NOTICE OF DOG BITING INCIDENTS

Six Nations Elected Council has become aware of eight dog bite incidents, that we are aware of, on the corner of Fifth Line and Tuscarora Road. As a means of promoting public safety we would like you take precaution when walking or biking in this area.

For your safety, please do not enter private property unless the owner is present or you have their consent.
General Dog Safety Tips

Please adhere to the following precautions:

• Be alert and monitor your surroundings at all times.
• Recognize there is a difference in dog behaviour when in heat, mating or if they have just had puppies.
• Adhere to BEWARE of DOG signs. If you disregard warnings you are potentially putting yourself at risk.

Safety around dogs:

• Always ask permission before petting or touching someone else's dog.
• Most of the time, we encounter friendly, wiggly dogs in public. But you should be cautious if a dog goes still, becomes stiff, and/or is not wagging in a loose and friendly way.
• Don't corner a dog. All dogs have a sense of personal space, so watch their body language as you get closer (or the dog gets closer to you).
• When approached by a strange dog, stand quietly, hands at your sides and avoid eye contact. A dog's natural instinct is to chase, so if you run, a dog may chase. Watch the dog out of the corner of your eye and don't turn your back.
• Do not approach dogs in cars or on chains or ropes. Dogs can be protective about their territory and may feel a bit more vulnerable or defensive than usual. When dogs are tied up, they know they can't run away so their only defense will be to fight.
• To avoid startling dogs, don't approach or touch them while they're sleeping, fixated on something, or with their puppies.
• Never get between dogs who are fighting and keep your hands away from their heads.
• Leave dogs alone when they are eating, whether the dog is eating from a bowl or chewing a treat or any other high-value item. Like people, dogs don't like it when people get between them and their food.
• Don't reach over or through fences or barriers to pet or touch a dog.
• Never tease, chase or harass a dog.
• Don't enter a property containing a dog if you're not accompanied by the dog's person. Dogs can be protective of their family and territory and think it's their job to protect them.