

BY-LAW NO A-08.1	ARRÊTÉ NO XX
A BY-LAW RESPECTING DOG CONTROL IN THE RURAL COMMUNITY OF MAPLE HILLS	ARRÊTÉ CONCERNANT LE CONTRÔLE DES CHIENS DANS LA COMMUNAUTÉ RURALE DE MAPLE HILLS
Pursuant to the authority vested in it by the <i>Local Governance Act, S.N.B 2017, Chapter 18</i>, the council of the Local Government of the Maple Hills Rural Community, duly assembled, enacts as follows:	Conformément à l'autorité qui lui est conférée par la <i>Loi sur la gouvernance locale, L.N.B 2017, chapitre 18</i>, le conseil du gouvernement local de la communauté rurale de Maple Hills, dûment réuni, adopte ce qui suit :
In the event of any conflict between this by-law and the <u><i>Local Governance Act</i></u>, the latter shall prevail.	En cas de conflit entre le présent arrêté et la <u><i>Loi sur la gouvernance locale</i></u>, cette dernière a préséance.
All definitions contained in the Act are an integral part of this by-law.	Toutes les définitions contenues dans la Loi sont parties intégrantes du présent arrêté.
The masculine form used in this by-law refers to both men and women. The masculine gender is used without discrimination for the sake of brevity.	La forme masculine utilisée dans le présent arrêté désigne aussi bien les femmes que les hommes. Le genre masculin est utilisé sans aucune discrimination dans le but d'alléger le texte.
1) DEFINITIONS	1) DÉFINITIONS
In this By-law, unless otherwise indicated, the following definitions are required:	Dans cet arrêté, à moins d'indication contraire, les définitions suivantes s'imposent :
“Act” means the <i>Local Governance Act, S.N.B 2017, C. 18. (Loi)</i>	« Loi » désigne la <i>Loi sur la gouvernance locale, S.N.B. 2017, chap. 18. (Act)</i>
“By-law Enforcement Officer” means a person appointed or authorized by Council to enforce this By-law. <i>(Agent d'exécution des arrêtés)</i>	« Agent d'exécution des arrêtés » désigne une personne nommée ou autorisée par le Conseil pour assurer l'application du présent arrêté. <i>(By-law Enforcement Officer)</i>
“Community” means the Maple Hills Rural Community. <i>(Communauté)</i>	« Communauté » désigne la Communauté rurale de Maple Hills. <i>(Community)</i>
“Council” means the Council of the Maple Hills Rural Community. <i>(Conseil)</i>	« Conseil » désigne le Conseil de la Communauté rurale de Maple Hills. <i>(Council)</i>
“Dangerous Dog” means any dog that has bitten, attempted to bite, attacked, injured or killed a person or domestic animal, or has demonstrated behaviour that poses a threat to the safety of a person or domestic animal. <i>(Chien dangereux)</i>	« Chien dangereux » désigne tout chien qui a mordu, tenté de mordre, attaqué, blessé ou tué une personne ou un animal domestique, ou qui a manifesté un comportement constituant une menace pour la sécurité d'une personne ou d'un animal domestique. <i>(Dangerous dog)</i>
“Dog at Large” means a dog that is off the premises of its owner and is not under the immediate care and control of a person by means	« Chien errant » désigne un chien qui se trouve à l'extérieur de la propriété de son propriétaire et qui n'est pas sous la surveillance et le contrôle immédiats d'une personne au moyen d'une laisse



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of a leash or other effective restraint. (<i>Chien errant</i>) “Dog Control Officer” means the person or persons appointed by Council to administer and enforce this By-law. (<i>Agent chargé du contrôle des chiens</i>) “Officer” means a person appointed, designated, or authorized by the Council of the Rural Community of Maple Hills to administer or enforce this By-law, and includes an Animal Control Officer, By-law Enforcement Officer, or any other person authorized by Council to perform duties under this By-law. (<i>Agent</i>) “Owner” means any person who owns, possesses, keeps, harbours or has care or control of a dog. (<i>Propriétaire</i>) “Leash” means a strap, cord or other similar restraint no longer than two (2) metres (6.5 feet) in length, connecting a person to the dog. (<i>Laisse</i>) 2) LICENCE REQUIRED 2.1 No person shall own, keep or harbour a dog within the Rural Community of Maple Hills unless the dog is licensed in accordance with this By-law. 2.2 A person who becomes the owner of a dog shall obtain a licence for the dog within thirty (30) days of becoming the owner. 2.3 The owner shall renew the licence before its expiry. 3) LICENSING PROVIDER 3.1 Dog licences may be issued and administered on behalf of the Rural Community of Maple Hills by DocuPet Inc., or by another licensing service provider authorized by the Municipality. 3.2 An application for a dog licence or renewal shall be made in the manner prescribed by the Municipality or its authorized licensing service provider and shall include the information and applicable fee required under this By-law.	ou de tout autre moyen de retenue efficace. (<i>Dog at Large</i>) « Agent chargé du contrôle des chiens » désigne les personnes désignées par le Conseil pour gérer et faire respecter le présent arrêté. (<i>Dog control officer</i>) « Agent » désigne toute personne nommée, désignée ou autorisée par le Conseil de la Communauté rurale de Maple Hills pour administrer ou faire respecter le présent arrêté, notamment un agent de contrôle des animaux, un agent d'exécution des arrêtés ou toute autre personne autorisée par le Conseil à exercer des fonctions en vertu du présent arrêté. (<i>Officer</i>) « Propriétaire » désigne toute personne qui est propriétaire d'un chien, qui le possède, le garde, l'héberge ou en a la garde ou le contrôle. (<i>Owner</i>) « Laisse » désigne une laisse, une corde ou tout autre moyen de retenue similaire d'une longueur maximale de deux (2) mètres (6,5 pieds) reliant la personne au chien. (<i>Leash</i>)
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4) LICENCE PERIOD AND FEES

4.1 An owner may obtain a dog licence for a period of:

- a) one (1) year
- b) two (2) years
- c) three (3) years

4.2 The licence shall expire at the end of the period for which it was issued.

4.3 The owner is responsible for ensuring that the information associated with the dog's licence is accurate and up to date, including the owner's name, address and contact information.

5) LICENCE TAG

5.1 Upon the issuance or renewal of a dog licence, the owner shall be provided with a licence tag bearing a unique identification number or code assigned to the dog.

5.2 The owner shall ensure that the licence tag is securely attached to the dog's collar and that the dog wears the collar and licence tag when the dog is outside the owner's property.

5.3 A licence tag issued for one dog shall not be transferred to or worn by another dog.

5.4 A lost or damaged licence tag may be replaced upon application to the authorized licensing service provider and upon payment of the applicable replacement fee, if any.

5.5 No person, other than the owner or a person authorized by the owner, shall remove a collar or licence tag from a dog without lawful authority.

6) PROOF OF LICENCE AND COMPLIANCE

6.1 Upon request by a Dog Control Officer or By-law Enforcement Officer, an owner shall provide satisfactory proof that the dog is currently licensed.

6.2 A valid electronic or physical licensing record maintained by the Municipality or its authorized licensing service provider constitutes proof of licensing for the purposes of this By-law.



6.3 An owner who fails to license or renew the licence of a dog as required by this By-law commits an offence and may be subject to the penalties established under this By-law.

7) OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

7.1 Every owner of a dog shall:

- a) ensure that the dog is registered and licensed in accordance with this By-law;
- b) ensure that the dog wears a collar and that the required registration tag is securely attached to the collar;
- c) ensure that the dog is vaccinated against rabies in accordance with this By-law and applicable legislation, and maintain satisfactory proof of vaccination;
- d) keep the dog under effective care and control and not permit the dog to be at large;
- e) not permit the dog to chase or pursue pedestrians, motor vehicles, cyclists, or other persons;
- f) take reasonable measures to prevent the dog from barking incessantly or otherwise causing an unreasonable disturbance;
- g) take reasonable measures to prevent the dog from threatening, attacking, biting, or otherwise endangering any person or animal; and
- h) comply with any other requirements respecting the care, control, licensing or keeping of dogs established under this By-law.

7.2 If a dog defecates on public property or on private property other than the property of its owner, the owner shall immediately remove the feces and dispose of them in a sanitary manner.

8) RABIES VACCINATION

8.1 Every owner shall ensure that their dog is vaccinated against rabies:

- a) within ten (10) days after the dog reaches three (3) months of age;
- b) within ten (10) days after acquiring a dog that is three (3) months of age or older and has not previously been vaccinated against rabies; and
- c) thereafter, at such intervals as necessary to maintain a valid rabies vaccination, in



accordance with the vaccination schedule applicable to the vaccine administered. 8.2 The owner shall, upon request, provide proof of a current rabies vaccination issued by a veterinarian or other person authorized to administer the vaccine. 9. SEIZURE AND IMPOUNDMENT 9.1 A Dog Control Officer or any person appointed by Council for that purpose may seize and impound any dog that: a) is wearing neither a collar nor a valid tag, where a collar or tag is required under this By-law; b) is found in a public place or on private property other than the property of its owner and is not under the immediate care and control of a person; c) is known or reasonably suspected to be affected by rabies or another contagious disease, or has a visible injury or condition that poses a risk to the public or other animals; d) is reasonably believed to pose an immediate threat to the safety of a person or another animal; e) is found in circumstances that constitute a violation of this By-law; f) is alleged to have bitten or attempted to bite a person; or g) may otherwise lawfully be seized or impounded pursuant to this By-law, the <i>Local Governance Act</i>, or any other applicable legislation. 9.2 In carrying out their duties under this By-law, a Dog Control Officer may use such devices and methods as are reasonably necessary to safely seize and control a dog, provided that the dog is handled in a humane manner and reasonable care is taken to avoid unnecessary injury. 9.3 Where a dog has been seized and impounded under this By-law: a) if the owner is known, the Dog Control Officer shall make a reasonable attempt to notify the owner that the dog has been seized and impounded; or b) if the owner is not known, the Dog Control Officer shall make reasonable	
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efforts to identify or locate the owner for a period of up to four (4) days. 9.4 Subject to section 9.8, where: a) the owner has been identified and does not claim the dog within four (4) days after being notified; or b) the owner cannot be identified or located and the four (4)-day period referred to in paragraph 9.3(b) has expired, the dog may be deemed abandoned and may be transferred, placed for adoption, or otherwise lawfully disposed of by the Municipality or its authorized service provider. 9.5 A dog that has been impounded shall not be released to its owner until the owner has been identified and has paid all applicable fees and costs, which may include: a) the applicable reclaiming fee; b) the actual boarding costs for each day or part of a day during which the dog has been impounded; c) all reasonable costs incurred for the care or treatment of the dog; d) any applicable licensing or tag fee; and e) any other applicable seizure, impoundment, or administrative fees established by the Municipality. 9.6 Notwithstanding section 9.5, where a dog cannot be licensed because it has not been vaccinated against rabies as required by this By-law, the Dog Control Officer may release the dog to its owner on the condition that the owner has the dog vaccinated and obtains the required licence or tag within ten (10) days of the dog's release. 9.7 Any fee or cost for which a person is liable under this By-law constitutes a debt due and owing to the Municipality. 9.8 A Dog Control Officer may seize and impound a dog that is alleged to have bitten or attempted to bite a person and may hold the dog pending the resolution of proceedings before the Provincial Court. If proceedings are not commenced within thirty (30) days after the dog is seized, the dog shall be returned to its owner, subject to any other lawful authority for its continued detention.	
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9.9 If a complaint is made to a judge of the Provincial Court alleging that a dog has bitten or attempted to bite a person, the judge may summon the owner of the dog to appear and show cause why the dog should not be destroyed and may, if from the evidence produced it appears that the dog has bitten a person, make an order directing:

- a) that the dog be destroyed; or
- b) that the owner or keeper of the dog keep the dog under control.

9.10 If a person is convicted of a violation of this By-law relating to an animal, a judge of the Provincial Court may, in addition to or instead of imposing a fine, order that the animal in respect of which the offence was committed be disposed of or destroyed.

10. DANGEROUS DOGS

10.1 No owner shall permit a dangerous dog to be at large.

10.2 An owner of a dangerous dog shall ensure that the dog is:

- a) kept under the immediate care and control of a person capable of controlling the dog when outside the owner's property;
- b) secured by a leash of sufficient strength to prevent the dog from escaping or attacking a person or animal;
- c) securely muzzled when outside the owner's property or when otherwise required by a Dog Control Officer or By-law Enforcement Officer; and
- d) securely confined while on the owner's property in a manner that prevents the dog from escaping or having uncontrolled access to persons or animals;
- e) that at each entrance to the property and building where the dog is kept, a bilingual sign be posted stating in writing "Dangerous Dog/Chien dangereux" and that the sign be visible and easy to read from the nearest road or street.

10.3 The owner of a dangerous dog shall take all reasonable precautions necessary to prevent the dog from:



- a) biting, attacking or injuring a person or animal;
- b) escaping from the owner's property; or
- c) otherwise posing a threat to public safety.

10.4 The owner shall immediately notify the Municipality or its Dog Control Officer if the dangerous dog escapes or is otherwise no longer under the owner's control.

11. OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

11.1 A person who violates or fails to comply with any provision of this By-law commits an offence.

11.2 A person who commits an offence under this By-law is liable, upon conviction, to the penalties provided for under the *Local Governance Act* and the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*, as applicable.

11.3 Where an offence under this By-law continues for more than one day, each day during which the offence continues constitutes a separate offence.

11.4 When an officer has reasonable reason to believe that a person is violating the provisions of this by-law, may issue a statement of offence, the fine of which is specified in Schedule A of this by-law.

12. OBSTRUCTION

12.1 No person shall obstruct, hinder or interfere with a Dog Control Officer or By-law Enforcement Officer while that officer is lawfully carrying out their duties under this By-law.

12.2 No person shall knowingly provide false or misleading information to a Dog Control Officer or By-law Enforcement Officer in the performance of their duties under this By-law.

13. SEVERABILITY

13.1 If any provision or part of a provision of this By-law is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of this By-law shall continue in full force and effect.



14. REPEAL 14.1 By-law No. A-08, and any amendments thereto, respecting dog control within the Rural Community of Maple Hills, is hereby repealed. 14.2 The repeal of a previous by-law under section 14.1 does not affect any penalty, forfeiture, liability or proceeding incurred or commenced under that by-law before its repeal. 15. COMING INTO FORCE 15.1 This By-law is enforceable when it is taken, signed and sealed. FIRST READING (by title): <u>October 20, 2026</u> SECOND READING (by title): <u>October 20, 2026</u> ENTIRETY READING: <u>November XX, 2026</u> (Procedure in accordance with section 15(3) of the <i>Local Governance Act</i>) THIRD READING: <u>November 17, 2026</u> (by title and in its entirety)	
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Schedule A / Annexe A

SPECIFIED SANCTIONS / SANCTIONS SPÉCIFIÉES				
SECTION	OFFENCE / INFRACTION	FIRST / PREMIERE	SECOND / DEUXIEME	THIRD & MORE / TROISIEME & SUIVANTES
2.1 & 7.1. a)	Not having a valid licence ----- Défaut d'avoir une médaille valide	\$ 150	\$ 250	\$ 350
5.2 & 7.1. b)	Failure to ensure the use of a collar/tag ----- Défaut d'assurer le port du collier/médaille	\$ 150	\$ 250	\$ 350
7.1. c) & 8	Failure to have his dog vaccinated against rabies & approved vaccines ----- Défaut de faire vacciner son chien contre la rage et de lui administrer les vaccins approuvés	\$ 150	\$ 250	\$ 350
7.1. d)	Failure to ensure control over the animal ----- Défaut d'assurer un contrôle sur l'animal	\$ 150	\$ 250	\$ 350
7.1 e) & g)	Dog attacks or bites someone or an animal ----- Le chien attaque ou mord une personne ou un animal	\$ 500 or court/tribunal	Court/tribunal	Court/tribunal
7.1. f)	Animal barks/Howls ----- Animal jappe/hurle	\$ 150	\$ 250	\$ 350
7.1. h)	Failure to comply with the requirements ----- Défaut de se conformer aux exigences	\$ 150	\$ 250	\$ 350
7.2	Failure to ensure droppings are picked up ----- Défaut de d'assurer le nettoyage des défécations	\$ 150	\$ 250	\$ 350
10.2. e)	Failure to clearly display the "Dangerous dog" sign ----- Défaut d'afficher clairement l'enseigne chien dangereux	\$ 150	\$ 250	\$ 350



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