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EX26-24 Animal Bylaw Review Report

DELEGATIONS

EX26-28 Angela Mclean, Regina, SK (Submission attached as EX26-28)

Connie Buchan, OLDPUG, Regina, SK

Terina Nelson, Regina, SK

Pierre Sadik, Animal Justice, Toronto, ON

Angela Tremka, Bird Friendly Regina, Regina, SK

EX26-29 Lisa Koch and Lindsay West, Regina Humane Society, Regina, SK

COMMUNICATIONS

EX26-30 Tonya Martin, Pets Canada, Ottawa, ON

Good morning, members of the Executive Committee.

My name is Angela McLean. I am a resident of Regina and the mother of a child who was only 7 years old when he was attacked by a neighbour's dog in September 2024. I am here today to share my family's experience and to explain why stronger animal control bylaws are urgently needed in our city.

For not just days and months but *years* before the attack, our neighbour allowed multiple aggressive dogs to roam loose in the neighbourhood. These dogs would chase residents, my family included, when we tried to leave our home or go outside. They would chase contractors and visitors, and families walking down the street. They would go to the nearby park and scare residents and children. Because the dogs were always loose on a day-to-day basis, I had to carry pepper spray to go in my own backyard to protect myself from being attacked – I was cornered twice against the garage by the barking snarling dogs. Following the attack against my son, the police had to use a taser multiple times to stop the dog. Everyday we would call animal control, and everyday – sometimes multiple times a day – they would return the dogs to the owner, who just let them out once again.

On one occasion in 2024, this animal owner carried the body of a dead puppy to my door and threatened me with it. Animal control and police attended and removed multiple dead puppies from his home. Despite this, no action was taken to remove the remaining living dogs. This problem animal owner continued to own multiple aggressive animals and allow them to roam free without being cared for.

Despite repeated complaints and attempts to seek help, there was little enforcement possible because existing bylaws did not address chronic roaming or repeated aggressive behaviour or take appropriate action following a dog attack that involved a bite requiring medical attention. Animal control officers have had no authority to act despite warnings from the police that a threat is imminent from the animals and they are uncontained.

The attack has had a lasting effect on my son. Beyond the physical injury, he has been traumatized. He is more fearful of dogs and struggles to feel safe walking outside his own home. No child should have to endure this kind of fear in their own neighbourhood.

After the attack, we sought help from the Regina Humane Society. However, officers told us that, because of gaps in the current bylaws, there was very little they could do to intervene. The existing rules do not provide prevention or consequences for repeat incidents, dog bites, and roaming dogs. As a result, families in our neighbourhood were left at risk, and there was no mechanism to prevent this attack from happening.

My son's attack was not a one-off or unpredictable event. The warning signs were there for years, and yet the system could not act. Stronger bylaws need to allow early intervention,

protect children and other residents, and give enforcement agencies the authority they need to respond effectively.

I would like express my serious concerns with the proposed amendments to the Animal Bylaw and to respectfully ask Council to vote against them in their current form.

While I appreciate that Administration has undertaken a review of the bylaw in response to growing concerns about aggressive and roaming dogs, the proposed amendments do not go far enough to meaningfully address the safety risks that residents are experiencing. The changes largely focus on increasing fines and making administrative updates, but they fail to implement stronger preventative measures that would stop dangerous situations before someone is hurt.

In recent years, reports of roaming dogs and dog attacks have increased significantly. Families in our community are feeling the impact of this. When children or residents are attacked by dogs that are allowed to roam freely, it highlights serious gaps in our current system. Unfortunately, the proposed amendments do little to close those gaps.

The primary tool being strengthened in these amendments is fines. However, research and experience show that fines alone are not an effective deterrent, especially for repeat problem owners. Individuals who already allow their animals to roam or behave aggressively are often not motivated to change their behaviour simply because the financial penalty increases. In many cases, fines are issued only after an incident has already occurred. At that point, the harm has already been done.

What is missing from these amendments is a strong focus on prevention and accountability for repeat offenders. Communities need mechanisms that allow the City to intervene earlier when animals are repeatedly reported at large or behaving aggressively. Without meaningful consequences for repeat violations or stronger preventative measures, the cycle of incidents will continue.

For example, the amendments do not introduce stronger controls or restrictions for owners whose animals repeatedly roam at large or cause safety concerns. They do not meaningfully address problem owners who continually disregard the bylaw. Without stronger tools to manage repeat offenders, enforcement will continue to be reactive rather than preventative.

Residents deserve to know that the City is taking every reasonable step to prevent dog

attacks and dangerous animal incidents before they happen. That requires a more comprehensive approach than simply increasing fines. Prevention-focused strategies, stronger accountability for repeat offenders, and more proactive enforcement measures are necessary to truly improve public safety.

For these reasons, I believe the proposed amendments fall short of what is needed to address the growing concerns in our community. I respectfully urge Council to reject the amendments in their current form and direct Administration to bring forward stronger, prevention-focused changes that better protect residents.



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EX26-24 Regina Animal Bylaw Review Report

Thank you, Your Worship and Members of Executive Committee, for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Regina Humane Society.

For more than sixty years, the Regina Humane Society has promoted animal well-being and fostered a humane community for both animals and people.

Since 1988, we have partnered with the City of Regina to provide municipal impound services and, since 1998, to enforce the Animal Bylaw. We value that longstanding partnership and the trust placed in us to carry out this important work for the community.

The purpose of the Regina Animal Bylaw is to protect people, animals, and property, and to ensure the humane treatment of animals. Through our enforcement work, we see firsthand where improvements can strengthen public safety and animal welfare.

In January 2025, Council directed that the Regina Animal Bylaw, 2009 undergo an environmental scan, best practice review, and revision in consultation with stakeholders. As part of that process, the Humane Society conducted a national scan of recently updated municipal bylaws and best practice guidance, sharing the findings with Administration. Administration has indicated the review will proceed in phases, with the current amendments focused on dogs and public safety, with provisions related to cats and other animals to follow. We welcome that phased approach and look forward to continuing to work collaboratively.

We appreciate the work Administration has undertaken to bring forward several amendments to the Bylaw, including the introduction of mandatory bite reporting, escalating impoundment fees for repeat at-large dogs, and clarification that physical control, rather than verbal control, is required. These measures improve clarity and support more consistent enforcement in situations that present risk to the public.

The addition of a judicial interim order mechanism is an important step, as it allows courts to impose temporary safety conditions following a serious bite incident while a dangerous dog matter proceeds through the court process. For these orders to be effective, they must be obtainable quickly and the court process must move in a timely way.

Interim orders are critical when serious incidents occur. However, our enforcement experience shows that the most effective way to protect the public is to intervene before situations escalate.

Responsible pet ownership provisions give municipalities the tools to address roaming dogs, poor containment, or escalating behaviour before they result in bites or other public safety concerns.

Public feedback gathered during this review reflects strong support for this preventative approach. In the survey conducted as part of the Bylaw review, the most common response to the question “*What do you believe would help reduce aggression in dogs?*” was regulations promoting responsible pet ownership, identified by 6,824 respondents.

Our review of recently updated municipal bylaws across Canada found that many jurisdictions include care and/or containment requirements to support early intervention before situations escalate. Examples include Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Victoria, Vancouver, and Montréal.

The report presents Option 2 as the addition of animal cruelty provisions to the Bylaw and does not recommend it. From the Regina Humane Society’s enforcement perspective, however, the measures discussed function primarily as responsible pet ownership requirements, such as humane care and appropriate containment.

Animal cruelty and animals in distress are addressed under The Animal Protection Act, administered by the Province of Saskatchewan. Because the threshold for distress is high, intervention typically occurs only after conditions have significantly deteriorated. In practice, a dog can meet legal requirements for food, water, shelter, and veterinary care while still spending most of its life tethered.

Municipal bylaws play a complementary role by establishing clear expectations for responsible pet ownership and providing tools to educate owners, issue warnings or tickets where necessary, and address problems early — before they escalate into animal distress or public safety incidents.

Because the Regina Humane Society enforces both the municipal bylaw and the provincial Animal Protection Act, we see firsthand how these frameworks work together. Municipal standards allow issues to be addressed earlier, while provincial legislation provides authority when situations escalate to distress.

Through discussions with the provincial Ministry responsible for the Animal Protection Act, our understanding is that responsible pet ownership provisions in municipal bylaws are viewed as complementary to provincial legislation rather than duplicative. Municipalities also have authority under The Cities Act to regulate animals, including provisions related to containment, control, and responsible ownership.

For these reasons, the Regina Humane Society believes that including responsible pet ownership provisions in the Animal Bylaw would strengthen prevention, public safety, and animal welfare in our community.

That same preventative approach guides our work beyond enforcement. In 2026, the Humane Society is expanding its Be Dog Smart children’s bite prevention program with the Saskatchewan Health Authority and introducing Worker Safety: Dog Bite Prevention seminars for workers who encounter dogs on the job.

Together, these initiatives reflect a simple principle: the most effective way to protect both people and animals is prevention.

We appreciate the opportunity to contribute to this Bylaw review and look forward to continuing to work with Administration and Council as it moves forward.

Thank you.

Lisa Koch
Executive Director
Regina Humane Society



Pets Canada Comments – Regina Phase 1 Animal Bylaw Review (Dangerous Dogs)

March 16, 2026

Dear Members of the Executive Committee,

Pets Canada appreciates the opportunity to review the City of Regina's report regarding Phase 1 of the Animal Bylaw Review.

We support the City's focus on strengthening public safety through behaviour-based enforcement and responsible pet ownership measures. Policies that address the actions of individual animals and the responsibilities of their owners are widely recognized as the most effective and fair approach to improving community safety.

We also commend the City for maintaining a policy direction that avoids breed-specific restrictions. Evidence from across North America has consistently shown that breed bans do not improve public safety and often divert enforcement resources away from addressing the behaviours and circumstances that actually lead to incidents.

The emphasis on education, responsible ownership, and improved enforcement tools will help ensure that incidents are addressed appropriately while supporting the wellbeing of animals and the many responsible pet owners in Regina.

Pets Canada represents businesses and professionals across Canada's pet sector and works closely with municipalities on responsible pet ownership initiatives. We appreciate Regina's balanced approach to this phase of the review and look forward to participating in future phases as additional topics are considered.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

Sincerely,

Tonya Martin
Chief Operating Officer