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## ***Township of Wellington North Invites Public Comment On Update to Kennel licensing***

**Wellington North, ON** – Mayor Andy Lennox and members of Council are pleased to invite public comment on proposed revision to the Township’s kennel licensing provisions.

Wellington North has had six licensed kennels for many years that have operated without incidence of threat to animal welfare. To date, the Township has not received complaints about any licensed kennels that operate in the municipality. Recent applications to establish new kennels have attracted public attention and concern about current regulation in place in the Township to protect the welfare of dogs.

“We understand and share the public concern and as a result, Council and staff are conducting a review of the Township’s current kennel licensing and inspection provisions. This is the tool that we have at our disposal to ensure the wellbeing of dogs housed in licensed kennels in our community” said Mayor Andy Lennox.

As a part of that review a draft bylaw is posted on the Township’s website at <http://wellington-north.com/>, or can be obtained by calling the Township office at (519) 848-3620, ext 127, or by stopping by the municipal office currently located in a temporary location in the Mount Forest Sports Complex, upper level.

Arrangements have been made to have the draft bylaw reviewed by the Township’s animal control officer and the Guelph Humane Society.

The Township is also providing an opportunity for members of the public to submit their comments on the draft bylaw. It is Council’s intent to accept comments on the proposed draft bylaw until noon on July 19, 2017 when comments will be consolidated to have the final version of the bylaw ready to be enacted at Council’s July 24, 2017 meeting.

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