

February 13 2025, Deputation to Council

Deputation by Deborah Grant and Deanna Lindsay

To: Mayor and Council for February 13, 2025

Matter of Concern:

This year we have experienced a continued increase in the number of feral cats in our neighborhood – 30th St N and 31st St N, Wasaga Beach an area close to Park 5 (tourist area). The number would be 20 plus cats. They are reproducing of course, which is going to create a bigger issue yet.

These feral cats pose the threat of spreading disease either directly or indirectly to our resident cats and dogs as well as transmitting zoonotic diseases (animal to human transmission) like rabies, toxoplasmosis and others. With the number of visitors to Wasaga Beach and our area, we hope that the town will help to manage and mitigate this risk.

In the past Town has contributed to a Feral Cat Spaying/Neutering program in cooperation with either GTHS or a local vet. This was discontinued at some point. We would ask that this be reinstated for 2025 to aid in resolving the growing issue.

Several of us in the neighborhood are willing to trap the cats in a humane manner for the purpose of spaying/neutering, vaccinating and de-worming for release again to their environment. It should help alleviate the problem. Sometimes they can be found more permanent homes, but if not, at least there would not be multiple litters being born.

We ask this respectfully as it would be a benefit to the neighborhood and as we live in a tourist area of Wasaga Beach, close to Georgian Bay and Beach 5, it would also not become an issue with the visiting tourists.

Thank you for your time and attention to this request.

Best regards, Deborah Grant and Deanna Lindsay

