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**BY EMAIL**

Windsor-Essex County Health Unit (WECHU) Board of Health  
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Attention: Dr. Ken Blanchette, Chief Executive Officer  
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**Re: Animal Bite Prevention Strategies in Windsor-Essex County**

At its Regular Council Meeting held on July 7, 2025, Council supported the enclosed correspondence dated June 12, 2025 from Windsor-Essex County Health Unit (WECHU) Board of Health regarding Animal Bite Prevention Strategies in Windsor-Essex County.

Council accordingly passed the following resolution:

**R25-07-321**

Moved By Deputy Mayor Shepley  
Seconded By Councillor Verbeek

**That** the correspondence from Windsor-Essex Health Unit Board of Health dated June 12, 2025 regarding Animal Bite Prevention Strategies be received and supported;

**That** a letter from the Town of Essex be sent to Anthony Leardi, MPP Essex, Andrew Dowie, MPP Windsor-Tecumseh, Lisa Gretzky, MPP Windsor West, Honourable Trevor Jones, MPP Chatham Kent Leamington; and

**That** Council adopt the following resolution:

**Whereas**, animal bites to humans increase the risk of rabies virus transmission which can be fatal if left untreated;



**Whereas**, data indicates that approximately 92% of local animal to human bite investigations involved canine and feline species, emphasizing the need for responsible pet ownership and up-to-date rabies vaccinations for pets;

**Whereas**, animal bites affect vulnerable populations such as children, people working with animals, people who are outdoors, as well as people living and working in urban areas disproportionately;

**Whereas**, a proactive community education and awareness campaigns can effectively promote compliance with leashing requirements and vaccination regulations; and

**Whereas**, the WECHU is committed to ongoing collaborations with local municipalities, veterinarians, healthcare providers as well as police services to provide information on accurate and complete reporting of animal bites.

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved That** the Windsor-Essex County Board of Health recommends that WEC municipalities support ongoing education, prevention and advocacy efforts related to animal bite and rabies prevention activities; and further

**That** the Windsor-Essex County Board of Health encourages all local municipalities to review, strengthen and enforce existing animal control by-laws, including off-leash violations.

**Carried**



I trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Malandrucolo".

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Enclosure

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Andrew Dowie, MPP Windsor-Tecumseh  
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