

April 18, 2019

Mayor and Council
Town of Fort Frances
320 Portage Avenue
Fort Frances, ON
P8A 3P9

Dear Mayor Caul and Council,

I have attached documents and pictures of what happened to me as I was walking down Second Street East in the 200 Block across from the old high school.

I am hoping to be able to persuade council to amend the bylaw in the Town of Fort Frances regarding animals.

I am hoping for 2 amendments:

- 1) That no animal be allowed to be tied up in the front yard of any residence or business within the town limits.
- 2) That if an animal is over a certain weight or a certain breed, the animal is required to be in a locked kennel in the back yard.

My purpose in bringing this to your attention is that sincerely, all I was doing was walking down the sidewalk on an errand. This dog broke the chain it was tied up with and severely bit me. I just don't want anyone having to worry about the risk of a dog bite.

Please contact me either by telephone at 274-6435 or by email at rjschulz1977@gmail.com

Please let me know if you require anything further from me. Also, please let me know in writing what your decision is. I know it is a process but I also want to impress upon you that this incident was very traumatic for me. I spent 8 hours at emergency, had a tetanus shot and have a 10 day (875 mg tablet) supply of antibiotics to take.

On the plus side – the dog owner was outstanding. He confined the dog, checked on me and applied first aid and made me as comfortable as he could while I waited for my husband to come and get me.

Thank you for listening.



Joyce Schulz

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Monday, April 15, 2019 at 12:30 p.m.

I was walking down Second Street East going to an appointment in the 100 block of Second Street East.

As I approached a house in the 200 block of Second Street East, there was a dog tied up in the front yard of 232 Second Street East. It started to come towards me and barked a couple of times. I slowed down and looked at the dog.

The next thing I noticed was a much larger tan coloured dog come racing off the front steps towards me. I stopped in my tracks. The dog didn't bark or appear to want to sniff me – it directly lunged at me and clamped down on my left ankle.

I was shocked but then began to feel severe pain in my ankle. I started screaming loudly and the homeowner came out to see what the commotion was. I told him, "I think your dog bit me". He proceeded to capture the dog who was running around the yard loose at this time. He took the dog in the house.

The owner (who identified himself during our conversation as Kevin Gambin) asked if I was alright. I said no. I lifted my pant leg and my left ankle was dripping blood.

Kevin Gambin offered me assistance by asking me to come into his house. He got a towel to apply pressure on my ankle and to try and stop the bleeding. He asked his stepson to see if they had any bandages which the stepson then located.

Kevin Gambin applied the bandages and I called my husband, Robert Schulz, to come and pick up so I could go to the hospital. While we were waiting, Kevin Gambin and I exchanged contact information.

We arrived at the hospital shortly after 1:00 p.m. I went to the admitting desk of the emergency department and paperwork was completed.

After waiting roughly 5 minutes, my injuries were assessed. I waited to see the doctor on duty. I was taken in to see the doctor on duty about 4:30 p.m. The doctor assessed my injury and completed paper work on the dog bite incident.

While waiting for the doctor and nurse to return, I took pictures of the wounds with my phone. The bite was cleaned with disinfectant and I was given a tetanus shot. Seri strips were applied to both wounds. A prescription for an 10 supply of antibiotics was faxed to the pharmacy that was open. We stopped to pick it up on our way home.

I arrived home at 8:00 p.m. When I did arrive home there were 2 telephone messages from the dog owners inquiring how I was doing. They left the contact information. I returned the phone call to both of them and explained what had happened at the hospital. I also explained to Kevin Gambin that I would be contacting the Bylaw office of the Town of Fort Frances on Tuesday to relay the information regarding this dog bite.

I also let Kevin Gambin know how much I appreciated them both for contacting me to find out how I was doing.

I let him know that my jeans, shoe and socks were ruined with the blood and also the expense of the antibiotics that I am required to take for 10 days. He said not a problem with reimbursing me for the expenses. I told him I would give him a copy of the receipts.

The contact information for the owners of the dog is as follows:

Kevin Gambin 807-861-0922

Kelly Clark 807-861-0466

232 Second Street East

Fort Frances, ON

I just want to let you know that Kevin Gambin did what he could after the bite and they both contacted me to see how I was doing. I let them both know how much I appreciated that.



