Control of Dogs on the Reserve.

WHEREAS, Section 81, paragraph (a), (d), (c), (q) and (r), of the Indian Act empower the Council of a Band of Indians to pass by-laws to provide for the health of residents on the reserve, law and order on the reserve, the prevention of nuisances, the protection against the prevention of trespass by domestic animals, matters arising out of or ancillary to the exercise of powers under this section, and the imposition of a penalty for the violation of any such by-law;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Big Cove Indian Band is of the opinion that the uncontrolled ownership, breeding and running at large of dogs may be detrimental to the health of the residents on the reserve, and a nuisance to such residents;

THEREFORE, the Council of the Big Cove Band of Indians enacts a by law as follows:

Short Title

This by-law may be cited as the "Big Cove Reserve Dog Control By-Law".

Interpretation

- In this by-law:
 - (a) "band" means the Big Cove Indian Band;
 - (h) "council" means the Council of the Band;
 - "dog" means any dog, male or female, more than four months old and includes an animal that is a cross between a dog and wolf;
 - (d) "muzzle" means to secure a dog's mouth in such a fashion that it cannot bite anything:
 - "officer" means any band constable as appointed by the council and any member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, or any duly appointed Dog Registration Officer.

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- (f) "owner" of a dog includes a person who possesses or harbours a dog, and "owned" have a corresponding meaning;
- (g) "public, non-residential area" includes public parks, recreational areas and areas set aside by the Council for the general use of the Band Membership other than those common areas in and around Band Administration Buildings or immediately adjacent to Band School facilities;
- (h) "at large" or "running at large" means off the premises of the owner and not muzzled or under the control of any person:
- (i) "reserve" means the Richibucto Indian Reserve.
- (j) "Work Dogs" means those dogs chiefly utilized by their owners for the carrying out of a business enterprise or trade.
- 3. (1) Subject to subsection (2), every owner of a dog shall keep the dog safely tethered or penned up at all times.
 - (2) A dog need not be tethered or penned up as provided in subsection (1) if the dog;
 - (a) is held on a leash by a person capable of restraining the dog's movements;
 - (b) is being used by a person for the purpose of hunting:
 - (c) is being used by a person to work in a lawful manner with sheep or cattle; or
 - (d) is in presence of its owner and is in a public, non-residential area that is not designed as an area where the keeping of dogs is prohibited pursuant to Section 7 of this By-Law.
 - (3) No owner shall allow his dog to remain unfed or neglected, sufficiently long, either to amount to cruelty or to cause the dog to become a nuisance.

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- (4) No person shall punish or abuse a dog in a manner or to an extent that is cruel or unnecessary.
- (5) No owner shall permit a dog to bark, yelp, growl or otherwise annoy or disturb the peace or residents of the reserve.
- (6) Notwithstanding any other provision of this By-Law, no owner shall permit a female dog in heat to be off the owner's premises.
- (7) (a) The Council may in at the first instance, or at any time by amendment to this By-Law, prohibit the keeping of dogs within any designated area of the reserve. Designated areas shall be identified in Schedule "A", which shall form part of this By-Law.
 - (b) Notice of any designation and prohibition made by council pursuant to paragraph (a), shall be posted in the public place and after the date of the posting of such notice, no person shall keep or have a dog within a designated area.
- Subject to subsection 2, every owner of a dog shall have the dog spaded or neutered.
 - (2) A dog need not be spaded or neutered as provided in subsection (1) if it is used for breeding purposes and is registered as such with the Dog Registration Officer for the Band.

Seizure

- 5. (1) An officer may seize a dog from any person whom the officer has reasonable grounds to believe is violating or has violated any of the provisions of this by-law.
 - (2) Subject to subsection (4), an officer who has seized a dog pursuant to subsection (1) shall restore possession of the dog to its owner where:
 - (a) the owner claims possession of the dog within five (5) days after the date of seizure, and:
 - (b) the owner pays to the officer all expenses incurred in securing, caring for and feeding the dog.

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- (3) Where a dog has not been reclaimed within five (5) days after seizure pursuant to subsection (2), the officer may destroy or dispose of the dog as he sees fit and no damages or compensation may be recovered as a result of the destruction or disposal of a dog by the officer.
- (4) Where, in the opinion of the officer, a dog seized under this section is injured, diseased, or should be destroyed without delay for humance reasons or for reasons of health or safety, the officer shall destroy the dog as soon after scizure as he thinks fit and no damages or compensation may be recovered as a result of the destruction of a dog by the officer.

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- 6. (1) Where an officer, after reasonable effort, is unable to seize a dog that is running at large contrary to the provisions of this by-law, he may destroy the dog.
 - (2) No damages or compensation may be recovered as a result of the destruction of a dog by an officer pursuant to subsection (1).

Protection from dogs

- 7. (1) Any person may kill a dog that is running at large and is in the act of pursuing, attacking, injuring, damaging, killing or destroying:
 - (a) a person
 - (b) another dog that is tethered; or
 - (c) wildlife, or;
 - (d) a food cache, harness or other equipment,
 - (2) No damages or compensation may be recovered as a result of the killing of a dog by any person pursuant to subsection (1).

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(b) Upon registration, the dog registration officer shall issue a registration tag free of charge to the owner, which shall be attached to the dog at all times; any change of ownership of any registered dog shall be entered in the register kept by the dog registration officer.

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(4) (a) The dog registration officer shall keep a book for the registration of

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