Municipality of Inverness County

Bylaw Number 68
Dog Control Bylaw

1. Title

1.1 This bylaw shall be known as the Dog Control Bylaw.

2. Purpose

2.1 The purpose of this bylaw is to:

(a) regulate Dog behaviour in public spaces to prevent Dog related nuisances and aggressive interactions in the Municipality;

(b) define what constitutes a Fierce or Dangerous Dog and outline procedures to regulate their behaviour to ensure public safety in public spaces;

(c) outline restricted Dog access areas to protect property and prevent damage caused by Dogs;

(d) outline requirements for Dogs to be registered to track ownership and provide a means of contact if a Dog is found or involved in an incident;

(e) outline the responsibilities of Owners;

(f) regulate Dog Kennels to ensure that they meet animal welfare best practices and standards of care; and

(g) outline the roles and responsibilities of Bylaw Enforcement Officers when enforcing this bylaw.

3. Authority

3.1 This bylaw is made pursuant to Section 49(1)(d), Section 171, Sections 172(1)(a), (b), (c) and (d), and Sections 174 - 179 of the *Municipal Government Act*, S.N.S. 1998, c. 18, as amended from time to time.

4. Definitions

4.1 In this bylaw,

(a) **"At Large"** means
(i) a Dog is off the property owned or occupied by the Dog's Owner and is not under control by a Leash or Harness; or

(ii) a Dog is on the property owned or occupied by the Dog's Owner but is tethered on a tether of insufficient length to let the Dog to leave that property.

Notwithstanding this definition, Dogs participating in a designated off Leash area are not considered to be At Large;

(b) **"Attack"** means force applied by a Dog to a person or other Domestic Animal consisting of more than one Bite, or more than one puncture, or more than one laceration, resulting in bleeding, sprains, serious bruising, or multiple injuries;

(c) **"Backyard Breeder"** has the same meaning as "Breeding Mills" in this bylaw;

(d) **"Bite"** means a wound, a piercing, or penetration of the skin by a tooth or teeth as a result of force applied by a Dog by means of its mouth and teeth upon a person or other Domestic Animal;

(e) **"Boarding Kennel"** means any lot, building, structure, compound, group of pens or cages or property in which or where a Dog or Dogs are boarded from time to time, including overnight for monetary gain or not and does not include a veterinary clinic.

Dog Daycares and Dog Rescues are Boarding Kennels and shall be subject to this bylaw;

(f) **"Boarding Kennel Permit"** a permit issued by the Municipality that allows Kennel Owners to operate a Boarding Kennel in the Municipality;

(g) **"Breeding Mill"** means a Breeding Kennel characterized as having sub-standard health and environmental conditions; sub-standard Dog care, treatment and socialization; practices which lead to genetic defects and hereditary disorders; erroneous or falsified certificates of registration, pedigrees and or genetic background. Breeding Mills do not meet the kennel operations standards outlined in the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association's *A Code of Practice for Canadian Kennel Operations,* as amended from time to time;

(h) **"Breeding Kennel"** means any lot, building, structure, compound, group of pens or cages or property in which or where more than two (2) Dogs are kept or raised for the purpose of breeding and selling any Dog or Dogs so kept and raised and does not include a veterinary clinic;

(i) **"Breeding Kennel Permit"** means a permit issued by the Municipality that allows Kennel Owners to operate a Breeding Kennel in the Municipality;

(j) **"Bylaw Enforcement Officer"** means any person authorized by the Municipality to enforce this bylaw and all its provisions, and approved to enforce this bylaw under the Nova Scotia *Police Act*, S.N.S. 2004, c. 31, and to issue Summary Offence Tickets pursuant to this bylaw and the Nova Scotia *Summary Proceedings Act*, R.S.N.S. 1989, c. 450*;*

(k) **"Dog"** means any Dog, male or female, or any animal that is the result of the breeding of a Dog and any other canine animal;

(l) **"Dog Collar"** means a piece of material around the neck of a Dog. A Dog Collar is used for restraint, identification, or training. Dog Collars are often used in conjunction with a Leash for restraining a Dog;

(m) **"Dog Day Cares"** are Boarding Kennels as defined in this bylaw;

(n) **"Dog Fighting"** means training a Dog to fight, having possession of equipment or structures that are used in Dog fights, or conducting, promoting or participating in any contest involving fighting between Dogs;

(o) **"Dog Registry"** means the official records maintained by a municipality's Permit Administrator. It contains details of all registered dogs within the municipality to assist with bylaw enforcement, identify lost dogs, track Fierce or Dangerous Dogs, and outline details related to Dog orders placed on Dog Owners;

(p) **"Dog Rescue"** means an individual or group of individuals dedicated to saving homeless, abandoned, abused, or stray Dogs by providing temporary shelter, medical care, and finding them permanent and responsible adoptive homes.

Dog Rescues are Boarding Kennels as defined in this bylaw;

(q) **"Domestic Animal"** means a pet or farm animal;

(r) **"Disruption to the Peace and Tranquility of a Neighbourhood"** means Persistent and Unreasonable noise emanating from an Animal or Livestock that infringes on a residents' right to the reasonable use of their property;

(s) **"Eastern District Planning Commission (EDPC)"** means the commission that provides planning, subdivision and building inspection services in eastern Nova Scotia for the Counties of Antigonish, Inverness, Richmond, and Victoria and the Towns of Port Hawkesbury and Antigonish;

(t) **"Emergency"** means a present or imminent event where a Bylaw Enforcement Officer or the Municipality believes immediate action must be undertaken to protect the health, safety or welfare of people and/or animals;

(u) **“Enclosure”** means a structure created by natural or artificial barriers to contain one or more Dogs to an area where they will eat, exercise, rest, and sleep, including, but not limited to a doghouse, room, run, or cage;

(v) **“Fierce or Dangerous”** means any Dog:

(i) that, in the absence of a Mitigating Factor as defined herein,

(1) Attacks, or injures a person;

(2) Attacks or injures a Domestic Animal;

(3) When either unmuzzled or unleashed, in a vicious or terrorizing manner, approaches any person or Domestic Animal in an apparent attitude of Attack upon streets, sidewalks, any public grounds or places, or on private property when the Dog and its Owner have been invited to the property where the Attack or injury took place;

(ii) that Threatens any person or Domestic Animal; or

(iii) that has been previously determined to be a Fierce or Dangerous Dog under *By-law 48 Dog Control* approved by the Council of the Municipality of the County of Inverness on March 5, 2018.

No Dog shall be deemed a Fierce or Dangerous Dog solely because it Bites, Attacks or menaces a trespasser on the property of its Owner, harms or menaces anyone who has tormented or abused it, was at the time of its aggressive behaviour acting in defense to an Attack from a person or Domestic Animal, or acting in defense of its young provided that any such Bite, Attack or menacing behavior is a reasonable defensive response in the circumstances.

(w) **“Harness”** means a set of straps that fit around a Dog’s torso having both a strap on the chest in front of the forelimbs and a strap around the torso behind the forelimbs, with straps in between that connect the straps together to create equipment that is used to provide better control of the Dog or to support individuals with disabilities;

(x) **“Holiday”** means a day on which normally scheduled work is suspended by law or Municipal policy;

(y) **“Impound”** means to take a Dog that is deemed to be stray, At Large, or in danger into the custody of the Municipality and confine it until a resolution is determined as per this bylaw;

(z) **“Kennel Owner**” means the owner(s) of a Boarding Kennel or Breeding Kennel as defined in this bylaw;

(aa) **“Leash”** means a device used by a person to restrict movement of a Dog which is adequate to prevent the Dog from chasing, injuring, or biting a person or Domestic Animal and preventing damage to public or private property;

(bb) **“Microchip”** means an approved Canadian standard encoded tag implanted in a Dog which contains a unique code that facilitates access to an Owner’s name, address, and telephone number which is stored in the municipal Dog Registry;

(cc) **“Mitigating Factor”** means a circumstance that reasonably explains and excuses the aggressive and/or dangerous behaviour or actions of a Dog and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, may include:

(i) attacking or injuring any person or Domestic Animal as a reaction to a person or Domestic Animal trespassing on the property owned or occupied by its Owner;

(ii) aggressive behaviour resulting from being at any time abused, teased, provoked, tormented, threatened, or assaulted by the person or the Domestic Animal attacked or injured;

(iii) attacking or injuring any person or Domestic Animal while acting in defense of its young;

(iv) attacking or injuring any person or Domestic Animal while acting in defense of an Attack by a person or a Domestic Animal;

(v) attacking or injuring any person or Domestic Animal while lawfully engaged in law enforcement duties Under the Control of a law enforcement officer; and

(vi) any other circumstance that the Municipality determines excuses the aggressive or dangerous behaviour or actions;

(dd) **“Municipality”** means the Municipality of the County of Inverness and any employee, contractor or other person with authority to act on behalf of the Municipality for the purposes of this bylaw;

(ee) **“Muzzle”** means a humane covering device of sufficient strength placed over a Dog’s mouth to prevent it from biting;

(ff) **“Neighbourhood”** means an area extending one hundred (100) metres from the source of the noise/disturbance;

(gg) **“Neglect”** means the failure to provide a Dog with the basic necessities for its health and well-being, such as adequate food, clean water, proper shelter, and necessary veterinary care, often resulting in suffering, injury, or even death. This

type of animal cruelty, which can be intentional or unintentional, includes abandonment and keeping a Dog in unsanitary or unsafe conditions;

(hh) **“Nuisance Dog”** means any Dog that in the absence of a Mitigating Factor as defined herein,

(i) is repeatedly At Large;

(ii) repeatedly defecates on any public or private property other than the property of its Owner, and whose Owner does not remove such feces immediately;

(iii) repeatedly barks, howls, or otherwise makes or causes a noise that Unreasonably disturbs or tends to disturb the Peace and Tranquility of a Neighbourhood;

(iv) repeatedly upsets any waste receptacles or scatter the contents thereof either on public property or in or about premises not belonging to or in the possession of the Owner;

(v) repeatedly causes damage to the property of others;

(vi) whose Owner has demonstrated an inability to control their Dog in an Off Leash Dog Park or any other public area on more than one occasion; or

(vii) displays Threatening Behaviours.

(ii) **“Off Leash Dog Park”** means an Enclosure set aside for Dogs and their Owners to exercise and play off Leash in a controlled environment;

(jj) **"Owner”** means any person or body corporate:

(i) who is the registered Owner of a Dog;

(ii) who has legal title to a Dog;

(iii) who has possession or custody of a Dog, either temporarily or permanently;

(iv) who has care or control of a Dog; or

(v) who harbours a Dog or allows a Dog to remain on their premises.

Where such a person is a minor, “Owner” includes the parent, guardian, or custodian of such a person.

(kk) **“Peace and Tranquility of a Neighbourhood”** recognizes that the peaceful and

tranquil enjoyment of a neighbourhood is not absolute but instead attempts to balance each resident's right to the reasonable use of their property.

Disruptions to the Peace and Tranquility of a Neighbourhood may occur when there is an Unreasonable externally manifested disturbance with the peace and tranquility of a neighbourhood.

(ll) **"Permit Administrator"** means the individual appointed by the Chief Administrative Officer to administer the Municipality's Dog Registry;

(mm) **"Persistent"** means frequent or long-lasting enough that it causes neighbours to change their normal behaviours.

(nn) **"Pound"** means any premises or facilities designated by the Municipality as a Dog Pound for the keeping and disposition of Seized and Impounded Domestic Animals;

(oo) **"Pound Keeper"** means a person engaged by the Municipality to be responsible for caring for Dogs being held at the Pound and for maintaining a clean environment for the Dogs being held at the Pound;

(pp) **"Puppy Mills"** are "Breeding Mills" as defined in this bylaw;

(qq) **"Registration"** means the recording of information by the Municipality regarding the Dog Registry for the purposes of administering this bylaw;

(rr) **"Service Dog"** means any Dog trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability or used for search and rescue or law enforcement;

(ss) **"Seize"** means to take a Dog into custody pursuant to a warrant;

(tt) **"Severe Injury"** includes any injury to a person or Domestic Animal that requires medical attention such as wounds requiring sutures, or other wound repair and closing, or surgery, disfiguring or scarring lacerations, broken bones, severe sprains, or any other similar serious injury, and any other injury as determined to be severe by a Court, board, or Bylaw Enforcement Officer upon hearing the evidence;

(uu) **"Tag"** means a piece of identification issued by the Municipality upon Registration as defined in this bylaw;

(vv) **"Threatening Behaviours"** are those of a Dog that

(a) bites or chases stock, Domestic Animals, or any wheeled conveyance;

(b) bites or chases or otherwise threatens a person or persons;

(c) causes damage to the property of others; or

(d) does any act that injures a person or persons;

(ww) **"Threatens"** means a Dog muzzled or un-muzzled, leashed or unleashed, or unattended by its Owner or a member of the Owner's family, that in a vicious or terrorizing manner, approaches in an apparent attitude of Attack upon streets, sidewalks, any public grounds or places, or on private property other than the property of the Owner, to any person or Domestic Animal;

(xx) **"Tranquilize"** means injection of a non-lethal amount of drugs approved by the Nova Scotia Veterinary Association into the body of a Dog that immobilizes the Dog enough to enable the Municipality to Seize or Impound it;

(yy) **"Under the Control"** means having securely restrained either indoors or outdoors a Dog in a manner that prevents it from chasing, injuring, or biting a person or Domestic Animal and preventing damage to public or private property.

(zz) **"Unreasonable"** means the noise emanating from a Dog barking, howling or otherwise making or causing noise that is of a frequency, duration, or at a time of day or night or proximity to residences that it disrupts the local character of the Neighbourhood that results in an Unreasonable externally manifested disturbance with the otherwise Peace and Tranquility of a Neighbourhood;

(aaa) **"Urgent Circumstances"** means circumstances in which the Bylaw Enforcement Officer has reasonable grounds to believe that delaying action to provide notice or receive submissions would likely result in

i. an immediate risk to the health or safety of any person;

ii. an immediate risk of significant injury, suffering, or distress to a Dog or a Domestic Animal;

iii. a substantial likelihood of ongoing or significant property damage; or

iv. a substantial likelihood that the Dog will continue to be At Large or otherwise create an immediate and ongoing nuisance that cannot reasonably be addressed through the ordinary notice process.

5. Registration of Dogs

5.1 Registration of a Dog within the Municipality is not required

(a) for puppies less than twelve (12) weeks old;

(b) when a person who, for the short term, possesses, has the care of, has the control of, or harbours a Dog for less than thirty (30) days; and

(c) for Dog Rescues.

5.2 Registration of a Dog within the Municipality is required

(a) within thirty (30) days after a person becomes the Owner of a Dog;

(b) for puppies at twelve (12) weeks old;

(c) for Dogs used by Kennels for the purposes of breeding and/or training Dogs;

(d) when a Dog is possessed by, in the care of, Under the Control of, or harboured by a person for more than thirty (30) days; and

(e) for Service Dogs, although the registration fee is waived.

5.3 To register a Dog, Owners shall supply the Municipality with the following:

(a) the registration fee;

(b) the Owner's name, civic address, mailing address, and telephone numbers;

(c) the name of the Dog;

(d) the breed of the Dog;

(e) the description of the Dog including whether it is male or female, spayed or not-spayed, neutered or not-neutered, its colour, and known or approximate age;

(f) a photograph of the Dog;

(g) identification information such as Microchip implants, tattoo, special markings, temperament, and inoculations of the Dog;

(h) any and all previous designations of Fierce or Dangerous or Nuisance or any other restrictions, designations, conditions, and orders registered or applied to the Owner's Dog by any jurisdiction at any time, including the time before the Dog resided in the Municipality;

i. When applying to register a Dog that has been previously designated a Fierce or Dangerous Dog or a Nuisance Dog, the Dog's Owner must establish to the satisfaction of the Permit Administrator that the Dog is neutered or spayed; and

(i) the name of the veterinary clinic where the Dog receives care, if possible.

5.4 Upon receipt of this information, the Municipality shall supply the Owner with:

(a) a Tag;

(b) any orders and associated conditions that apply to the Dog;

(c) directions respecting the placement of the Tag;

(d) information respecting replacement Tags; and

(e) proof that the Dog is registered and has received a Tag.

5.5 Every Registration and Tag shall be effective for one year. Annual Dog Registration renewal fees shall be due by January 1.

5.6 While in public, the Owner of every Dog shall ensure that their Dog wears a Dog Collar with the Tag issued for that Dog by the Municipality.

5.7 When the Municipality is satisfied that a Tag has been lost, and upon payment of a replacement fee, the Municipality shall issue a replacement Tag.

5.8 Registration and a Tag issued under this bylaw shall not be transferrable, including not being transferrable between Owners or Dogs.

5.9 The Owner shall notify the Municipality within ten (10) days if the ownership or the place of residence of a registered Dog change.

5.10 The Municipality shall keep a record of all registered Dogs.

5.11 It shall be an offence to provide false information to the Municipality when registering a Dog.

5.12 All Dog Tags issued under By-law 48 Dog Control approved by the Council of the Municipality of the County of Inverness on March 5, 2018, remain valid until the term of the registered Tag expires unless revoked earlier.

5.13 Any Dog designated as Fierce or Dangerous prior to this bylaw coming into force shall continue to be designated as Fierce or Dangerous and registered as such in the Dog Registry in accordance with this bylaw after coming into force.

5.14 Any Dog Owner who has an order placed on a Dog by the Municipality prior to this bylaw coming into force shall continue to have the order, and associated conditions, placed on a Dog after this bylaw comes into force.

6. Responsibilities of Owners

Adequate Care

6.1 Every Owner shall be responsible for the care, control, and wellbeing of their Dog at all times.

6.2 An Owner shall ensure that their Dog is provided with adequate care, including but not limited to:

(a) sufficient and appropriate food and potable water;

(b) reasonable shelter and protection from the elements;

(c) reasonable opportunity for exercise and relief;

(d) appropriate veterinary care when reasonably required; and

(e) supervision and control to prevent harm to persons, property, or other animals.

6.3 For greater certainty, the responsibilities set out in Sections 6.1 and 6.2 of this bylaw are intended to reflect the standards of care established under the *Animal Protection Act*, S.N.S. 2018, c. 21, and its regulations, as amended from time to time.

Duty to Cooperate and Provide Information

6.4 An Owner shall, upon request, provide truthful and complete information to a Bylaw Enforcement Officer for the purpose of administering or enforcing this bylaw.

6.5 Without limiting the generality of Section 6.4, such information may include:

(a) confirmation of ownership or custody;

(b) proof of licencing and identification;

(c) information respecting the Dog's living conditions, confinement, shelter, feeding, watering, and supervision;

(d) information respecting veterinary care, to the extent reasonably available; and

(e) any other information reasonably required to assess compliance with this bylaw or to determine whether a referral to another authority is warranted.

Responsible Dog Ownership Requirements

6.6 Every Owner

(a) whose Dog is in a public place without being secured to the Owner by a Leash no longer than three (3) metres in length that is attached to either a Collar or a Harness;

(b) whose Dog is At Large;

(c) whose Dog Unreasonably or Persistently disturbs the Peace and Tranquility of a Neighbourhood or area, by barking, howling or otherwise making or causing noise;

(d) whose Dog at any time without the presence of a Mitigating Factor Attacks or injures any person or Domestic Animal;

(e) whose Dog at any time damages any property;

(f) who uses or directs a Dog to Attack, chase, harass or Threaten a person or Domestic Animal; or

(g) who fails to immediately remove the feces of their Dog from public or private property other than the Owner's

is guilty of an offence under this bylaw.

6.7 Section 6.6(g) does not apply to the Owner of a Service Dog that is trained to assist and is assisting a person with a disability which reasonably prevents the removal of the feces by that person.

6.8 Every Owner of a unspayed female Dog shall during each period the Dog is in heat keep it confined to an Enclosure except while Under the Control of a Leash no more than two (2) metres in length directly controlled by the Owner or the person in charge.

6.9 When requested to do so, the Owner shall deliver to the Municipality a statement in writing of the number of Dogs owned or harboured or habitually kept on the premises of the Owner, and in the event the Owner disregards or refuses to provide the statement within a period of ten (10) days after having received notice requiring the statement to be provided shall be guilty of an offence under this bylaw.

Duty to Report Bite

6.10 An Owner shall make a report within twenty-four (24) hours if the Owner's Dog Bites a person or another Domestic Animal by providing the Owner's name and the Dog's Tag number to the Bylaw Enforcement Officer.

Operation of a Wheeled Conveyance with Dogs

6.11 No person shall operate a wheeled conveyance such as a bicycle, e-bicycle, skateboard, roller skates, scooter, e-scooter, Segway, motorcycle or other similar vehicle with any Dog on a Leash.

6.12 Section 6.11 does not apply to Owners operating a device designed for persons with disabilities.

Unattended Dogs

6.13 Owners shall ensure that a Dog is not left unattended while tethered or tied on premises where the public has access, whether the right of access is express or implied.

Dogs Suspected of Having Rabies

6.14 An Owner of a Dog suspected of having rabies shall immediately

(a) report the matter to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Nova Scotia's Medical Officer of Health, and the Permit Administrator or the Bylaw Enforcement Officer;

(b) confine or isolate the Dog in such a manner as prescribed so as to prevent further spread of the disease; and

(c) have the Dog assessed by a veterinarian at the veterinarian's earliest availability and abide by the veterinarian's directives.

7. Peace and Tranquility of a Neighbourhood

7.1 Disruptions to the Peace and Tranquility of a Neighbourhood by a Dog may occur when there is an Unreasonable externally manifested disturbance with the Peace and Tranquility of a Neighbourhood.

7.2 A Dog may Unreasonably or Persistently disrupt the Peace and Tranquility of a Neighbourhood when such Dog causes an observable interference with the Peace and Tranquility of a Neighbourhood by barking, howling or otherwise making or causing noise.

Dog Related Noise Complaints

7.3 To demonstrate a Dog is causing an observable interference with the Peace and Tranquility of a Neighbourhood by barking, howling or otherwise making or causing noise, the residents of such neighbourhood shall provide evidence to the Municipality that noise made or caused by a Dog is Unreasonably or Persistently disrupting the Peace and Tranquility of a Neighbourhood.

7.4 No investigation into noise by a Dog shall commence until the Municipality receives a written log from at least two residents of separate properties in the Neighbourhood, unless otherwise excepted. The log must cover a minimum period of fourteen (14) consecutive days and must clearly document:

(a) date, time of day, and duration of each instance of barking, howling, or otherwise making or causing noise;

(b) the municipal address where the Dog is located;

(c) the municipal address of the complainant;

(d) identity or description of the subject Dog; and
(e) a description of how the noise created an Unreasonable externally manifested disturbance with the Peace and Tranquility of a Neighbourhood.

7.5 Dog noise logs shall be sent to the Bylaw Enforcement Officer within two (2) days of the last log entry.

7.6 The Municipality shall only conduct an investigation into a Dog noise complaint per Section 7.4 of this bylaw.

7.7 Any resident filing a complaint may be required to testify in accordance with any applicable legislation.

8. Kennel Permits

8.1 No person shall own or operate a Kennel in the Municipality without having first obtained a Boarding Kennel Permit or Breeding Kennel Permit from the Municipality.

8.2 To qualify for a Boarding Kennel Permit from the Municipality, the Kennel Owners must

a) have obtained all required development and building permits and met all additional conditions applied by EDPC; and

b) meet the standards outlined in the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association's *A Code of Practice for Canadian Kennel Operations*.

8.3 To qualify for a Breeding Kennel Permit from the Municipality, the Kennel must meet all the requirements in Section 8.2 and all the relevant requirements in Section 5 of this bylaw.

8.4 To obtain a Boarding Kennel Permit or a Breeding Kennel Permit, the Kennel Owner must complete a Kennel permit application form and if approved, pay the annual Kennel permit fee.

8.5 Boarding Kennel Permits and Breeding Kennel Permits shall be issued only if EDPC verifies that all relevant planning and development requirements, zoning bylaws and other conditions have been met.

8.6 Boarding Kennel Permits and Breeding Kennel Permits shall be effective for one year. Annual Boarding Kennel Permit renewal fees and annual Breeding Kennel Permit renewal fees shall be by January 1.

8.7 Boarding Kennel Permit fees and Breeding Kennel Permit fees and associated renewal fees are charged in accordance with the *Municipal Fees Policy*, as amended from time to time.

8.8 If the ownership or the location of a Kennel changes at any time, within ten (10) days the Kennel Owner shall provide the information to the Municipality along with copies of all required development and building permits or additional conditions applied by EDPC.

8.9 The Municipality shall keep a record of every Kennel registered in the Municipality.

8.10 The Municipality shall inspect any Kennel at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice to the Kennel Owner or the operator of the Kennel to ensure that the Kennel is compliant with this bylaw, except where immediate inspection is reasonably required to investigate a complaint or ensure compliance.

8.11 Every Kennel Owner who fails to comply with the Kennel provisions of this bylaw is guilty of an offence.

8.12 It shall be an offence to provide false information to the Municipality when registering a Kennel.

8.13 Any Kennel Owner who fails to comply with bylaw may have their permit suspended or revoked by the Permit Administrator.

8.14 Except in the case of Urgent Circumstances, before suspending or revoking a Boarding Kennel Permit, Breeding Kennel Permit, or Off Leash Dog Park Permit, the Permit Administrator shall:

(a) provide written notice to the permit holder setting out the reasons why suspension or revocation is being considered;
(b) provide the permit holder with ten (10) days from receipt of the notice to make written submissions respecting the proposed suspension or revocation; and
(c) consider any written submissions received from the permit holder before making a decision.

8.15 Except in the case of Urgent Circumstances, the Permit Administrator shall communicate any decision to suspend or revoke a permit in writing to the permit holder within five (5) days of making the decision and shall provide reasons for the decision.

8.16 Where Urgent Circumstances exist, the Permit Administrator may immediately suspend a permit without prior notice to the permit holder where the Permit Administrator reasonably believes that immediate action is necessary to protect public safety, animal welfare, or property. Written reasons shall be provided to the permit holder as soon as reasonably practicable and the permit holder shall be given an opportunity to make written submissions within ten (10) days of receiving the notice of suspension.

Dog Rescues

8.17 Dog Rescues are exempt from the Boarding Kennel Permit fee.

Grace Period

8.18 These Kennel regulations shall pertain to all Kennels within the Municipality. Where required, at the discretion of the Bylaw Enforcement Officer or the Municipality, a grace period of three (3) months shall be granted to meet compliance requirements.

9. Municipal Pound – Impounding and Seizing Dogs

9.1 The Pound Keeper shall

(a) be responsible for the operation of the Pound;

(b) receive all Dogs Impounded or Seized and detain them; and

(c) provide food, water and shelter in accordance with the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association's *A Code of Practice for Canadian Kennel Operations* and Nova Scotia SPCA Standards of Care guidelines, as amended from time to time.

9.2 The Municipality, without notice to or complaint against the Owner of any Dog, may Impound a Dog

(a) found At Large contrary to this bylaw;

(b) which is rabid or appears to be rabid or exhibiting symptoms of insanity or rage;

(c) which is or appears to be Threatening;

(d) which is or appears to be Fierce or Dangerous; or

(e) which Unreasonably or Persistently disturbs the Peace and Tranquility of a Neighbourhood or area, by barking, howling or otherwise making or causing noise.

9.3 Impounded or Seized Dogs suspected of being infected with rabies or exhibiting symptoms of insanity or rage shall be examined by a veterinarian.

9.4 If a Tagged or microchipped Dog is Seized or Impounded, the Municipality will make at least one (1) attempt to contact the Owner in writing, in person, or by order left at the Owner's residence.

9.5 If a Dog is missing it is the responsibility of the Owner to contact the Municipality within seventy-two (72) hours of the Dog going missing to determine whether the Dog has been

Impounded. Neither the Pound Keeper nor the Municipality shall incur liability in the event of failure to contact the Owner.

9.6 Any Dog that has not been reclaimed after a period of seventy-two (72) hours from Seizure or Impoundment, excluding weekends and Holidays, may, after the expiration of that period, become the property of the Municipality and may be offered for adoption.

9.7 Any Owner who redeems a Dog from the Pound shall be liable for payment of fees, charges and expenses incurred from the Impounding or Seizing of that Dog including but not limited to the cost of apprehension, board, food, care, and veterinary fees prior to reclaiming the Dog.

9.8 Every Owner who redeems a Dog from the Pound shall provide valid proof of ownership of the Impounded Dog before the Dog will be released by the Municipality.

9.9 Every Owner who redeems a Dog from the Pound that has not been registered with the Municipality shall register the Dog before the Dog can be redeemed from the Pound.

9.10 The Bylaw Enforcement Officer may issue an order on an Owner who redeems a Dog from the Pound when it determines it appropriate and necessary to ensure further violations of this bylaw are unlikely to occur. The orders may include one or more conditions, including but not limited to a muzzle requirement, Leash requirement, or an Enclosure requirement.

(a) An Owner who fails to comply with an order or orders and associated conditions placed on their Dog by the Municipality is guilty of an offence under this bylaw.

9.11 The Municipality may capture and Impound a Dog to enforce Section 9.2 and may apply a remedy in accordance with this bylaw.

9.12 Any person who adopts an unclaimed Dog at the Pound that is unregistered with the Municipality shall register the Dog before the Pound Keeper releases the Dog to the new Owner.

9.13 Fees to adopt unclaimed or relinquished Dogs at the Pound shall be set by Council in the Municipality's Fees Policy.

10. Off Leash Dog Parks

10.1 Registered charities, not-for-profit groups and other community organizations may apply to the Municipality for an Off Leash Dog Park permit to operate an Off Leash Dog Park in accordance with this bylaw.

(a) No Off Leash Dog Park shall operate without an Off Leash Dog Park permit from the Municipality.

10.2 All Off Leash Dog Parks located within the Municipality must be maintained by the operators of the park and in accordance with this bylaw.

10.3 All Off Leash Dog Parks located within the Municipality must be open to all Dogs and their Owners or companions that obey the rules and restrictions of using the park.

10.4 The Bylaw Enforcement Officer may issue to any Owner an order prohibiting the Owner's Dog from accessing and using Off Leash Dog Parks or may limit the number of dogs allowed at an Off Leash Dog Park at any given time in accordance with this bylaw.

Off Leash Dog Park Requirements

10.5 All Off Leash Dog Parks in the Municipality shall be a minimum of twenty thousand (20,000) square feet in area to allow space for multiple Dogs and their Owners to run and play.

10.6 No Off Leash Dog Park in the Municipality shall be located within five hundred (500) feet of a residence.

10.7 The entire perimeter of all Off Leash Dog Parks in the Municipality shall be enclosed at a minimum height of six (6) feet and reaching to the ground.

10.8 All Off Leash Dog Parks in the Municipality shall have a double entry gated system that provides a space for a Dog and its Owner or companion to be unleashed upon entering the park and leashed upon exiting the park.

10.9 All Off Leash Dog Parks in the Municipality shall open at dawn and close at dusk unless it is determined by the Permit Administer that there is adequate lighting at an Off Leash Dog Park to ensure its safe use and compliance with this bylaw and other bylaws of the Municipality to operate past dusk.

10.10 All Off Leash Dog Parks in the Municipality shall provide for the disposal of Dog feces at the entrance to the gate of the park and park operators shall be responsible for its regular removal in accordance with the Municipality's bylaws.

10.11 All Off Leash Dog Parks in the Municipality shall have posted signage that outlines the rules of the park as established by this bylaw and the operators of the park.

10.12 An Off Leash Dog Park permit shall not be granted without having first obtained all required permits and any additional conditions applied by EDPC.

10.13 Any Off Leash Dog Park operator failing to meet the requirements outlined in this bylaw may have their permit revoked or suspended by the Permit Administrator.

Use of Off Leash Dog Parks

10.14 Owners using an Off Leash Dog Park shall

(a) always carry on their person a Leash for each of their Dogs using an Off Leash Dog Park;

(b) always keep their Dog within sight while in the Off Leash Dog Park;

(c) remain in the park with their Dog and ensure that such Dog is under control at all times while in the Off Leash Dog Park;

(d) not allow their Dog to interfere with other Dog Owners or Dogs while using an Off Leash Dog Park;

(e) not have any more than three (3) Dogs off leash in an Off Leash Dog Park whenever the Dog Owner and their Dogs are not the only users using the Off Leash Dog Park;

(f) not allow any animal other than a Dog to enter into or remain in an Off Leash Dog Park;

(g) pick up their Dog's waste and dispose of it immediately; and

(h) immediately restrain and leash their Dog upon it engaging in any Threatening Behaviour and remove the dog from the Off Leash Dog Park.

Prohibited Use of Off Leash Dog Parks

10.15 All

(a) Dogs with Fierce or Dangerous designation;

(b) female Dogs in heat;

(c) puppies under three (3) months old; and

(d) Dogs prohibited from accessing and using Off Leash Dog Parks by an order issued to the Dog Owner

are prohibited from accessing or using Off Leash Dog Parks whether leashed or not.
10.16 Dog Owners using an Off Leash Dog Park shall be held responsible for any damages or injuries caused by their Dog while in an Off Leash Dog Park, in accordance with this bylaw.

11. Nuisance Dogs

Designating a Dog a Nuisance Dog

11.1 The Bylaw Enforcement Officer may designate a Dog as a Nuisance Dog where, in the absence of a Mitigating Factor:

(a) the Dog has been found At Large more than once;

(b) the Dog's Owner more than once fails to immediately remove feces from public property or property not owned by the Owner;

(c) the Dog repeatedly barks, howls, or otherwise makes or causes noise that Unreasonably disturbs or tends to disturb the Peace and Tranquility of a Neighbourhood;

(d) the Dog has more than once upset any waste receptacles or has scattered the contents thereof either on public property or in or about premises not belonging to or in the possession of the Owner;

(e) the Dog has caused damage to the property of others more than once;

(f) the Dog has engaged in repeated Threatening Behaviours or aggressive behaviours; or

(g) the Owner has demonstrated an inability to control their Dog in an Off Leash Dog Park or any other public area on more than one occasion.

Notice and Submissions

11.2 Unless Urgent Circumstances exist, where the Bylaw Enforcement Officer is considering designating a Dog as a Nuisance Dog, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer must first:

(a) consider any information obtained from any investigation conducted pursuant to this bylaw involving such Dog; and

(b) send written notice to the Owner of the reason why such Dog is being considered for designation as a Nuisance Dog.

11.3 Unless Urgent Circumstances exist, upon receipt of written notice pursuant to Section 11.2(b), the Dog Owner shall have ten (10) days to make written submissions to the Bylaw Enforcement Officer regarding designation of the Dog as a Nuisance Dog, which the Bylaw Enforcement Officer shall consider prior to making the decision.

11.4 Unless Urgent Circumstances exist, a Bylaw Enforcement Officer shall communicate the decision on designating the Dog as a Nuisance Dog in writing to the Dog Owner within five (5) days of the date the decision is made, along with the order required pursuant to Section 11.6 of this bylaw.

11.5 Where Urgent Circumstances exist, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer may immediately designate a Dog as a Nuisance Dog and issue an order under Section 11.6.

Nuisance Dog Orders

11.6 Where a Dog has been designated as a Nuisance Dog, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer must issue an order to the Owner that outlines the conditions being applied to such Dog pursuant to Section 11.7 of this bylaw.

11.7 The Bylaw Enforcement Officer may impose an order with one or more of the following conditions on an Owner of a Nuisance Dog:

(a) require the Owner to keep the Nuisance Dog, when outdoors on the Owner's property, in a secure pen or Enclosure;

(b) require the Owner to keep the Nuisance Dog indoors between 10:00 pm and 7:00 am;

(c) require the Owner to ensure the Nuisance Dog is Muzzled while outdoors, either on the Owner's property or off the Owner's property;

(d) prohibit the Nuisance Dog from accessing or using an Off Leash Dog Park; and

(e) any other additional condition that in the opinion of the Bylaw Enforcement Officer is reasonably necessary to reduce the nuisance posed by such Nuisance Dog.

11.8 The Owner of a Nuisance Dog shall comply with any order imposed by the Bylaw Enforcement Officer pursuant to this section.

11.9 The Bylaw Enforcement Officer can add or remove any conditions to the order at any time after designating a Dog as a Nuisance Dog on written notice to an Owner.

11.10 An Owner may apply to have the Nuisance Dog designation and any conditions on the associated order lifted by written appeal to Council by writing to the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer of the Municipality. The written appeal should clearly state the grounds for the appeal. Filing an appeal does not stay the operation of the designation, conditions, or any order unless Council directs otherwise.

Nuisance Dog Designation Disclosure

11.11 A Nuisance Dog designation, and the associated order and conditions, continue to apply if the Dog is sold, given away, or transferred to a new Owner.

11.12 An Owner shall disclose that a Dog has been designated a Nuisance Dog, and the associated order and conditions, when selling, giving away, or transferring that Dog to a new Owner.

11.13 An Owner shall disclose a Nuisance Dog designation, and the associated order and conditions, to any person the Owner asks to take temporary care and control of the Nuisance Dog, such as Dog trainers, Dog walkers, Dog groomers, kennel operators, and veterinarians.

12. Fierce or Dangerous Dogs

Designating a Dog a Fierce or Dangerous Dog

12.1 The Bylaw Enforcement Officer may designate a Dog to be a Fierce or Dangerous Dog where:

(a) that Dog, in the absence of a Mitigating Factor,

i. Attacks a person or causes a Severe Injury to a person;

ii. Attacks a Domestic Animal or causes a Severe Injury to a Domestic Animal;

iii. When either unmuzzled or unleashed, in a vicious or terrorizing manner, approaches any person in an apparent attitude of Attack upon streets, sidewalks, any public grounds or places, or on private property when the Dog and its Owner have been invited to the property where the Attack or injury took place;

(b) that Threatens any person or Domestic Animal;

(c) that has been previously determined to be a Fierce or Dangerous Dog under *By-law 48 Dog Control* approved by the Council of the Municipality of the County of Inverness on March 5, 2018, or

(d) that has been previously determined to be a Fierce or Dangerous Dog by another municipality, jurisdiction, or court.

No Dog shall be deemed a Fierce or Dangerous Dog solely because it Bites, Attacks or menaces a trespasser on the property of its Owner, harms or menaces anyone who has tormented or abused it, was at the time of its aggressive behaviour acting in defense to an Attack from a person or Domestic Animal, or acting in defense of its young provided that any such Bite, Attack or menacing behavior is a reasonable defensive response in the circumstances.

Notice and Submissions

12.2 Unless Urgent Circumstances exist, where the Bylaw Enforcement Officer is considering designating a Dog as a Fierce or Dangerous Dog, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer must first:

(a) consider any information obtained from any investigation conducted pursuant to this bylaw involving such Dog; and

(b) send written notice to the Owner of the reason why such Dog is being considered for designation as a Fierce or Dangerous Dog.

12.3 Unless Urgent Circumstances exist, upon receipt of written notice pursuant to Section 12.2(b), the Dog Owner shall have ten (10) days to make written submissions to the Bylaw Enforcement Officer regarding designation of the Dog as a Fierce or Dangerous Dog, which the Bylaw Enforcement Officer shall consider prior to making the decision.

12.4 Unless Urgent Circumstances exist, a Bylaw Enforcement Officer shall communicate the decision on designating the Dog as a Fierce or Dangerous Dog in writing to the Dog Owner within five (5) days of the date the decision is made, along with the order permitted pursuant to Section 12.6 of this bylaw.

12.5 Where Urgent Circumstances exist, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer may immediately designate a Dog as a Fierce or Dangerous Dog and issue an order under Section 12.6.

Fierce or Dangerous Dog Orders

12.6 Unless Urgent Circumstances exist, where the Bylaw Enforcement Officer has reason to believe that a Dog is Fierce or Dangerous and/or has Attacked or Threatened a person or a Domestic Animal without a Mitigating Factor, and the Owner has been identified, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer, after giving the Owner a fair opportunity to be heard pursuant to Section 12.3 of this bylaw, may issue an order including one or more of the following conditions:

(a) a requirement to Muzzle the Dog;

(b) a requirement to have the Dog on a Leash not exceeding one (1) metre in length to prevent it from chasing, injuring, or biting other Domestic Animals or persons as well as preventing damage to public or private property;

(c) a requirement to securely control the Dog at all times when not on the Owner's property or property occupied by the Owner;

(d) a requirement to keep the Dog securely restrained either indoors or in an outdoor Enclosure that has the ability to lock in a way to prevent any persons from outside the Owner's household gaining access to the Dog;

(e) a requirement that when the Dog is tethered or tied up in a residential yard it must not be within one and a half (1.5) metres of the perimeter of the Owner's property line;

(f) a requirement to modify the Owner's property in some manner in order to reduce the risk of the Fierce or Dangerous Dog leaving the property and being At Large;

(g) a requirement that, if the Dog is in an unaltered state, within 10 (ten) days of receiving the notice of the designation, the Fierce or Dangerous Dog must be neutered or spayed at the Owner's expense; and

(h) any other conditions the Bylaw Enforcement Officer deems appropriate.

12.7 The Owner of a Fierce or Dangerous Dog shall comply with any order imposed by the Bylaw Enforcement Officer pursuant to this section.

12.8 In determining appropriate conditions for an order applicable to a Fierce or Dangerous Dog, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer shall consider the entire record of the Dog on file in the Dog Registry, including any and all previous designations of Fierce or Dangerous applied to the Owner's Dog by any jurisdiction at any time, including the time before the Dog resided in the Municipality.

12.9 The Bylaw Enforcement Officer can add or remove any conditions to the order at any time after designating a Dog as a Fierce or Dangerous Dog on written notice to an Owner.

12.10 An Owner of a Fierce or Dangerous Dog shall permit the Bylaw Enforcement Officer to inspect a secure fence, Enclosure or any outdoor portion of that Owner's property where a Fierce and Dangerous Dog may be contained.

12.11 The Bylaw Enforcement Officer may obtain a warrant to Seize the Dog for public safety until the Owner satisfies the Bylaw Enforcement Officer that the Dog no longer Threatens the public and may Impound or Seize the Dog under the authority outlined in this bylaw.

Public Disclosure of Fierce or Dangerous Dog

12.12 The Owner of a Fierce or Dangerous Dog shall, within ten (10) days of the date of the notice designating the Dog to be a Fierce or Dangerous Dog, display signs on the Owner's premises warning of the presence of the Fierce or Dangerous Dog and shall ensure that:

(a) a sign is placed at each entrance to the premises where the Fierce or Dangerous Dog is kept and on the Enclosure in which the Fierce or Dangerous Dog is confined; and

(b) signs are posted to be clearly visible and capable of being seen by any person accessing the premises.

Fierce or Dangerous Dog Designation Disclosure

12.13 A Fierce or Dangerous Dog designation continues to apply if the Dog is sold, given away, or transferred to a new Owner.

12.14 An Owner shall disclose that a Dog has been designated a Fierce or Dangerous Dog, and the associated order and conditions, when selling, giving away, or transferring that Dog to a new Owner.

12.15 An Owner shall disclose a Fierce or Dangerous Dog designation, and the associated order and conditions, to any person the Owner asks to take temporary care and control of the Fierce or Dangerous Dog, such as Dog trainers, Dog walkers, Dog groomers, kennel operators, and veterinarians.

13. Tranquilizing a Dog

13.1 The Bylaw Enforcement Officer may Tranquilize any Dog that, in the opinion of the Bylaw Enforcement Officer, poses a danger to public safety or the safety of another Domestic Animal and the Bylaw Enforcement Officer is unable to capture the Dog safely.

14. Seizure Under Warrant

14.1 A Bylaw Enforcement Officer or peace officer who believes, on reasonable grounds, that a Dog satisfies the requirements of Section 176 of the *Municipal Government Act* shall Seize the Dog in accordance with the requirements of that section.

15. Destruction of a Dog

15.1 The Municipality may seek an order to destroy a Dog as per Section 177 of the *Municipal Government Act*, S.N.S. 1998, c. 18.

Emergency Situation

15.2 In an Emergency, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer, without notice to the Owner, may destroy or Tranquilize any Dog that is At Large and which they reasonably believe poses an immediate danger to a person or to a Domestic Animal.

16. Duty to Report Abuse

16.1 In the event the Bylaw Enforcement Officer suspects that a Dog has been abused, Neglected, or is in distress

(a) the Bylaw Enforcement Officer shall notify a peace officer having authority under the Nova Scotia *Animal Protection Act*, S.N.S. 2018, c. 21 as amended from time to time;

(b) the Bylaw Enforcement Officer may take a Dog into protective care and, if necessary, provide veterinary services to the Dog. The cost of care and any veterinary services so provided shall be paid by the Owner; and

(c) the Bylaw Enforcement Officer, as appropriate, shall make every effort to collect as much evidence as possible to assist in an investigation of any person suspected to be committing animal cruelty.

'Breeding Mill'/'Puppy Mill'/'Backyard Breeder'

16.2 If it is suspected that a person owns or is operating an illegal Kennel, a Bylaw Enforcement Officer shall report the person to a peace officer having authority under the Nova Scotia *Animal Protection Act*, S.N.S. 2018, c. 21and assist in an investigation, as appropriate.

Dog Fighting

16.3 If a Bylaw Enforcement Officer has reason to believe that a person is in any way promoting, arranging, or profiting from Dog Fighting that person shall be reported to the RCMP under the *Criminal Code*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-46, as amended from time to time, and to a peace officer having authority under the *Animal Protection Act*, S.N.S. 2018, c. 21.

17. Fees

17.1 All fees outlined in this bylaw shall be set by Council policy and outlined in the *Municipal Fees Policy*, as amended from time to time.

17.2 Service Dogs are exempt from the fees outlined in this bylaw.

18. Penalties and Enforcement

18.1 The Municipality's Bylaw Enforcement Officer shall be primarily responsible to enforce this bylaw as it pertains to Dog control.

18.2 While pursuing any Dog in accordance with this bylaw, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer may pass over the land of any person.

18.3 A person who

(a) violates or contravenes a provision of this bylaw or order, including associated conditions, made pursuant to this bylaw;

(b) neglects or fails to do anything they are required to do by this bylaw or order, including associated conditions, made pursuant to this bylaw; or

(c) obstructs or hinders any person in the performance of their duties under this bylaw or order, including associated conditions, made pursuant to this bylaw

is guilty of an offence and is liable upon summary conviction to a penalty of not more than ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00) per offence.

18.4 Each day that an offence of this bylaw continues to exist shall constitute a separate offence.

19. Delegation of Authority and Appeals

Delegation of Authority

19.1 Council delegates its authority to issue, refuse, suspend, cancel or revoke the permits regulated in this bylaw to the Permit Administrator.

19.2 Delegation of authority does not remove Council's accountability requirements or responsibility for the decisions made by the Permit Administrator.

Appeals

19.3 Any applicant that has been refused a Dog Tag, a Boarding Kennel Permit, a Breeding Kennel Permit, an Off Leash Dog Park Permit or has had their permit suspended or revoked by the Permit Administrator may appeal the decision to Council by writing to the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer of the Municipality within fifteen (15) days of being notified of the Permit Administrator's decision. The written appeal shall clearly state the grounds for the appeal. Filing an appeal does not stay the operation of the refusal, suspension or revocation unless Council directs otherwise.

19.4 Any Owner whose dog has been designated a Nuisance Dog or a Fierce or Dangerous Dog, or has had new conditions imposed on the Nuisance Dog or Fierce or Dangerous Dog, by the Bylaw Enforcement Officer may appeal the decision to Council by writing to the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer of the Municipality within fifteen (15) days of being notified of the Bylaw Enforcement Officer's decision. The written appeal shall clearly state the grounds for the appeal. Filing an appeal does not stay the operation of the designation, conditions, or any order unless Council directs otherwise.

19.5 An appeal may be heard at a Regular Council meeting or Committee of the Whole meeting. At the appeal hearing, the appellant shall have no more than ten (10) minutes to present their position before Council. After hearing from the appellant, Council may

(a) uphold the refusal, suspension, revocation, designation, or addition of conditions;

(b) impose additional orders on the applicant or Owner to ensure compliance with provisions of this bylaw;

(c) overturn the suspension or revocation and reinstate the Tag or permit;

(d) overturn the refusal and grant a Tag or permit; or

(e) overturn the Nuisance Dog or Fierce or Dangerous designation or some or all of the conditions imposed on the Nuisance Dog or Fierce or Dangerous Dog

as determined by majority vote of a quorum of Council.

19.6 A period of days does not include the day an applicant is notified of the refusal, suspension, or revocation or the day the Owner is notified of a Dog designation or addition of conditions.

20. Severability

20.1 A decision by a court of competent jurisdiction that any part of this bylaw is illegal, void, or unenforceable severs that part from this bylaw and does not affect the other provisions of this bylaw which shall remain in full force and effect.

21. Repeal and Replace

21.1 This bylaw repeals and replaces By-law 48 Dog Control approved by the Council of the Municipality of the County of Inverness on March 5, 2018.

Approval

I, Keith MacDonald, Clerk of the Municipality of the County of Inverness hereby certify that the above-noted bylaw aw was passed on November 12, 2026 at a meeting of the Municipality of the County of Inverness and repeals and replaces By-law 48: Dog Control, which was passed at a meeting of the Municipality of the County of Inverness on March 5, 2018.

Keith MacDonald

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