

Georgina Animal Shelter Facility Needs Assessment

Council

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Why do we have a Animal Shelter?

The Municipal Act, 2001 provides specific powers for a local municipality to pass by-laws regulating or prohibiting with respect to the being at large or trespassing of animals. The by-law may provide for,

- The seizure and impounding of animals being at large or trespassing contrary to the by-law
- The sale of impounded animals if they are not claimed within a reasonable time, if the expenses of the municipality are not paid, or at such time and in such manner as is provided in the by-law.

- In order to facilitate the service or regulating and prohibiting animals or trespassing of animals pursuant to the Municipal Act, it is necessary to provide a method of delivery of service for the operation of a “pound”. The requirements for pounds are regulated under Regulation 23 of the Animals for Research Act, 1990 which is administered by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA).
- (Important note: The Georgina Animal Shelter does NOT perform any animal research – we are simply bound to comply with that Act for the purpose of operating a pound.)

Difference between an Animal Control Shelter, Kennel/Cattery and Rescues

Animal Control Shelter (Pounds) is intended to house animals on a “temporary” basis only, until the animal is claimed by its owner during the redemption period or adopted into a permanent home.

- Provincially regulated
- Subject to Provincial inspections for compliance
- **Kennel/Cattery and Rescues** are typically longer term
- Subject to Municipal bylaw regulation
- Subject to Municipal inspections for compliance

Why we retained AM FM Consulting

- Council at its meeting of July 16, 2014 authorized staff to retain a consultant to complete a facility needs assessment of the Georgina Animal Shelter in order to determine and meet our current and long term needs.
- Due to the uniqueness of the review Georgina did experience difficulty in obtaining interest in the Request for Proposal.
- AM FM Consulting commenced with the review in 2015.

- The report does speak to a building condition assessment . The condition assessment recommends certain costs related to normal repair and maintenance.
- The report does not recommend replacement or major rehabilitation of the facility.
- It is noted that Council will receive information tomorrow regarding condition assessments related to several of its major facilities.

Enhance operations/animal care

Since the commencement of the review there have been several enhancements to animal care including,

- The increase in staffing hours
- Fulltime and permanent staff
- Health checks procedures
- Cleaning practices
- Disease/transmitting prevention

N6 Animal Shelter Services Working Group

- Animal Shelter Services was identified as a service which would likely benefit from an N6 partnership. Since 2015 there have been numerous discussions and a working group was established and presented to N6 CAO's with respect to Animal Services.
- Staff are at a point where we require Council authorization in order to further explore these opportunities and move forward in that direction.