CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GEORGIAN BLUFFS

BY-LAW NUMBER 68-2001

Being a By-law to provide for the Leashing and Muzzling of Dogs.

WHEREAS the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.M.45, Section 210 paragraphs 1-13 as amended and the Animals for Research Act R.S.O. 1990 Chapter A.22 provides that Councils of municipalities may pass by-laws to prohibit, regulate, licence and/or control animals within the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bluffs deems it desirable to pass a by-law to provide for the Leashing and Muzzling of Dogs;

NOW THEREFORE THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GEORGIAN BLUFFS ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1.0 DEFINITIONS:

For the purpose of this by-law the following definitions apply:

1.1 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Means a By-law Enforcement Officer appointed by the Township Council and includes the person or Company who have entered into a contract with the Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bluffs to control dogs within the municipality.

1.2 DOG

"dog" means a male, female, spayed female or neutered male dog over the age of six (6) months;

1.3 OWNER OF A DOG

"owner" of a dog includes a person who possesses or harbours a dog and where the owner is a minor the person responsible for the custody of the minor and "owns" and "owned" have corresponding meanings;

1.4 LEASH

An instrument used to keep full control over a dog and shall not be more than 1.5 metres (5 feet).
1.5 MUZZLING

A fastening or covering for the mouth used to prevent eating or biting.

2.0 MUZZLING OR LEASHING DOGS THAT BITE:

2.1 When a dog has bitten a person or a domestic animal, the owner or other person having the control of the dog shall forthwith muzzle and leash the dog, and shall keep the dog muzzled and leashed at all times until: the dog is destroyed; or the Township Council, or committee thereof appointed for the purpose, exempts the owner from the muzzling or leashing requirement, or both.

2.2 Where the Animal Control Officer for the Township, or his/her designate, acquired information or belief that a dog has bitten a person or domestic animal in violation of this By-law, she/he may issue an Order to the owner or other person having control of the dog, requiring that person to muzzle or leash the dog, or both.

2.3 The Order issued by the Animal Control officer shall state that the owner or other person to whom the Order is issued may appeal the order to the Township Council, or committee thereof, provided he or she does so within seven days of being informed of the Order.

2.4 Where it appears there are grounds to believe that the behaviour of the dog required to be muzzled, leashed, or both, pursuant to this by-law, has improved, the owner or person in charge of the dog may apply in writing, setting out the ground for the belief that the dog’s behaviour has improved, to Township Council or a committee thereof for an Order revising, modifying, or rescinding the Order to muzzle, leash, or both.

3.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS:

3.1 No person shall obstruct or interfere with an officer in the lawful execution of their duty enforcing the provisions of this by-law.

3.2 If for any reason any section, clause or provision of this by-law is deemed by a court or competent jurisdiction to be invalid the same shall not affect the validity of this by-law as a whole or any part thereof other than the part which was declared to be invalid.

3.3 This by-law shall be enforced by the Animal Control Officer and/or a By-law Enforcement Officer appointed by Council to enforce the provisions of this by-law.
3.4 Any person who violates a provision of this by-law is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to the penalty provided in Section 61 of the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, chapter P.33, as amended or re-enacted from time to time.

3.5 This by-law rescinds all previous or existing by-laws of the former Townships of Derby, Keppel and Sarawak on issues covered by this by-law or contrary to the opinion of this by-law.

3.6 This By-law shall come into force and effect when the short form wording has been approved by the Chief Justice and shall remain in force until repealed by Council.

Read a first and second time this 18th day of July 2001.

Read a third time and passed this 18th day of July 2001.

Mayor - Larry Miller                                      Clerk - Kenneth Clarke

I hereby certify the foregoing is a true copy of By-law No. 68-2001 as enacted by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bluffs this 18th day of July 2001.

Clerk - Kenneth Clarke