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Subject: Reconsideration vote regarding municipal dog licensing

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Please be advised this letter is for councils consideration.

I would like to request a reconsideration vote by council with the bylaw for dog licenses in the TBM. I requesting this as I do not believe staff made council aware of all the options regarding dog licensing requirements within municipalities in Ontario. I also feel there were some important facts not included in the report on February 2, 2026.

1. There was no data regarding the numbers of hours that this would save staff by using Docupet.
2. There was no data regarding how many dogs have been returned to owners because of the municipal dog tag. There was also no data regarding the success rate from Docupet regarding lost dogs found and returned.
3. Most importantly there was no report regarding what the cost to the municipality would be to use Docupet .
4. There was no data with regards to the cost of administering dog licensing at the municipality in the past. Nor any report on the past revenues from the dog tags.
5. There were no alternative options given to council towards municipal dog licensing.
6. There was a statement on having good reviews regarding Docupet. If one check reviews online, yes, there are good reviews there are also reviews using the word scam and discussion about the aggressive nature of this company upon renewal times.

7. There was discussion regarding Docupet being an agent of the TBM and not a third party.

The definition of a third party is a company that is an independent external entity (vendor, supplier or contractor) hired to provide goods, services or specialized skills. Benefits are costs savings and access to expertise and increased operational focus.

Risks are potential for data, security breaches, compliance issues and dependency on robust management crucial .

I believe Docupet to be a third party.

According to the TBM website dog licensing is to ensure the owner takes responsibility for their dog's action so they can be a positive addition to the community.

I believe the majority of dog owners are responsible . An individual who has spayed, neutered and microchipped has shown great responsibility for their dog.

Microchipping is much better than tagging as tags can come loose and be lost.

Better quality tags can be purchased at any pet store. These tags come with a more secure clip and the owner can have the dogs name and information engraved on these for the return of a lost dog. Some municipalities require this to mandatory municipal tags.

I would like to suggest another option regarding municipal dog licensing and that is to eliminate it.

During the report it was mentioned that dog tag sales had dropped which would suggest people are not participating.

It is disappointing that this option was not made available for councils consideration.

Other municipalities have chosen to eliminate or scale back mandatory dog licensing, citing the high cost of administration compared to low revenue.

Also the rise in more effective methods like microchips. Many municipalities offer lower fees for owners 65 and older.

The following are examples of municipalities in Ontario that have chosen to eliminate rather than contracting to a third party.

Windsor 2025

East Zorra-Tavistock township

Woodstock 2022

Wellington North 2025

South Huron 2025

Lakeshore 2025

Lucan Biddulph 2022

Docupet is available through RENs pet store if individuals would like to use this option.

By eliminating a mandatory license the responsibility is that of the dog owner.

Bylaw would still be responsible for addressing dog off leash or running at large.

I trust that council will review their decision and reflect and consider the option of eliminating a mandatory system.

Debbie Crosskill

Residents of Clarksburg