

News Release

“Council Reinstates Animal Control Services”

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For Immediate Release

Bob Hobbs, Mayor of the Town of Bishop’s Falls, announced today that animal control services will be reinstated. “Council is pleased to inform residents that, after several months of discussions with the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor, animal control services will be restored effective December 1, 2010. Since assuming office in 2009 this was a goal of the current administration, and we are glad that it has finally come to fruition”, said Mayor Hobbs.

Residents are encouraged to review and become familiar with the *Dog and Cat Regulations, 2010* – the municipal by-law governing the conduct of dogs, cats and their owners. Mayor Hobbs stated that “It is important for residents to be aware of their responsibilities and duties when it comes to the ownership of dogs and cats within the municipality. The regulations, which can be found on the Town’s website (bishopsfalls.ca) or by visiting the Office, should therefore be reviewed by all dog and cat owners.” Mayor Hobbs went on to add that “Residents should understand that while the regulations establish a framework for enforcement, effective animal control begins with the owner, and only in extreme cases should it be necessary to destroy animals. This system is about controlling dogs and cats, and in many instances this can be achieved through cooperation on the part of the owner and the broader community.”

Over the coming weeks and months Council will initiate a program to educate the community about the regulations and owner responsibilities. “Council believes it is important for residents to understand, insofar as possible, the regulatory framework for the proper conduct and control of dogs and cats. To this end, in the not too distant future I plan to visit the Bishop’s Falls school system to educate children and youth on the subject. We will also use the Town’s website and other mediums to post information that will help residents understand, and appreciate, their roles and responsibilities in terms of controlling their dogs and cats. Education will play an important role in this process”, said Mayor Hobbs.

Animal control services are made possible through a partnership with the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor. Mayor Hobbs concluded by saying “Council is pleased to work with our neighbour to deliver this important service. This is a good example of regionalization and how it can benefit the region, and Council looks forward to future possibilities in this regard”.

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