



MEETING OF DANGEROUS DOG COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday, March 20, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Council Chambers

Present: Councillor M. Bruni, Councillor R. Zagordo

Absent: Councillor M. Scott

Officials: M. Zuppa, J. King, C. Ross (Poundkeeper), Blair Kunkel (Animal Control)

Other: T. Fairservice (Applicant), Suzanne Bird, Cam Pucci, Stephanie Blaney

1. **Appointment of Chair**

Councillor M. Bruni acted as Chair.

2. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

3 **Appeal of Dangerous Dog Designation – Black and brown German Shepherd, male, Max**

Deputy City Clerk M. Zuppa confirmed parties who registered to participate were in attendance and outlined general rules of procedure. The parties were informed that the hearing would be open to the public and livestreamed, unless an exception to the hearing being open to the public as outlined in Section 9 of the *Statutory Powers Procedure Act, 1990* are raised by either party to the hearing.

The Applicant and Poundkeeper indicated there may be information that would fall under Section 9(1)(b): intimate financial or personal matters or other matters may be disclosed at the hearing of such a nature, having regard to the circumstances, that the desirability of avoiding disclosure thereof in the interests of any person affected or in the public interest outweighs the desirability

of adhering to the principle that hearings be open to the public, in which case the tribunal may hold the hearing in the absence of the public.

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that this Committee move into closed session to determine if Section 9 of the *Statutory Power Procedure Act, 1990 applies to the hearing.*

Carried

The Committee determined based on information provided by the Applicant and Poundkeeper fit with the factors outlined Section 9(1)(b) of *Statutory Power Procedure Act, 1990* and supports a closed hearing. The public was asked to leave Chambers and the livestream was ended.

Councillor M. Bruni provided opening statement and explained how the hearing would proceed.

An oath was taken by the Poundkeeper who presented the Notice of Dangerous Dog Designation.

An oath was taken by the Animal Control Officer who provided a summary of the events.

Witnesses Suzanne Bird, Cam Pucci, and Stephanie Blaney all took oaths prior to presenting evidence to the Committee. Each Committee member and the Applicant were given an opportunity to ask questions of the witnesses.

An oath was taken by the Applicant who presented evidence with respect to the proceeding. Each Committee member and the Poundkeeper were provided an opportunity to ask questions of the Applicant.

The Poundkeeper and Animal Control Officer were recalled to respond to evidence provided by the Applicant.

A letter written by Leah Theriault was provided as evidence. There was no objection from the Applicant to introduce the letter. The letter was read to the Committee.

Councillor M. Bruni allowed for any last comments or questions from the Poundkeeper and Applicant.

The Committee deliberated and decided to affirm the decision of the Poundkeeper.

6. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the Dangerous Dog Committee now adjourn.

Carried