

# The Corporation of the Township of Springwater

## By-Law 2014-031

**A By-law to regulate the removal of domestic animal feces.**

### **(Stoop and Scoop)**

**Whereas** the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O 2001 CH 25* as amended, herein referred to as “the Act”, provides that a Council may pass by-laws and make such by-laws for the health, safety, well-being of the inhabitants;

**And Whereas** it is deemed expedient and in the best interest of public health and safety to pass a by-law requiring any person who owns, controls or harbours a domestic animal to remove feces left by the domestic animal on public property in the Township of Springwater;

**Now Therefore** the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Springwater enacts as follows:

### **Definitions**

1. In this by-law:
  - (a) “control” means the person in charge of a domestic animal at the time it drops its feces;
  - (b) “domestic animal” means includes a dog, cat or pet which is generally understood to be domesticated and is typically kept indoors at a residence;
  - (c) “Highway” means a common or public highway and includes a street, boulevard, sidewalk and a bridge forming part of a highway;
  - (d) "Public Property" means any real property owned or under the control and management of the Township, and includes a highway;
  - (e) “Owner” of a domestic animal includes a person who possesses or harbours a domestic animal and “owns” and “owned” have a corresponding meaning;
  - (f) “Township” means the Corporation of the Township of Springwater.
2. Any person who owns or controls a domestic animal shall remove and dispose of any feces left by such domestic animal on a highway or on any public property in the Township of Springwater.

3. Failure to promptly remove and dispose of any feces shall be deemed to be a breach of this by-law.

## **Penalties**

4. Anyone who breaches a section of this by-law is guilty of any offence and subject to a penalty provided for under the Provincial Offences Act.
5. When a person has been convicted of an offence under this By-law, the Provincial Offences Court or any Court of competent jurisdiction thereafter may, in addition to any other penalty imposed on the person convicted issue an Order prohibiting the continuation or repetition of the offence or the doing of any act or thing by the person convicted directed toward the continuation or repetition of the offence.

## **General**

6. The short title for this By-law shall be "Stoop and Scoop By-law".
7. This By-law shall come into full force and effect on the day of passing.

**Read a First, Second and Third Time and Finally Passed** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014.

(Original Signed By)

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Linda Collins, Mayor

(Original Signed By)

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John Daly, Clerk