

## **PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

Niverville's current animal control by-law has been in effect since 1991. In its day, this by-law was leading in the industry ... but with today's expectations and challenges, it has been deemed somewhat tired and limiting and requires a serious overhaul.

Following the example of neighbouring municipalities who have more recently enacted animal control by-laws; Council has draft a new By-law. Changes include:

- ❖ To provide additional enforcement authority to the Animal Control Officer;
- ❖ the require pet licensing,
- ❖ to increase the number of pets permitted per residence from 2 to 3;
- ❖ to clarify and provide an objective process for ascertaining if a pet should be declared a dangerous animal and to permit for the collection of costs;
- ❖ to increase the penalties and fees with the authority to collect all costs regarding the capture and impoundment by adding the cost thereof to the real property taxes chargeable against the owner's land.

Copy of the proposed by-law can be viewed in its entirety at [www.//whereyoubelong.ca/by-laws](http://www.//whereyoubelong.ca/by-laws). You are invited to either forward your comments on the bylaw in writing or to attend a Public Information meeting to be held on **Tuesday, September 28, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Niverville Civic Offices.