



Special Council Minutes
Tuesday, October 1, 2024 5:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

Council Present:

Mayor Dave Turton
Councillor Judy Dirksen
Deputy Mayor Jean Anderson
Councillor Ron Elliott
Councillor Geoff Gunson
Councillor Paul Zimmerman

Council Regrets:

Councillor Ed Podniewicz

Staff Present:

Annilene McRobb, Clerk
Rick Hobbelink, By-Law and Property Standards Enforcement Officer
Nicole Clelland-Riff, Administrative Assistant

1. **Call to Order at 5:00 pm**
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests Under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act-None**
3. **Explanation of Meeting Procedure**

Clerk McRobb provided an overview on the procedure of the hearing and the power of Council regarding the appeal.

4. **Dangerous Dog Designation Appeal**
 - a. Owners Robert Rutherford and Brandy Rutherford- 47 Regency Dr

Statement by By-law Enforcement Officer

Mayor Turton called on Rick Hobbelink who provided a statement on the dangerous dog designation and provided the details leading to the designation of dangerous dog Bowie.

Statement by Appellant

Robert Rutherford, owner, provided information on Bowie, the incident and current actions he is taking to provide protection. Rutherford stated he would like to appeal the tag of dangerous dog.

Statement by Witness - Victim

Mayor Turton called on victim Stella Wallace. Julie Kerkhof and Cindy Lipsett, daughters of Wallace, read a statement on behalf of their mother regarding the incident and treatments required due to the bite.

Opportunity for Questions

Mayor Turton gave members of Council the opportunity to question any of the parties.

Final Statements

Mayor Turton offered the ability for the By-law Enforcement Officer, appellants or victim to provide final statements

Robert Rutherford and Stella Wallace and members of her family provided final statements.

5. Deliberations

Council retired to deliberate.

6. Decision of Council

Council returned to the Chambers and provided their decision.

RESOLUTION: 2024-171

Moved By: Councillor Zimmerman; Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Anderson

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto affirm the Dangerous Dog Designation for Appellants Robert and Brandy Rutherford for Bowie.

Carried

7. Confirmatory By-law

RESOLUTION-2024-172

Moved by: Councillor Dirksen; Seconded by Councillor Gunson

THAT By-law 2024-055, To confirm the actions of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Minto respecting a special meeting held October 1, 2024; be read a first, second, third time and passed in open Council and sealed with the seal of the Corporation.

Carried

8. Adjournment at 5:42 pm

Mayor Dave Turton

Clerk Annilene McRobb