

# ***THE CITY OF VAUGHAN***

# ***BY-LAW***

## **BY-LAW NUMBER 156-2023**

**A By-law to amend the Animal Control By-law 066-2020 to prohibit new Pigeon licences to be issued by the City.**

**WHEREAS** paragraph 9 of subsection 11(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25 provides that a lower-tier municipality may pass by-laws respecting animals;

**AND WHEREAS** the City of Vaughan wishes to prohibit the issuance of any new licences to keep pigeons due to public health concerns about the current Avian Influenza pandemic, however, believe existing licence holders should be able to retain their licences for humanitarian reasons;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of The Corporation of the City of Vaughan ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. In Animal Control By-law 066-2020, to delete the current text in 16.0(2) and replace it with, “As of October 17, 2023, the *Chief Licensing Officer* shall not approve any new *Pigeon Licences*; however, existing *Pigeon Licence* holders may renew their licences which includes payment of the applicable fee as set out in *Fees and Charges By-law* 171-2013, as amended or its successor by-law, and lawfully keep their pigeons until their birds’ deaths.”
2. In Animal Control By-law 066-2020, to delete the current text in 16.0(3) and replace it with, “A *Pigeon Licence* holder must be a member of the Canadian Racing Pigeon Union or the Canadian Pigeon Fanciers’ Association.”.

Voted in favour by City of Vaughan Council this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

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Steven Del Duca, Mayor

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Todd Coles, City Clerk

Authorized by Item No. 10 of Report No. 37 of the Committee of the Whole.  
Report adopted by Vaughan City Council on September 26, 2023.  
City Council voted in favour of this by-law on October 17, 2023.  
Approved by Mayoral Decision MDC 005-2023 dated October 17, 2023.  
**Effective Date of By-Law: October 17, 2023**