



Council Report

For the Meeting of September 23, 2021

To: Council **Date:** September 20, 2021
From: Thomas Soulliere, Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities
Subject: Animal Responsibility Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 3) Amendment Bylaw No. 21-092

RECOMMENDATION

That the following bylaw be given first, second and third readings:

- Animal Responsibility Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 3) No. 21-092

BACKGROUND

Attached for Council's initial consideration is a copy of the proposed Bylaw No. 21-092.

The issue came before Council on September 16, 2021 where the following resolution was approved:

That Council instruct the Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities to bring forward bylaw amendments necessary to remove Gonzales Beach from the designated off-leash areas within the Animal Responsibility Bylaw to align with federal regulations within the Victoria Harbour Migratory Bird Sanctuary ("VHMB").

Bylaw No. 21-092 will come into force upon adoption.

The Canadian Wildlife Service will be stepping up education and enforcement efforts over the coming months. Staff will work with Canadian Wildlife Service on updated signage, education and outreach to provide clarity for the public on the location of dogs off-leash areas and the impact that off-leash dogs can have on migratory bird habitat and species at risk.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Soulliere
Director

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager

List of Attachments

- Bylaw No. 21-092