

Town of Pelham Council Report

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

Subject: Revisions to Proposed Policy for Animals in Town Facilities

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Department: Office of the CAO

Recommendation:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive report 2025-0061, “Revisions to Proposed Policy for Animals in Town Facilities,” for information;

AND THAT Council approves revised proposed Policy No. S100-07, the Animals in Town Facilities Policy.

Background:

On January 15, 2025, Council considered a draft policy proposing guidelines and procedures for animals to enter town facilities. Council directed staff to revise the draft policy to remove the provisions permitting support animals and present the revised policy to Council for consideration at a future meeting. This report is provided in satisfaction of said directive.

Analysis:

The revised proposed policy is appended to this report. It permits service animals at Town facilities, in accordance with the Customer Service Standards established under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act*, while prohibiting non-service animals. The provisions permitting support animals at Town facilities in have been removed.

Financial Considerations:

None.

Alternatives Reviewed:

Council may direct staff to make further revisions to the policy.

Strategic Plan Relationship: Community Development and Growth

The proposed policy promotes an inclusive environment at Town facilities and provides clear guidance for staff and members of the public about animals at Town facilities.

Consultation:

None.

Other Pertinent Reports/Attachments:

Report No. 2025-0020 (referenced but not attached)

Revised Proposed Policy No. S100-07, Animals in Town Facilities

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