

Bylaws No. 1902

To prevent dogs from running at large and to tax the owners or harbourers of dogs

Be it enacted by the Municipal Council of the Township of Westmeath

That each and every inhabitant of this Municipality who shall possess or harbour any dog, or dogs, bitch or bitches shall pay the yearly sum or tax of one dollar for each and every dog or dogs by them owned or harboured and the sum of two dollars for each and every bitch or bitches by them owned or harboured

The owner or keeper of any dog shall when required by the Overseer or Assessors deliver to them in writing the number of dogs owned or kept whether one or more and for every neglect or refusal to do so and for every false statement made in respect thereof shall incur a penalty of five dollars to be recovered before any Justice of the Peace for the Municipality - with costs

The owner of any sheep or lamb killed or injured by any dog shall be entitled to recover the damage occasioned thereby from the owner or keeper of such dog by summary proceedings before a Justice of the Peace on information or complaint - before such Justice who is hereby authorized to hear and determine such complaint - and proceed thereon, in the manner provided by the Act respecting Summary Convictions before Justice of the Peace

in respect to proceedings therein mentioned and such aggrieved party shall be entitled to recover whether the owner or keeper of such dog knew or did not know, that it was vicious or accustomed to worry sheep.

The owner or keeper of any dog to whom notice shall be given of any injury done by his dog or dogs to any person, sheep, or lamb or of his dog or dogs having chased or worried any sheep or lamb shall within forty-eight hours after such notice cause such dog or dogs to be killed, for every neglect so to do he shall forfeit a sum of two dollars and fifty cents for every such dog and a further sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents for each such dog for every forty-eight hours thereafter until the same be killed, provided that it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the justice of the Peace before whom such suit shall be brought for the recovery of such penalties that such dogs have or has worried or otherwise injured such sheep or lamb. Provided also that no such penalties shall be enforced in case it shall appear to the satisfaction of such justice of the Peace that it was not in the power of such owner or keeper to kill such dog or dogs.

The owner or harbinger of any dog or dogs shall not allow the same to run at large except accompanied by such owner or some other person in charge thereof, and fitches in heat shall not be allowed to run at large or kept in any exposed place so as to attract or entice them away from home. Subject in each case to a fine of not less than one dollar for each offence.

In cases where parties have been assessed for dogs and the Collector has failed to collect the Tax authorized by this Act - he shall report the same under oath to any Justice of the Peace and such Justice by an order under his hand and seal to be served by any duly qualified Constable, require such dogs to be destroyed by the owner or owners thereof and if such owner or owners neglect or refuse to obey the said order, he or they shall be liable to the penalty to be recovered in the same way and manner as provided in Chap. 194 sec. 16, of the revised Statutes of Ontario and in case any Collector neglects to make the aforesaid report within the time required for paying over the taxes levied in the Municipality, he shall be liable to a penalty of ten dollars and costs to be recovered in the same manner as provided in said section.

And it shall be lawful for any person to kill or destroy any dog or bitch which he may see worrying or wounding any sheep or lamb or find running at large contrary to the provisions aforesaid.

Any Justice of the Peace upon complaint being made before him by any person that a dog or bitch has been found running at large or running at or attacking a horse or horses or teams on the Public Highway or killing or worrying sheep or lambs contrary to the provisions of this By-law or that any vicious dog or bitch has injured or bitten any person may order such dog or bitch to be killed all costs incurred thereby to be paid by the Complainant or owner of such dog or bitch as the Justice of the Peace may direct.

The term running at large in this Bylaw shall be so construed as to extend not only to the Public Highways but also to any enclosed or private property on the Municipality

All former Bylaws inconsistent with this Bylaw are hereby repealed

Passed on open Council this 12th day of April 1902

John Brown
clerk

Samuel Deane
Reeve

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Bylaw No. 15 1902

Relating to Hoops
1902

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