

Date: August 17th, 2018

Report To: Planning & Development Executive Committee.

From: Patrick Briere, By-Law Enforcement Officer

Re: OSPCA Request Letter – Animals in Vehicles By-Law.

The Planning & Development Executive Committee will recall that at the regular meeting of Council held on July 9th, 2018, a request letter for the Town to adopt a By-Law in regards to Animals in Vehicles from the OSPCA was received by Council and referred to the Planning & Development Executive Committee for recommendation.

This office has conducted a review of these types of issues in our community and has found the following stats in regards to calls received in regards to cruelty to animal calls:

2017 – 2 calls received by the OPP – both calls were unfounded.

2018 – 1 call to date received by the OPP – Call was founded. OSPCA Officers dealing with incident.

Cruelty to animals complaints are currently handled by the OSPCA and OPP. As these charges are both criminal and provincial offences in nature this office has no authority within the current legislation to deal with these types of complaints. The only involvement that By-Law Enforcement has with these situations, is that we use our pound facility to house the animals for the OSPCA or OPP if required.

With this stated, this office is asking that the Planning & Development Executive Committee recommend that Council accept the letter as information and take no further action.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By

Patrick Briere
By-Law Enforcement Officer