

Proposed Aggressive Dog Law

Tsleil-Waututh Nation Council is requesting input from TWN membership regarding a proposed law regulating aggressive dogs on TWN lands. First and foremost our goal is to ensure the safety and protection of our members and pets. We will be relying heavily on membership input to ensure that this Law reflects TWN values and perspective on the issue.

The purpose of the law is to give TWN a way to enforce restrictions on aggressive dogs on TWN lands. The absence of this law leaves TWN members at risk as neither TWN, the RCMP, nor the SPCA can currently regulate aggressive dogs on reserve.

Under the proposed new law, a dog would become defined as “aggressive” by attacking or threatening a person or domestic animal. The law would make the dog’s owner or handler responsible for the dog’s behaviour and responsible for taking necessary precautions (including leashes, muzzles, etc.) when outside of the owner/handler’s property and confining the dog in a house or a secure and humane kennel on the property.

The proposed law would give the RCMP or a TWN enforcement officer, in a situation where an aggressive dog is confirmed, the authority to:

- ◆ enter the owner’s property to ensure the dog is being maintained in a humane manner
- ◆ issue a fee to the owner or handler if the rules are broken
- ◆ seize an aggressive dog that is not muzzled or under the control of a competent person and bring the dog to a pound
- ◆ If the dog is not recovered from the pound within 7 days, or if the RCMP or TWN enforcement officer is not able to capture an aggressive dog running at large that is not muzzled, the dog can be destroyed.

It is important for this law to reflect the TWN feelings toward safety of our members and the fair treatment of our furry friends. Please direct your comments or questions by 4:30 pm, Thursday, Aug. 13th, to Emma Fineblit, Senior Lands Analyst, by:

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Or, stop by the TWN Administration office to discuss in person.

Once we have received input from the community, the draft law will go to Council for First Reading, and if the draft law is approved in principle, it will be brought back to the community at a Special Membership Meeting for review and further comments.



Thank you in advance for your input!