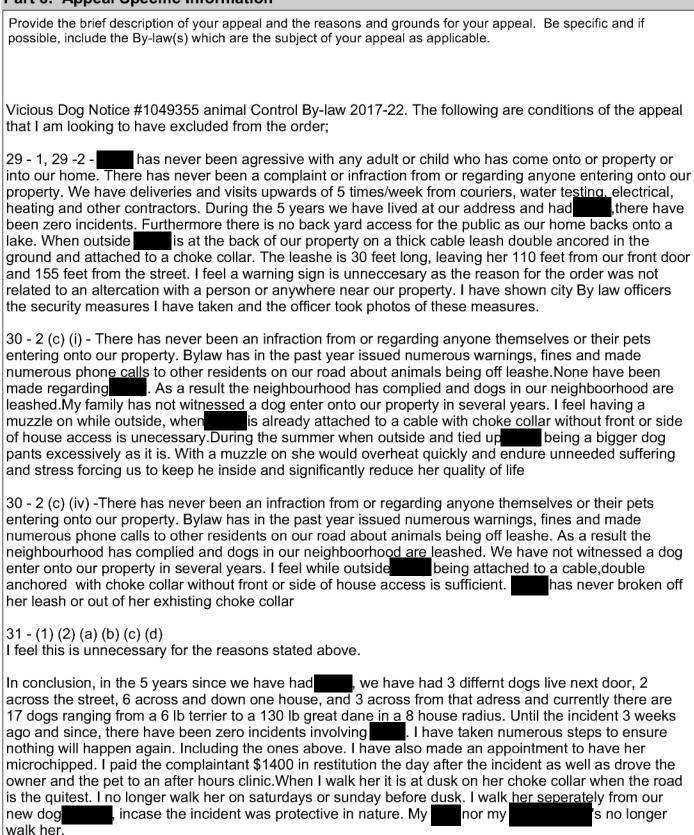
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Part 4: Representative Information (if applicable)							
I hereby authorize the named lawyer, law firm, corporation and/or individual(s) to represent me							
First Name			ast Name				
Corporation Name or Association Name (Association must be incorporated)							
Position Title (if applicable)			Email				
Street Number	Street Name				Suite/Unit Number		
City/Town Provin			Э		Postal Code		
Telephone Number			Mobile Number				
Appellant Signature			Date (yyyy-mm-dd)				
Please note: If you are representing the appellant and are not a solicitor, please confirm that you have authority to act on behalf of the appellant. Please confirm this by checking the box and signing below.							
I certify that I have authority to act as a representative with respect to this appeal on behalf of the appellant and I understand that I may be asked to produce this authorization at any time.							
Representative Signature				Date (yyyy-mm-dd)			
Part 5: Accessibility							

We are committed to providing services as set out in the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*. If you have any accessibility needs, please contact our the Clerk's Services Department, 200 Brady Street, 2nd Floor, Sudbury, Ontario P3A 5P3, by calling 3-1-1 at clerks@greatersudbury.ca.

# Notice of Appeal Form 1

### Part 6: Appeal Specific Information



# Notice of Appeal Form 1

Part 7: Required Fee	Receipt #:
Total Fee Submitted	
Date of Payment	



#### HEARING COMMITTEE MEETING

### **Appellant Information Sheet**

Please be advised that this oral hearing is a public process and the agenda and all submissions will be made available on the City's website and the hearing is open to the public to attend. By submitting information, including print or electronic information, to be considered by the Hearing Committee or City Council you are indicating that you have obtained the consent of persons whose personal information is included in the information to be disclosed to the public.

## Before the Meeting

- Prepare all relevant documentation in a package prior to the hearing and make 10 copies of it.
- Approximately 10 days prior to the meeting, the Agenda for the Hearing Committee meeting will be made publicly available at http://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/
- At the hearing, please bring with you the 10 copies of your relevant documentation package, and provide it to the Clerk before the meeting.

### **During the Meeting**

- Please note that your appeal hearing is an oral hearing.
- The Chair of the meeting will open the hearing and proceed with each item on the agenda.
- Speakers for each appeal will be heard in the following order:
  - Staff explains the appeal and the staff recommendation;
  - Appellant, or their lawyer or agent, presents their evidence; and
  - Anyone else who wishes to speak on the matter, either in support or against the appeal are permitted to do so when called to speak by the Chair.
- After everyone who wishes to speak has done so, the public hearing is closed and the Committee meeting is re-opened. The staff recommendation will be read and the Committee will then discuss the appeal and make a decision.
- All participants and audience members are reminded to respect the role of the Chair, the
  committee and all participants, to use appropriate language and to refrain from clapping, cheering,
  booing or otherwise disrupting the meeting. Signs and props are not permitted in the room unless
  required as evidence as agreed upon with the Clerk's representative.

# After the Meeting

- The recommendations of the Hearing Committee will be presented to Council for ratification at a future City Council meeting.
- The appellant will receive correspondence regarding the final decision of Council.

To: Appeal Hearing Committee

Re: Appeal of Viscious Dog Order # 1049355

### Hello,

I am formally Requesting an Appeal of Viscious Dog Order # 1049355. Specifically, conditions of the appeal that I am looking to have excluded as follows;

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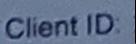
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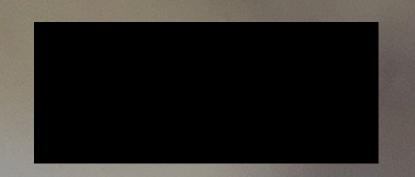
Thank you,

acting as
BARRYDOWNE ANIMAL HOSPITAL
817 Barrydowne Road
Sudbury, ON P3A 3T6
(705) 566-4243



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Date: 9/30/2020

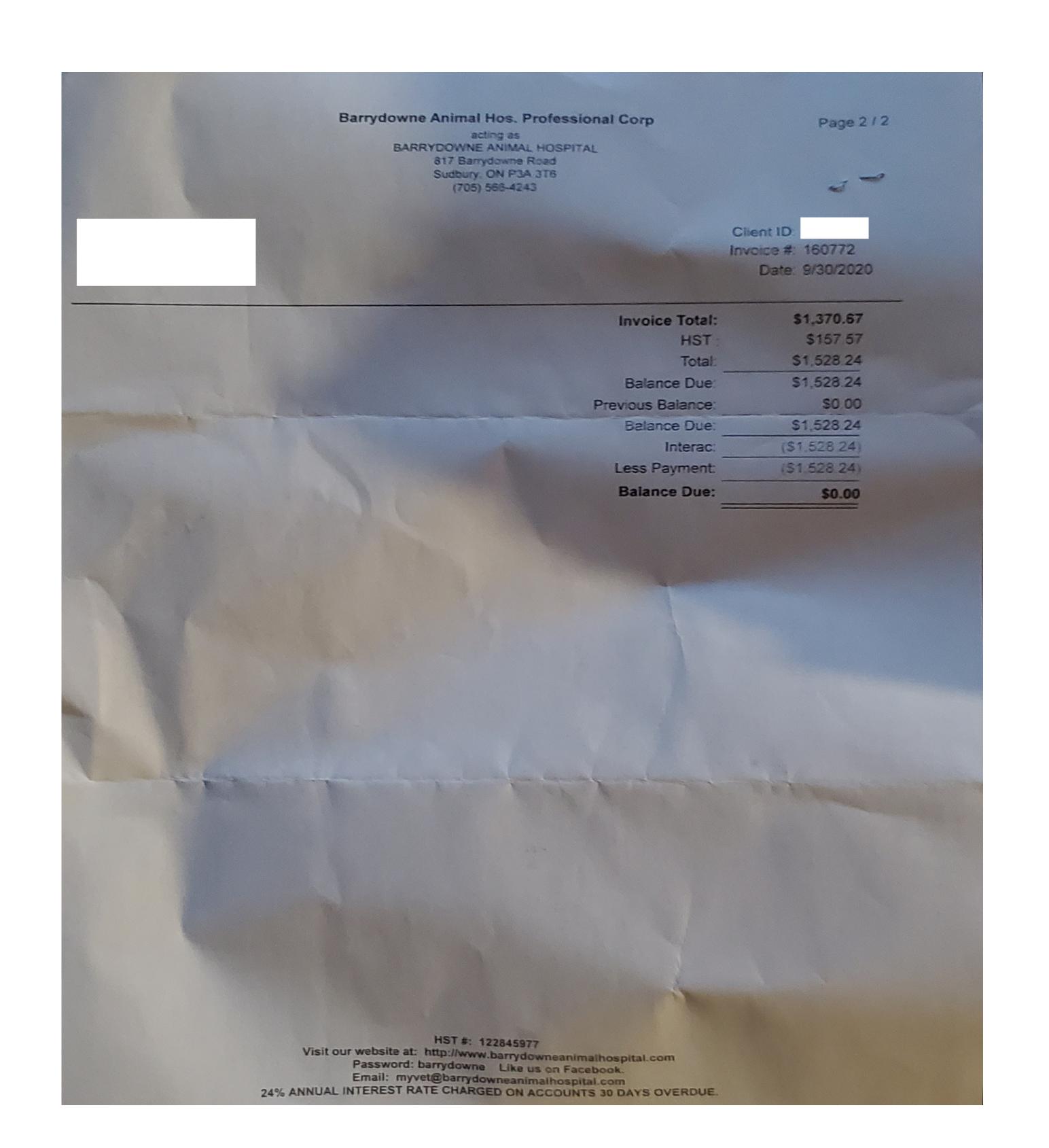


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Patient Name						
	Description	Staff Name		1.00	\$104.60 T	
9/28/2020	Physical Examination/Consult.	Dr.	DVM		\$160.00 T	
	Urgent Care Veterinarian Fee			1.00	\$50.00 T	
	Urgent Care Technician Fee			1.00	\$0.00	
	Surgery (General)	Dr.	DVM	1.00	\$94.40 T	
	Hospitalization-1/2 day			1.00	\$202.90 T	
	Anesth: premed,induction,intubate			1.00		
	Anesth: maintenance (/10 min.)			3.00	\$153.00 T	
	IV Fluids During Anesthetic Only			1.00	\$108.50 T	
	Surgical Fee (per 10 minutes)			2.00	\$296.40 T	
	Surgical Pack Fee Standard			1.00	\$116.00 T	
	Hydromorphone HCI Inj 2mg/mL			0.30	\$0.00	
	Rheumocam 5mg/ml inj			0.24	\$2.17 T	
	Catheterization-urinary (male)			1.00	\$91.70 T	
	Euthanasia			1.00	\$158.60	
29/2020	Compassionate discount			1.00	(\$612.60) T	
	Cremation semi-private ashes returned			1.00	\$240.00 T	
30/2020	Stone Marker with Cremation			1.00	\$100.00 T	
30/2020	Jewelry(Heart/PPH, PPC)			1.00	\$105.00 7	
			Patient	Subtotal:	\$1,370.67	

# Instructions

FOR YOUR PETS SAFETY, HE/SHE WAS INTUBATED FOR THE ANESTHETIC. YOU MAY NOTICE SOME COUGHING FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS. THIS IS NORMAL DUE TO A SMALL AMOUNT OF IRRITATION TO THE THROAT FROM THE ENDOTRACHEAL TUBE. IF THE COUGHING SEEMS EXCESSIVE OR YOU ARE IN ANY WAY CONCERNED, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE.

YOUR PET RECEIVED AN ANESTHETIC. PLEASE KEEP HIM/HER CONFINED UNTIL RECOVERED COMPLETELY. RESTRICT WATER INTAKE TO FREQUENT SMALL AMOUNTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. RESTRICT FOOD INTAKE TO SMALL AMOUNTS ALSO; 1/3 NORMAL RATION THIS EVENING. BECAUSE THE ANESTHETIC CAN LOWER THEIR BODY TEMPERATURE, KEEP THEM SOMEPLACE WHERE THEY WILL BE WARM AND DRY.





# **Request for Decision**

Tax Adjustment Under Section 357 of the Municipal Act of Ontario for 2600 Regional Rd 55, Naughton

Presented To:	Hearing Committee
Presented:	Wednesday, Dec 09, 2020
Report Date	Tuesday, Nov 12, 2019
Type:	Public Hearings

### Resolution

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury accepts the decision provided by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation regarding 2600 Regional Rd 55, Naughton and that the application by Darren Byrne, be processed as "no recommendation", as outlined in the report entitled "Tax Adjustment Under Section 357 of the Municipal Act of Ontario for 2600 Regional Rd. 55, Naughton", from the General Manager of Corporate Services, presented at the Hearing Committee meeting on December 9, 2020:

AND THAT the owners be advised that in accordance with Section 357 (7) of the Municipal Act, the option exists for an appeal of the Committee's decision to the Assessment Review Board of Ontario.

# Relationship to the Strategic Plan / Health Impact Assessment

This report refers to operational matters.

# **Report Summary**

This report deals with an application under Section 357 (1)(c) of the Municipal Act, 2001 for a property known municipally as 2600 Regional Rd 55, Naughton. The property owner has appealed the results of the application to the Hearing Committee of the City of Greater Sudbury.

# **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

# Signed By

#### **Report Prepared By**

Kyla Bell Manager of Taxation Digitally Signed Nov 12, 19

#### **Division Review**

Ed Stankiewicz Executive Director of Finance, Assets and Fleet Digitally Signed Nov 13, 19

#### **Financial Implications**

Liisa Lenz Coordinator of Budgets Digitally Signed Nov 20, 19

#### **Recommended by the Department**

Kevin Fowke General Manager of Corporate Services Digitally Signed Nov 20, 19

#### Recommended by the C.A.O.

Ed Archer Chief Administrative Officer Digitally Signed Nov 2, 20

# **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Hearing Committee to decide whether to grant or deny an application made pursuant to s. 357 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, for an adjustment of property taxes for the year 2017. The application pertains to a property municipally known as 2600 Regional Rd 55, Naughton with Assessment Roll #120.004.21305.0000.

# **Background**

#### The Application for the Tax Adjustment

On application to the Treasurer, pursuant to s. 357 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, (the "Act") the municipality may cancel, reduce or refund all or part of taxes levied on land in the year in respect of which the application is made. Applications must be filed with the Treasurer on or before the last day of February of the year following the year in respect of which the application is made and may be based only on the reasons set out in s. 357 of the Act.

The owner of property municipally known as 2600 Regional Rd 55, Naughton with Assessment Roll #120.004.21305.0000, filed an application with the Treasurer for a reduction of taxes for his property for the 2017 taxation year. The application was made in a timely manner. It recited s. 357(1)(c) of the Act as the basis for the application for reduction of taxes. This subsection reads:

(c) the land has become exempt from taxation during the year or during the preceding year after the return of the assessment roll for preceding year;

This section is relied on if a property that was assessed on the assessment roll as taxable property became exempt during the year. Generally this applies to properties which became exempt from taxation during the year as a result of a transfer from a taxable owner to the City or a school board. Here, however, the owner has indicated in his application that the property is an aircraft hangar and has offered as his explanation: "aircraft hanger under federal designation". It is his position that an aircraft hangar located on a residential property should be classified as exempt and therefore exempt from taxation.

All applications pursuant to s. 357 of the Act, which are received by the City are sent to MPAC (Municipal Property Assessment Corporation) for review. MPAC considers the applications, and returns them to the municipality with either a recommendation for a tax adjustment or with no recommendation. A "no recommendation" response by MPAC indicates that the application did not meet the specified criteria under the Act and as a result, there is no recommendation for tax adjustment.

Applicants are notified of MPAC's recommendations and advised that the matter will be brought to Council for decision. Persons who want to make submissions notify

the City and a hearing before the Hearing Committee is scheduled.

In the case of the application pertaining to 2600 Regional Road 15, the application was forwarded to MPAC in the usual course. MPAC responded with 'no recommendation', meaning that the property did not qualify for reclassification as exempt during the 2017 taxation year. On further enquiry of MPAC, the City was advised that MPAC was relying on O. Reg. 282/98, made under the Assessment Act, , which provides that private airplane hangars are to be assessed as residential properties. This is the way the property is currently assessed.

MPAC advised that it had previously reviewed the request for a change to the tax class for this property to 'exempt' and determined that it was not in order. As the tax class has not changed on the assessment roll, MPAC did not recommend an adjustment to taxes. In the absence of a change to the assessment roll, it is staff's position that there is no basis for a tax adjustment. As a result, staff are recommending to Council that there be no adjustment to the taxes levied for this property.

The property owner has requested an opportunity to make submissions to Hearing Committee on this matter prior to Council making a decision on the request for a tax adjustment.

#### Additional Information

It should be noted that this item was deferred by motion from the June 5, 2019, Hearing Committee meeting and that it had previously been rescheduled a couple of times as requested by the appellant.

It should be noted that the property owners have thirty five (35) days to appeal City Council's decision regarding the application for the tax adjustment to the Assessment Review Board of Ontario.

#### Recommendation

That the City of Greater Sudbury accepts the decision provided by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation regarding 2600 Regional Rd 55 (Assessment roll #120.004.21305) and that the application by Darren Byrne be processed as "no recommendation".



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November 19, 2018

Darren Bryne 2600 Regional Rd 55 RR 1 Naughton On POM 2M0

ROLL NUMBER / NUMÉRO DE RÔLE: 120.004.21305.0000

LOCATION / ENDROIT: 2600 Regional Rd 55

# Notice pursuant to Sections 357 & 358 of the Municipal Act Avis donné aux termes des articles 357 et 358 de la *Loi sur les municipalités*

A review of our records indicates that the above noted property is subject to an application for a reduction of taxes pursuant to Sections 357 & 358 of the Municipal Act for the following reasons: **Became Exempt** 

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation has previously reviewed your application and has the following recommendation:

No Recommendation

Please be advised that the application will be addressed by City Council on January 29, 2019 6:00 P.M.

If you have no objection to the recommendation then City Council will dispense with the application by ratifying the recommendations of the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

If you object, you may speak to the application by attending a meeting of the Hearing Committee of City Council.

If you wish to attend the Hearing Committee meeting, you must provide your intention to do so **in writing**, by notifying the Deputy City Clerk, within fourteen (14) days of the date of this letter. If you have an objection to the recommendation of the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, your written Intention will result in the application being removed from the City Council agenda and you will be notified of the date when the Hearing Committee will review the application.

The Deputy City Clerk can be contacted as follows:

CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY c/o Deputy City Clerk 200 Brady Street P.O. Box 5000, Station A Sudbury ON P3A 5P3

Yours truly,

KylaBeel

Kyla Bell, Manager of Taxation Par suite d'une évaluation de nos dossiers, nous concluons que l'on peut faire une demande de réduction d'impôt pour la propriété susmentionnée, en vertu des articles 357 et 358 de la *Loi sur les municipalités*, et ce, pour les raisons sulvantes :

#### **Became Exempt**

La Société d'évaluation foncière des municipalités a d'abord évalué votre demande, puis formulé la recommandation suivante :

#### No Recommendation

Veuillez noter que le Conseil municipal se penchera sur la demande le January 29, 2019 6:00 P.M.

Si vous n'avez aucune objection à l'égard de la recommandation, le Conseil municipal traitera la demande en ratifiant les recommandations de la Société d'évaluation foncière des municipalités.

Si vous vous y opposez, vous pouvez vous exprimer sur la demande en assistant à une réunion du Comité d'audition du Conseil municipal.

Si vous desirez assisté à la réunion du Comité d'audition, vous devez avisé la greffière municipal adjointe, **par écrit**, dans un délai de quatorze (14) jours suivant la date de la présente lettre. Si vous vous opposez à la recommandation de la Société d'évaluation foncière des municipalités, votre avis par écrit entraînera le retrait de votre demande de l'ordre du jour de la réunion du Consell municipal, et on vous avisera de la date de révision de votre demande par le Comité d'audition.

On peut joindre, à l'adresse suivante :

greffière municipal adjointe VILLE DU GRAND SUDBURY 200, rue Brady C. P. 5000, succursale A Sudbury ON P3A 5P3

Veuillez agréer, Madame, Monsieur, mes salutations distinguées.

Gestionnaire des taxes foncières,

KylaBell

Kyla Bell .

Nov. 28 2018

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ROLL XULBER 120.004.21305.0000

/ WISH TO OBJECT TO THE DER RECOMMENDATIONS

SET FORTH By MPAC.

/ WANT my PROPERTY REMOVED FROM THE

TAX ROLE, SYSTEM.

DARREN BJONE



# **Request for Decision**

Cancellation, Reduction or Refund of Taxes under Sections 357 and 358 of the Municipal Act, 2001

Presented To:	Hearing Committee		
Presented:	Wednesday, Dec 09, 2020		
Report Date	Thursday, Nov 12, 2020		
Type:	Public Hearings		

### **Resolution**

THAT taxes totaling approximately \$47,606.72 be adjusted under Sections 357 of the Municipal Act, 2001, of which the City's (municipal) portion is estimated to be \$32,397.62, as outlined in the report entitled "Cancellation, Reduction or Refund of Taxes under Sections 357 and 358 of the Municipal Act, 2001," from the General Manager of Corporate Services, presented at the Hearing Committee on December 9, 2020;

AND THAT the associated interest be cancelled in proportion to the tax adjustments;

AND THAT the Manager of Taxation be directed to adjust the Collector's Roll accordingly;

AND THAT staff be authorized and directed to take appropriate action.

# Relationship to the Strategic Plan / Health Impact Assessment

This report refers to operational matters.

# **Report Summary**

The purpose of this report is to authorize the Manager of

Taxation to adjust the Collector's Roll under Section 357 and 358 of the Municipal Act, 2001, which authorizes the cancellation, reduction and/or refund of property taxes under certain circumstances.

# **Financial Implications**

Of the total taxes to be struck from the tax roll, the City's portion is estimated to be \$32,397.62 and the adjustment will be recorded in the 2020 financial records.

# Signed By

#### **Report Prepared By**

Kyla Bell Manager of Taxation

Digitally Signed Nov 12, 20

#### **Division Review**

Ed Stankiewicz Executive Director of Finance, Assets and Fleet Digitally Signed Nov 13, 20

# Financial Implications

Steve Facey
Manager of Financial Planning &
Budgeting
Digitally Signed Nov 13, 20

#### **Recommended by the Department**

Kevin Fowke General Manager of Corporate Services Digitally Signed Nov 16, 20

#### Recommended by the C.A.O.

Ed Archer Chief Administrative Officer Digitally Signed Nov 25, 20

# Figure 1 - Tax Adjustment by Levy Body Tax Adjustments Under Section 357/358 of the Municipal Act, 2001

City (Municipal Portion)	\$32,397.62
Education Portion	\$12,164.85
BIA	\$3,044.25
Total	\$47,606.72

# **Background**

Sections 357 and 358 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, provide the authority for the cancellation, reduction or refund of property taxes under certain circumstances. In The *Municipal Act, 2001*, provides for Council to hold a hearing at which applicants can make submissions regarding their applications. In accordance with the mandate of the Hearing Committee, this matter is before the Committee to hear any concerned applicants and to consider the recommendations arising out of the applications identified in this report.

#### Section 357:

Subsection 357(1) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001 (the "Act") identifies permitted grounds for an application for cancellation, reduction or refund of taxes as set out below:

Upon application to the treasurer of a local municipality made in accordance with this section, the local municipality may cancel, reduce or refund all or part of taxes levied on land in the year in respect of which the application is made if,

- (a) as a result of a change event, as defined in clause (a) of the definition of "change event" in subsection 34(2.2) of the Assessment Act, during the taxation year, the property or portion of the property is eligible to be reclassified in a different class of real property, as defined in regulations made under that Act, and that class has a lower tax ratio for the taxation year than the class the property or portion of the property is in before the change event, and no supplementary assessment is made in respect of the change event under subsection 34(2) of the Assessment Act;
- (b) the land has become vacant land or excess land during the year or during the preceding year after the return of the assessment roll for the preceding year;
- (c) the land has become exempt from taxation during the year or during the preceding year after the return of the assessment roll for the preceding year;
- (d) during the year or during the preceding year after the return of the assessment roll, a building on the land,
  - (i) was razed by fire, demolition or otherwise, or
  - (ii) was damaged by fire, demolition or otherwise so as to render it substantially unusable for the purposes for which it was used immediately prior to the damage;
- (d.1) the applicant is unable to pay taxes because of sickness or extreme poverty;
- (e) a mobile unit on the land was removed during the year or during the preceding year after the return of the assessment roll for the preceding year;
- (f) a person was overcharged due to a gross or manifest error that is clerical or factual in nature, including the transposition of figures, a typographical error or similar error but not an error in judgment in assessing the property; or

(g) repairs or renovations to the land prevented the normal use of the land for a period of at least three months during the year.

The time line for filing an application for cancellation, reduction or refund of taxes is found in Subsection 357(3) of the Act as set out below:

An application under this section must be filed with the treasurer on or before the last day of February of the year following the year in respect of which the application is made.

#### Section 358:

Subsection 358 (1) the Act also provides for applications for cancellation, reduction or refund of taxes. Applicants under this section can apply for relief for a longer timeframe but face more restricted grounds, as set out below:

Upon application to the treasurer of a local municipality made in accordance with this section, the local municipality may cancel, reduce or refund all or part of the taxes levied on land,

- (a) in one or both of the two years preceding the year in which the application is made for any overcharge caused by a gross or manifest error in the preparation of the assessment roll that is clerical or factual in nature, including the transposition of figures, a typographical error or similar errors, but not an error in judgment in assessing the property; or
- (b) in the year or years in respect of which an assessment is made under section 33 or 34 of the Assessment Act for any overcharge caused by a gross or manifest error in the preparation of the assessment that is clerical or factual in nature, including the transposition of figures, a typographical error or similar errors, but not an error in judgment in assessing the property.

Pursuant to Section 358 subsection (3) of the Municipal Act, 2001:

An application in respect of an error in the preparation of the assessment roll must be filed with the treasurer between March 1 and December 31 of a year and may apply to taxes levied for one or both of the two years preceding the year in which the application is made and the application shall indicate to which year or years it applies.

# Options/Discussion:

The City forwards all applications for tax relief under Section 357 and Section 358 of the Act to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) for consideration. MPAC conducts an internal review based on the information contained in the application against their records and recommends any necessary assessment and/or tax class

changes. MPAC then issues a Response Form to the City and where applicable, makes a recommendation for a change to the assessment and/or tax class on the tax roll. This revised assessment and/or tax class provided by MPAC is what the City relies on to adjust the taxes.

In some instances, MPAC may determine that the application does not reveal any grounds to reduce assessment and/or change tax class. MPAC would provide a Response Form to the City with a notation of "No Recommendation" for these applications. Examples for MPAC to issue a "No Recommendation" may be that the assessment was already altered through some other mechanism such as a Request for Reconsideration, the situation described in the application was not significant enough to change the assessment, or it may be determined that there was no assessment relating to the change included in the roll returned roll (building was not assessed or was fully depreciated). If the assessment is unchanged, the properties identified in these applications are not eligible for a tax adjustment or reduction.

Upon the return of the Response Forms from MPAC, they are reviewed by staff and in accordance with the Act the property owners are notified of the recommendation and advised of their options to respond. Property owners have the right to appeal to Council, through the Hearing Committee process.

Of the applications included in the attachments for this report, MPAC advised there was 'No Recommendation' on two (2) applications and as a result, no tax relief is being proposed. These applications are identified in Appendix 'C' and the reason for the 'No Recommendation' is included for your information. There is no tax adjustment to be made in these instances.

Of the applications on which MPAC did make recommendations, ten (10) applications were under Section 357 of the Act for relief of taxes. The chart contained in Appendix 'B' lists these showing the reason for and the estimated amount of the tax adjustment.

The main reason(s) for these applications was:

- <u>Fire / Demolished</u> relating to the demolition or damage due to fire of a building on the property that reduced the assessed value;
- <u>Became Exempt</u> representing a property that was assessed on the assessment roll as taxable, but became exempt during the year. This property was either transferred during the year from a taxable owner to the City or another nontaxable owner or tenant such as a school board, hospital or it become a place of worship;
- <u>Class Change</u> a change event occurred that made the property or a portion of the property eligible to be reclassified in a different class that has a lower tax ratio/tax rate:

Appendix 'B' details the estimated tax changes resulting from these recommendations.

Appendix 'A' to this report sets out a breakdown of estimated total tax reductions by Municipal, Education and Business Improvement Area portions by of category of permitted reasons for the cancellation, reduction and refund.

The property owners were advised of the recommendations or no recommendations in writing on or before October 9, 2020. Staff were able to respond to all questions or concerns raised by the affected property owners. Applicants are encouraged to notify staff if they wish an opportunity to appear before the Hearing Committee to challenge the recommendations of this report. While no such requests were received, any of the applicants are entitled to attend before the Committee to make representations regarding their application.

# Summary:

The Committee is asked to recommend that Council approve the tax cancellations, reductions and refunds as shown for the rolls as set out on Appendix 'B' and summarized in Appendix 'A'.

# Appendix 'A' Tax Adjustments Report Total Report Date: December 9, 2020

Reason for Adjustment	Applications	Mun	icipal Portion	Edu	cation Portion	BIA
Fire or Demolition	6	\$	22,750.77	\$	7,893.95	\$ 3,044.25
Class Change	2	\$	2,060.26	\$	1,395.06	\$ -
Gross or Manifest Error	0	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Exempt	4	\$	7,586.59	\$	2,875.84	\$ -
TOTAL	.: 12	\$	32,397.62	\$	12,164.85	\$ 3,044.25

# Appendix 'B' Tax Adjustments Detailed Listing Report Date: December 9, 2020

	Tax Appeals: Section 357 - Residential				
Tax Year	Roll Number	Reason		Amount of Decrease	
2020	010.011.02000.0000	Class Change	\$	(2,517.15)	
2020	070.004.01300.0000	Demolition		455.36	
2019	070.008.05700.0000	Became Exempt		120.61	
2020	160.022.06600.0000	Demolition		458.43	
2020	170.011.05100.0000	Demolition		1,044.57	
2020	180.001.09600.0000	Demolition		646.75	
2020	180.001.12700.0000	Demolition		943.83	
	Total	7 Applications	\$	1,152.40	
	Tax Appeals: Sec	tion 357 - Non-Resident	ial		
2020	010.011.02000.0000	Class Change	\$	5,972.47	
2020	030.023.04300.0000	Became Exempt		10,341.82	
2020	070.004.01300.0000	Demolition		30,140.03	
	Total	3 Applications	\$	46,454.32	
	TOTAL	10 Applications	\$	47,606.72	

# Appendix 'C' No Recommendation Changes Report Date: December 9, 2020

Tax Year	Roll Number	Reason for Recommendation
2020	070.004.04600	2020 PRAN issued to carry forward the reduction in assessment due to fire from the 2019 Section 357
2018	120.004.21305	Property is correctly classified in the residential class