

SUBJECT: Appointment of Livestock Valuers and Weed Inspectors

TO: Committee of the Whole

FROM: Development and Growth Management
By-law Compliance

Report Number: DGM-20-26

Wards Affected: All

Date to Committee: March 3, 2026

Date to Council: March 10, 2026

Recommendation

Direct the Commissioner, Legal and Legislative Services/City Solicitor to prepare, for the approval of Council, the necessary by-law to appoint Municipal Livestock Valuers and Municipal Weed Inspectors and repeal the current appointment By-law 31-2022 as outlined in development and growth management report DGM-20-26.

Executive Summary

To update the appointment of Municipal Livestock Valuers and Municipal Weed Inspectors in the City of Burlington in accordance with applicable law.

Analysis

The *Protection of Livestock and Poultry from Dogs Act* (previously the *Livestock, Poultry and Honey Bee Act*) mandates that every local municipality appoint one or more Municipal Livestock Valuers. When an owner notifies the City that their livestock or poultry has been killed or injured by a dog, a Municipal Livestock Valuer investigates and makes a report. The Municipal Livestock Valuer determines whether compensation, as set out in the Act, is to be paid to the owner. In Burlington, all Animal Services By-law Officers in the Bylaw Compliance Department are appointed as Municipal Livestock Valuers.

Recommendation Report

The *Weed Control Act* authorizes lower-tier municipalities to appoint one or more Municipal Weed Inspectors. Municipal Weed Inspectors identify noxious weeds designated in Schedule 1 of Regulation 1096 under the *Weed Control Act* and ensure their destruction. In Burlington, all By-law Enforcement Officers in the By-law Compliance Department are appointed as Municipal Weed Inspectors.

The new version of the appointment by-law will be updated to appoint Municipal Livestock Valuers and Municipal Weed Inspectors by position rather than naming them individually to avoid the need for updates to the by-law due to personnel changes.

There are no financial or staffing implications to these appointments.

Recommendation Details

Approving the appointment by-law ensures compliance with applicable law.

References

[*Protection of Livestock and Poultry from Dogs Act*](#)
[*Weed Control Act*](#)

Strategic Alignment

- Designing and delivering complete communities
 - Providing the best services and experiences
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Appendices:

None

Draft By-laws for Approval at Council:

- By-law to Appoint Municipal Livestock Valuers and Municipal Weed Inspectors and to repeal By-law repeal 31-2022 for Council March 10, 2026

Report Approval:

All reports are reviewed and approved by the Commissioner, Head of Corporate Affairs, Chief Financial Officer, and Commissioner of Legal and Legislative Services/City Solicitor.