

Minutes of the special council sitting of the Municipality of the Township of Harrington held at 2940 Route 327, in Harrington, on September 27th, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Present and forming a quorum under the chairmanship of the Mayor Pierre Richard, councillors Chantal Scapino, Julie James, Daniel St-Onge, Gerry Clark.

Councillors Richard Francoeur and Robert Dewar are absent.

The director general France Bellefleur and the assistant director general Mathieu Dessureault are present.

Agenda

- 1. Opening of the sitting**
- 2. Adoption of the agenda**
- 3. Decree for dangerous dogs**
- 4. Question period**
- 5. Closing of the sitting**

1. Opening of the sitting

The mayor and chairman of the sitting, Mr. Pierre Richard notes the regularity of the sitting given that there is a quorum and that the notices convening the extraordinary sitting have been notified to all members of the council, in accordance with the provisions of articles 152 and 156 of the *Municipal Code of Quebec*. The sitting opened at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Pierre Richard welcomes everyone and adds that the recording of the sitting is in progress.

2022-09-R181

2. Adoption of the agenda

It is moved by councillor Gerry Clark

And carried that the agenda be adopted as presented.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-09-R182

3. Decree for dangerous dogs

WHEREAS the Government of Quebec has adopted the By-law *for the application of the Act to promote the protection of persons by establishing a framework for dogs*;

WHEREAS by this by-law, the municipalities are responsible for the application of the provincial regulation on their territory;

WHEREAS article 11 of this by-law stipulates that a local municipality may, when circumstances justify it, order the owner or guardian of a dog to comply with one or more of the measures, including having a dog euthanized;

WHEREAS the municipality has the responsibility to see to the protection of all persons on its territory;

WHEREAS the Municipality of the Township of Harrington declared the dog residing at 49 Thompson Road, roll number 2086-81-7908, as a potentially dangerous dog, during its sitting of May 9th, 2022, by resolution 2022-05-R100;

WHEREAS the Municipality of the Township of Harrington ordered during its sitting of May 9th, 2022, by resolution 2022-05-R100, the owner or guardian of the dog residing at 49, Thompson Road, roll number 2086-81-7908 to comply with the following measures, without delay:

- **THAT** the dog wears a basket muzzle at all times and is held by a leash no longer than 1.25 meters;

- **THAT** the dog be guarded by means of a device that prevents it from leaving the limits of its property, in addition to affixing a poster in a place allowing to announce to a person who presents himself on the property of the owner, the presence of the dog;

- **TO PROHIBIT** the dog from being in the presence of a child of 10 years of age or less without the dog being under the constant supervision of an adult;

- **THAT** the dog's rabies vaccination status be up to date;

WHEREAS despite the orders put in place on May 9th, 2022, the owner or guardian of the dog has not complied with the required measures, with the exception of the measure concerning the rabies vaccination status;

WHEREAS following the sending of these orders, the municipality received several other complaints and incident reports on the dog residing at 49, Thompson Road, roll number 2086-81-7908;

WHEREAS the municipality informed the owner or guardian of the dog of its intention to have the dog euthanized as well as the reasons on which it was based in a letter sent on September 14th, 2022 and indicated to him that he had until September 21st, 2022 to present his observations and, if necessary, produce documents to complete his file;

CONSEQUENTLY,

It is moved by councillor Gerry Clark

And carried:

THAT the Municipality of the Township of Harrington informs the owner or guardian of the dog residing at 49, Thompson Road, roll number 2086-81-7908 that the reasons taken into consideration to issue this order

are mentioned in the preamble of this resolution, in the resolution 2022-05-R100 as well as in the letter sent on September 14th, 2022;

THAT the Municipality of the Township of Harrington orders the owner or guardian of the dog residing at 49 Thompson Road, roll number 2086-81-7908 to have the dog euthanized within five (5) days;

THAT before the expiry of this period, the owner or guardian of the dog must demonstrate to him that he has complied with the order and that, failing that, he is presumed not to have complied with it;

THAT in the absence of compliance within the time limit, the Municipality of the Township of Harrington authorizes the seizure of the dog by the person designated to enforce the order for euthanasia of the dog issued by this resolution;

THAT the Municipality of the Township of Harrington designate Mr. Neil Swail and Mr. Timour Achikbaev as the persons designated to enforce the ordinance with respect to the owners or guardians of dogs and as an inspector within the framework of the *By-law for the application of the Act to promote the protection of persons by establishing a framework for dogs*.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Question period

The mayor answers the questions addressed to him by the citizens present at the sitting.

2022-09-R183

5. Closing of the sitting

It is moved by councillor Daniel St-Onge and carried that the sitting be closed at 9h10 a.m.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

I, Pierre Richard, mayor, certifies that the signing of these minutes is equivalent to the signing by me of all the resolutions it contains within the meaning of article 142 (2) of the *Municipal Code of Quebec*.

Pierre Richard
Mayor

France Bellefleur, CPA, CA
Director General and
Clerk-Treasurer