



# The Corporation of the Town of Milton

Report To:	Council
From:	Meaghen Reid, Director, Legislative & Legal Services/Town Clerk
Date:	May 9, 2022
Report No:	CORS-032-22
Subject:	Appointment of Weed Inspectors and Livestock Valuers
Recommendation:	<b>THAT the necessary by-law, included on the May 9, 2022 Council Meeting agenda, be considered for approval.</b>

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers to the roles of Weed Inspector and Livestock Valuer as required by provincial regulations, in addition to the Town's existing Weed Inspector and Livestock Valuer. There is no change recommended to the existing appointment of Poundkeeper.

## REPORT

### Background

In accordance with provincial regulations the Town must appoint the following:

- Weed Inspector under the Weed Control Act R.S.O. 1990, Chapter W.5 Section 6
- Livestock Valuer under the Protection of Livestock and Poultry from Dogs Act R.S.O..1990 Chapter, L 24

On March 29, 2010, Doug McPhail was appointed as the Town's Weed Inspector and Livestock Valuer. While staff recommend that this appointment remain in place, it is recommended that officers also be appointed to these positions, as they related to other regulatory matters (animal services, community standards, etc.). These appointments would support timely enforcement response to complaints and inquiries as well as support the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program (OWDCP).

### Discussion

Staff are recommending the following updates to the Town's existing by-law for appointing a weed inspector and livestock valuer for the Town:

#### Weed Inspector

The Weed Control Act R.S.O. 1990, Chapter W.5 Section 6, requires that municipalities must appoint Area Weed Inspectors by by-law to respond to complaints respecting the



## Discussion

control of noxious weeds and to enforce the regulations of the Act. Complaints with respect to long grass and community standards will continue to be regulated through existing community and property standards bylaws. Utilizing the Town's existing legislation instead of the Weed Control Act will allow for more timely response and quicker timelines to have noxious weeds destroyed. However, it is required that an Inspector be appointed under Section 8 of the Act. Therefore, staff recommend that officers be appointed as weed inspectors to support timely enforcement response to complaints and inquiries.

### Livestock Valuer

Effective July 1, 2011, the Livestock, Poultry and Honey Bee Protection Act was renamed the Protection of Livestock and Poultry from Dogs Act R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER L.24 as part of the provincial Agriculture Wildlife Conflict Strategy. In 2018, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs undertook an evaluation of the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program (OWDCP) to ensure it was delivering services to owners in an effective, efficient, and transparent manner. On February 1, 2019 new regulations were brought forward to ensure greater transparency as well as fair and consistent compensation for producers across the province. The Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program is part of Growing Forward, a federal, provincial and territorial initiative. As such, the Town's existing by-law has been updated to reflect these legislative changes.

When an OWDCP claim is brought to the attention of Town staff it is reviewed by a valuer and the application is processed by administrative staff as outlined in the regulation. The Protection of Livestock and Poultry from Dogs Act requires a municipality to appoint more than one valuer to assist with the review and submission of all OWDCP applications. To meet this requirement, staff recommend that officers be appointed as livestock valuers.

### Poundkeeper

Doug McPhail has been the Town's appointed Poundkeeper since 2010 and staff are recommending no changes to this appointment, at this time. This will be reflected in the by-law for Council's consideration.

## Financial Impact

The 2022 budget provides for the services outlined in this report. Any livestock claims made through the Town are recovered through the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation program.

Respectfully submitted,

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## Attachments

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CAO Approval  
Andrew M. Siltala  
Chief Administrative Officer

## Recognition of Traditional Lands

The Town of Milton resides on the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. We also recognize the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat and Haudenosaunee people. The Town of Milton shares this land and the responsibility for the water, food and resources. We stand as allies with the First Nations as stewards of these lands.