



Public Statement Regarding Bylaw 2007-103 and Respectful Conduct

The Town of Burstall wishes to clarify information regarding Bylaw 2007-103 (Dangerous Dog Bylaw). In fact, the bylaw has never been repealed as was presented by a delegate at the July 2026 council meeting. In previous council minutes from 2023, only a resolution was passed to repeal Bylaw 2007-103. This is not possible as a resolution cannot repeal a bylaw, Legislation states a bylaw must be repealed the same way it came into force. Therefore Bylaw 2007-103 remains in force unless and until it is repealed through proper legislative process.

Council remains committed to transparency, accountability, and ensuring all municipal bylaws and procedures comply with applicable legislation. As part of this commitment, the town will continue reviewing existing and historical bylaws, including both repealed and active bylaws to confirm legislative compliance and administrative accuracy has been followed.

Since 2024, Council and Administration have made significant efforts to respond to concerns, provide information and engage respectfully with residents. Constructive criticism, differing opinions and public debate are an important part of local government and are welcomed by Council.

However, Council is increasingly concerned that the conduct of a small number of individuals has crossed the line from legitimate disagreement into harassment, personal attacks and the dissemination of false and misleading allegations directed at Council members and Town staff. This behaviour not only disrupts council meetings and day-to-day municipal business; it is costing the taxpayers tax dollars for the Town administration to address repeated allegations through emails, queries and other means.

The Town has a legal responsibility to provide a safe, respectful, and harassment-free workplace for its employees and elected officials. This responsibility extends to municipal facilities, Council meetings, public engagement activities, and all interactions involving town staff and representatives.

Constructive criticism is welcome. Harassment, intimidation, and personal attacks are not.

Despite repeated efforts by Council and Administration to provide information, answer questions, and engage respectfully with residents, this behaviour has continued. As a result, the Town has requested that it's Solicitor review these matters and advise whether further legal, regulatory, or other action may be appropriate. Council will consider all available remedies necessary to protect its employees, elected officials, and the integrity of municipal operations.

Council will not allow the action of a few individuals to distract from the work being undertaken on behalf of the broader community.

Council remains focused on its responsibility to govern effectively on behalf of all residents and to advance priorities that support the long-term success of the community, including infrastructure, service delivery, financial stewardship, and community development.

We recognize and appreciate the support, cooperation, and respectful engagement of residents who continue to contribute positively to the community and help move Burstall forward.