

Request for Halifax Regional Council's Consideration			
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Date of Council Meeting: July 20, 2021			
Subject: By-Law A700 - Respecting Animals and Responsible Pet Ownership			
Motion for Council to Consider: That Regional Council request a staff report and recommendations with respect to simplifying and streamlining the process for dealing with dangerous dogs as currently set out in By-law A-700, Respecting Animals and Responsible Pet Ownership, HRM's animal control by-law which will include options for a municipal appeal process that could serve as a speedier alternative to the courts for resolving cases where dangerous dogs have been seized or surrendered. The recommendations should consider a municipal appeal process that would involve an independent review panel, similar in structure to HRM's current taxi appeals committee.			
Reason: Charges pending against dog owners under A-700 can take up to 18 months to be resolved through the courts. In District 10 in July 2021 three dogs got loose and allegedly attacked a teen and an adult. The attack is under investigation. The dog owners in this case were facing multiple charges related to two prior attacks by the same dogs six months earlier.			
Outcome Sought: To provide more timely resolution of cases in which charges have been laid related to dangerous dogs or cases in which dogs have been seized.			
Councillor Kathryn Morse		District 10	