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TO: MAYOR J. LEHMAN AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FROM: W. COOKE, CITY CLERK/DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE AND COURT SERVICES

NOTED: D. MCALPINE, GENERAL MANAGER OF COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE SERVICES

M. PROWSE, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

RE: UPDATE TO ANIMAL CONTROL BY-LAW 2010-035 – WATERFRONT PARKS

DATE: MAY 11, 2020

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide members of Council information concerning an update to the Animal Control By-law 2010-035 to ensure consistency with the Parks By-law 2019-059.

The Parks By-law was updated last year. One of the changes to the Parks By-law was to allow for dogs on leashes at the waterfront parks with the exception of the beach area. Given the current circumstances related to COVID-19 and the closure of dog off leash parks we are seeing an increase of people walking their dogs in all parks including the waterfront parks.

Currently there is an inconsistency between the Animal Control By-law and the Parks By-law, whereas the Animal Control By-law prohibits owners to walk their dogs on a leash in the grassed areas of the waterfront parks.

Staff were planning to undertake a review of the Animal Control By-law in the future, which would have addressed this inconsistency. Given the current situation with all resources in Enforcement Services are dedicated to enforcing the Provincial and Mayor's Orders related to COVID-19 and other by-laws, the timing of the review has been postponed.

Given that Enforcement Services staff are routinely patrolling the parks, staff feel that it is necessary to do a minor update the Animal Control By-law so that it is consistent with the Parks By-law. Bill 044 on the Council Agenda for May 11, 2020 is intended to address this inconsistency by removing provisions that would conflict with the Parks Use By-law

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