

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: May 26, 2025

Subject: SRCLK.2025.19 – Appointment of Livestock Evaluator

Report from: Christine Fraser-McDonald, Clerk

Attachments: None

Recommendation

Be It Resolved that Council receives Report SRCLK.2025.19 for information; and

Further appoints Jake Sloan as the Livestock Evaluator for the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie; and

Directs staff to bring back a by-law at the next available Council to appoint Jake Sloan as as the Livestock Evaluator for the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie.

Background

The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) manages the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program (OWDCP) which provides compensation to eligible owners whose livestock or poultry have been injured or killed as a result of wildlife.

Municipalities have a responsibility to appoint valuers and handle claims related to livestock or poultry damage.

A livestock evaluator, or livestock valuer, is a person who assesses the value of livestock in the context of the [Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program](#).

They investigate claims of livestock losses or injuries caused by wildlife and determine the amount of compensation owed to the owner. This includes livestock, poultry and bee colonies, beehives, or beehive related equipment that has been damaged by wildlife.

Damage claims are referred to the Clerk's Office or one of the Municipality's Livestock Valuers within 48 hours of discovering the incident. All claims are inspected by the Municipality's Livestock Valuer who will provide a report. The Municipality is responsible for claims where wildlife has killed or injured the livestock or poultry.

The Valuer completes a detailed written report of their findings and submits a copy to the Municipal Clerk and the owner. Within the report is the amount of compensation in accordance with the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program.

Analysis

Arran-Elderslie's current livestock evaluator has notified staff that they are unable to continue with their duties as the Livestock Valuer.

As per municipal policy the position was posted with Jake Sloan being the preferred candidate.

Staff are recommending that Jake Sloan be appointed as the Livestock Evaluator for the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie to fulfill its responsibilities under the Wildlife Damage Compensation Program.

Link to Strategic/Master Plan

6.5 Engaging People and Partnerships

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding/Link to Procurement Policy

The livestock evaluator is paid \$50 per visit plus mileage. This is funded from Account 01-2041-4309 – Contract Livestock Claims.

An administrative allowance of \$50 per application will be provided by the Ministry to municipalities to help offset a portion of municipal application processing costs associated with investigating predation events caused by wildlife.

Approved by: Emily Dance, Chief Administrative Officer