



Mr. Steven Morison
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Whitehorse City Council
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9 July 2017

Dear Mr. Morison

Re: Council Review of the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2013-2017 ('DAMP')

The Whitehorse Active Transport Action Group Inc. ('WATAG')¹ requests active involvement in the review of Council's DAMP and input into the new DAMP for the years 2018-2022.

WATAG is an incorporated community organization that concerns itself with walking, cycling, mobility and public transport issues and their relationship to each other within the City of Whitehorse.

Of particular interest to WATAG are the creation and maintenance of safe, low-stress, positive experiences for all active transport users in the city's parks, open spaces, streets, roads, shopping centres and public transport hubs.

This interest extends to promoting more positive interactions between active transport users and motorists.

In relation to domestic animal management WATAG's specific interests include:

- Dogs on and off lead in the city's parks and public open spaces including residential streets
- Interactions between dogs and their owners with other walkers, cyclists and people using mobility carts, wheelchairs etc. in public open spaces
- Investigating the potential for installation of safe, enclosed dog exercise parks within Whitehorse
- Accessible and prohibited areas for dogs on and/or off lead in Whitehorse
- Street and park patrols for dogs in the city
- Dog attacks in public open spaces, their management and minimisation
- Educational strategies to maximise positive experiences for all users of parks and open spaces within Whitehorse

The WATAG committee believes that a domestic animal management advisory committee that includes community members with the appropriate expertise serves to maximise community engagement on pet-related issues in Whitehorse.

To help achieve this objective WATAG requests that Council extend an invitation to WATAG to provide a representative for membership of the Domestic Animal Management Advisory Committee for the duration of Council's new Domestic Animal Management Plan.

Yours sincerely

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Cc: Cr. Denise Massoud, Mayor, Whitehorse City Council
Mr. Peter Smith, General Manager Corporate Services, Whitehorse City Council

¹ WATAG is a not-for-profit incorporated organization whose objectives are:

1. To achieve improved health and environmental sustainability within the Whitehorse region by:

- Promotion of safe participation in active transport for all people – walking, cycling and mobility travel
- Promotion and advocacy for greater access to, and use of, public transport for all people
- Promotion and encouragement of safe and respectful behaviour towards other transport users when 'on the move'.

2. Liaison with:

- Relevant local, state and federal governments and authorities in relation to the planning and construction of active transport infrastructure for walking, cycling, accessibility and public transport connectivity.
 - Other like-minded groups to achieve the above outcomes.
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