



## **Animal Care Committee**

### **MINUTES**

**November 21, 2018**

**York Room**

**5:30 PM – 7:30 PM**

<b><u>Members</u></b> Denielle Duncan, Chair Janet Andrews, Vice-Chair Dr. Esther Attard Councillor Valerie Burke Sherry Klein Rhiannon Lane (on Conference Call) Michelle Lustri Judy Postello	<b><u>Regrets</u></b> Julie Sook-Man Chan Aviva Harari Shirley Lesch
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<b><u>Staff</u></b> Christy Lehman, Licensing & Animal Services Coordinator John Britto, Committee Secretary (PT)
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<b><u>Guests and Members of the Public</u></b> Terri Daniels
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**Call to Order:** The Animal Care Committee convened at 5:35 p.m. on Wednesday, November 21, 2018, with Denielle Duncan, Chair presiding as Chair.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1. Approval of the October 17, 2018, Animal Care Committee meeting minutes</b>	Moved by: Janet Andrews, Vice Chair Seconded by: Dr. Esther Attard  That the minutes of the October 17, 2018 Animal Care Committee meeting be approved, as presented.  <b>CARRIED</b>	
<b>2. Business arising from the Minutes</b>	Christy Lehman, Licensing & Animal Services Coordinator advised that there is no update on the matter of signage in City parks in languages other than English, advising the public that feeding of wildlife is prohibited,	

	<p>With respect to the list of pet rescues, Denielle Duncan, Chair advised that a preliminary list has been sent to Christy Lehman, Licensing &amp; Animal Services Coordinator. Denielle further advised that a few more small animal rescue groups will be added to the list next week.</p> <p>There was no update on the wildlife seminar as Chris Alexander, Supervisor, Licensing &amp; Standards, was not present at the meeting.</p> <p>Christy Lehman, Licensing &amp; Animal Services Coordinator advised that the Photos with Santa event scheduled for Saturday, November 24 and December 1, has been shared on the City's Facebook page. Responding to a question from Denielle Duncan, Chair, Christy advised that she will contact the OSPCA for further details as the event is being coordinated by them.</p> <p>Christy advised that she was not able to contact the City's Legal department to find out whether the OSPCA contract has been made public.</p>	<p>Christy to contact OSPCA for details of the Photos with Santa event.</p>
<p><b>3. Animal Control Program Update</b></p>	<p>a. <u>Cat Adoption &amp; Education Centre</u></p> <p>Christy Lehman, Licensing &amp; Animal Services Coordinator advised 137 adoptions were registered this year, with a total of 588 adoptions since the Centre opened.</p> <p>Christy further advised that the CAEC is looking to replace the broken cage with a cat condo that can accommodate 4 cats. The cost of the condo is approximately \$9,000. Christy suggested that the Committee consider making a donation towards this cost, and a plaque could be installed on the condo indicating the donation from the ACC.</p> <p>The Committee discussed various options for housing the cats and other small animals, as well, including guinea pigs.</p> <p>Rhiannon Lane suggested that SunnyMeadows Cages and Supplies, Barrie could be contacted for the condos. They have a wide range of animal and bird cages and they are fairly</p>	

	<p>competitively priced, details, including prices are available on their website.</p> <p>Responding to a question from Councillor Valerie Burke, Christy Lehman advised that the donations made by the Neighbours of Old Thornhill Village are deposited directly into the account managed by the City.</p> <p>The Committee discussed donating \$3,000 for the purchase of a cat condo for the CAEC.</p> <p><b>Moved by: Janet Andrews</b> <b>Seconded by: Michelle Lustri</b></p> <p><b>That the Animal Care Committee donate an additional \$3,000 to the Cat Adoption and Education Centre for the purchase a cat condo</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> <p>Janet Andrews, Vice Chair advised that she has completed a first draft of the PowerPoint presentation, and she will email a .pdf of the final document to the Committee members for their feedback. This will be used for a deputation to the General Committee in the new year.</p> <p>Councilor Burke suggested that a formal Request for Deputation be sent to the Clerks Department so it can be included in the General Committee agenda.</p> <p>b. <u>Barn Cat Program</u></p> <p>No updates.</p> <p>c. <u>By-law Review</u></p> <p>No updates</p>	
<b>4. Events</b>	<p>a) <u>Fund Raising</u></p> <p>Denielle Duncan, Chair advised of the following fund-raising activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) \$504.95 – jam sales; and</li> <li>ii) \$600 – Krispy Kreme.</li> </ul> <p>b) <u>Events scheduled for the remainder of the year</u></p>	

	<p>Denielle Duncan, Chair advised that the Committee will not be participating in the Markham Santa Claus Parade this year, but will participate in the Unionville Parade.</p> <p>The Committee will hold a potluck following the December meeting. Denielle requested all members to bring a dish for the potluck.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the letter dated October 3, 2018 from Chris Alexander, Supervisor Licensing &amp; Standards to the Markham Fair, with respect to community events the include different animal species.</p>	
<b>5. New Business</b>	<p>Denielle Duncan, Chair thanked Councillor Valerie Burke for her support and help to the Animal Care Committee, and presented her with a bouquet of flowers and a Thank You card from the Committee.</p>	
<b>6. Date of next meeting</b>	Wednesday, December 19, 2018	
<b>7. Adjournment</b>	The Animal Care Committee meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.	