



Approximately 40 members and friends of the Cobequid Dog Club attended an emergency meeting on August 20th to discuss the proposed Kennel Development By-law which will receive second reading at Colchester's regular council meeting on August 30th. Emily Gratton who has been selected as spokesperson for the club is shown standing on the left, while Lindsay Russell, standing on the right addresses the meeting. (Submitted)

## BACKGROUNDER: Kennel Development By-law

By Maurice Rees

Colchester council will deal with second reading of the proposed Kennel Development By-Law at its monthly meeting on August 30th. First reading was given at council's special meeting on August 9th. The item kennel by-law was added to the agenda when Mayor Blair called for 'additions or deletions' to the agenda.

To present a detailed tracking of how the proposed by-law, I have gone back to council's meeting on June 28th and instructions given to staff at that time. Along with notation from a June 21st meeting of the Public Advisory Committee (PAC).

An action item at the June 28th council meeting was for first reading - Amend-

ments to the Central Colchester Land Use by-law. Pam MacIntosh, municipal planner, made a presentation to council regarding a proposed amendment to the Land Use By-law (LUB) to remove the condition of Section 10.3.7(i) which requires accessory kennels and commercial boarding to be located outside a Municipal District.

Minutes of the meeting record that on June 21st, the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) staff presented their report advising not to

proceed with the amendment and that Little Moe's K9 Academy is not compliant with the by-law.

After considerable discussion approved a motion from Councillor Taggart, second by Councillor Pash, which stated, "That Council not approve First Reading to an amendment to the Central Colchester Land Use By-Law to remove the condition of Section 10.3.7(i) requiring accessory kennels and Commercial boarding be located outside an Municipal Sewer District, and, that Council further request staff review and make recommendations in regards to provisions relating to the location and operation of the same in Central Colchester"

Motion was carried with Councillor MacKenzie opposed to the motion.

After taking their summer holiday, the next assemblage of councillors was Tuesday, August 7th for a presentation meeting, followed by Special Council meeting on August 9th, which was called to handle Second Reading of Amendments to Chapter 33, of the Municipality's Solid Waste By-law. An addition of First Reading of Kennel Development By-law was added to the agenda. (During first reading discussion of contents is not permitted. It is a mechanism to introduce the matter to council) Second reading scheduled to take

place on August 30th provides the opportunity for discussion.

The Action item detailing "First Reading - Kennel Development By-law" presented the details of the proposed by-law, but the preamble under the heading of BACKGROUND included the following:

At the June Council meeting, staff were directed to review the Central Colchester Land Use By-law and make recommendations to provisions relating to the locations and operation of accessory kennels and commercial boarding in Central Colchester.

Until such time that a review is completed and Council has opportunity to consider any recommendations being put forth, it is recommended that a by-law be implemented which would prohibit any kinds of kennels for the boarding of dogs in

the Municipality of Colchester.

The remainder of the document outlined an analysis, options to council and staff's recommendation that council approve, by way of First Reading, Chapter 15 - Kennel Development By-law, as presented. On motions by Councillors Masters and Cooper council approved First Reading.

In a press release issued by the municipality on August 20th, the release mentions it was communicated to council, the by-law was a temporary measure. As the only member sitting at the media table, I am positive, such dialogue was not audible. To be sure, I wasn't losing my hearing, I consulted with members of the public sitting in the gallery. They came to the same conclusion, and did not hear about the temporariness of the proposed activity.



A ruffed grouse out for an evening stroll. (Harrington Photo)

## Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade Auction September 28-29



The Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade harvest always draws large crowd. The 2017 was the most successful ever. This year's auction will be held September 29 & 30. (Submitted)

By Clair Peers

Summer is passing us by and the annual Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade Harvest sale and Auction is fast approaching. The successful annual event will be held September 28th & 29th.

Last year we surpassed our expectations with gross sales of nearly \$30,000. Each year the quality and number of goods just gets better.

Who knows what this year will bring? Last year we had some great furniture and there

were a few surprises from the many boxes and bags donated. Aside from all that it continues to be a fun time for locals and friends from all parts of the Maritimes.

Once again the event will run for 2 days starting Friday night at 7 and ending late Saturday night. Early in September a notice will go out to all households in our protection area. Our canteen will also be available during the sale.

Canvassing will begin on the week of Sept 9th through

to and including the auction week. Here is the proposed areas currently scheduled for canvassing: Belmont, Crowe's Mills, Onslow Mountain - Week of September 9th; Upper, Central and Lower Onslow - Week of September 16th and Masstown - Week of September 23rd

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