



Municipal Licensing and Standards Committee Minutes

February 22, 2023, 3:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Present: Justin Crichlow
Frank Mielewczyk
Gowri Shakthi
Brandon Walker

Regrets: Heather Harty

Also Present: Kate Novia, Staff Liaison, Supervisor of By-law and Animal Services
Chris Lyons, Animal Services Officer
Heather Ellis, Council and Committee Coordinator (Recording Secretary)

1. Call to Order

K. Novia, Supervisor of By-law and Animal Services, addressed the appellant and introduced the Committee. Ms. Novia outlined the authority of the Municipal Licensing and Standards Committee and explained that the Committee has the ability to confirm Orders to Restrain, modify or rescind them.

2. Appointment of Chair

The Committee was advised that the appointment for the Chair of the Municipal Licensing and Standards Committee for the January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 term would take place at this time.

Heather Ellis called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Municipal Licensing and Standards Committee.

Frank Mielewczyk nominated Justin Crichlow for the position of Chair.

Justin Crichlow accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations and the nominations were closed.

Recommendation:

Moved by Frank Mielewczyk

That Justin Crichlow be appointed Chair of the Municipal Licensing and Standards Committee for a term ending December 31, 2023.

Carried

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4. Appeal Hearing

4.1 Appeal of Order to Restrain a Dog

38 Haverhill Crescent

Appeal # ASA 23-01

C. Lyons, Animal Services Officer, provided an overview of what led to the issuance of the Order to Restrain for 38 Haverhill Crescent on October 20, 2022. Mr. Lyons stated that the complainant advised that she was bit by the appellant's dog while passing the appellant on the sidewalk. He further stated that the complainant advised the appellant she had been bit by the dog. Mr. Lyons explained that the appellant did not provide any contact information to the complainant and that the complainant sought medical attention for the bite and provided a report of the incident. Mr. Lyons advised that the appellant adhered to the conditions of the Order to Restrain. Mr. Lyons recommended that the Committee confirm the order.

A brief question and answer period ensued between the Committee and Mr. Lyons regarding:

- whether there were any previous incidents related to the dog and/or the dog owner;
- whether any complaints against the appellant and her dog had been received since the incident;
- confirmation that the conditions of the order were adhered to without issue;
- the reason for issuing lifetime conditions in the Order to Restrain a dog and whether that was appropriate given the young age of the dog; and,

- whether the Animal Services Officer was aware of the age of the dog at the time of the incident.

A. Azuma-Bond, the appellant, appeared before the Committee. Ms. Azuma-Bond provided an overview of the history and temperament of the dog. Ms. Azuma-Bond stated that her dog lunged when two girls, one being the complainant, walked by and she asked whether they were okay. She stated that the complainant advised they were okay and continued walking. Ms. Azuma-Bond advised that she was taking her dog to behavioural/training classes. Ms. Azuma-Bond requested that the lifetime condition of the Order be modified.

A brief question and answer period ensued between the Committee and Ms. Azuma-Bond regarding:

- whether the dog had ever reacted to passersby during walks;
- whether the appellant was requesting that the entire Order be removed or only specific conditions of the Order;
- clarification regarding the training classes the dog was enrolled in;
- whether there was an end-date to the dog's training;
- who handles the dog during walks; and,
- whether recommendations were made by the dog trainer with respect to continuing lessons.

The Committee excused the appellant, K. Novia, and C. Lyons from the virtual meeting at 3:32 p.m. and reviewed the matter. The appellant, K. Novia, and C. Lyons returned to the virtual meeting at 3:48 p.m.

Recommendation:

Moved by Brandon Walker

That the conditions on the Order to Restrain a Dog for 38 Haverhill Crescent be amended to remain in effect until November 1, 2023.

Carried

5. Adjournment

Recommendation:

Moved by Frank Mielewczyk

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.