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Ready, set, go...

Junior splash camp participants take part in pyjama races at Rotary Park Wednesday morning, during a two-week Town of Milton-run summer camp that includes swimming lessons, crafts and theme day activities. For a related photo of the day's fun, see page 15.

Fur flies over proposed changes to Town's animal control bylaw

Many residents feel numbers too restrictive

By **MELANIE HENNESSEY**

The Champion

The claws came out at Town Hall Monday night during a heated public meeting on the proposed animal control bylaw.

About 60 residents, including several from surrounding communities, attended the information session with concerns on the draft document that would limit residents to owning two of almost any

type of domestic animal.

Many people were worried they would have to get rid of some of their animals, but Town Deputy Clerk Karyn Bennett told the crowd there will be a grandfathering provision for animals not covered under the current bylaw.

Other concerns ranged from feasibility of enforcement to the Town's limits in legislating animal ownership.

"It's very, very suppressive," rural resident Dawn Eilander told The Champion before the

meeting. "There's no up-to-date thinking. It's drawing more on people's phobias than anything realistic."

Ms Eilander also voiced her displeasure with the section that prohibits female cats from going outside when they're in heat.

"What are you going to do next — not allow any woman in heat outside?" she asked Town staff and the few councillors in attendance.

Teresa Lewin of Doggone Safe!, an organization that specializes in dog bite prevention education, said the Town should consider requiring dogs to be microchipped instead of tagged because of

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