



Animal Care Committee

MINUTES

**April 17, 2019
Ontario Room
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM**

<u>Members</u> Denielle Duncan, Chair Janet Andrews, Vice-Chair Dr. Esther Attard Aviva Harari Sherry Klein Rhiannon Lane Shirley Lesch Judy Postello Julie Sook-Man Chan	<u>Regrets</u> Michelle Lustri
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<u>Staff</u> Chris Alexander, Supervisor, By-law & Regulatory Services John Britto, Committee Secretary (PT)

<u>Guests and Members of the Public</u> Colin Stuart (for Item 1 – Rodeo Deputation/Presentation) Valerie Burke Terri Daniels

Call to Order: The Animal Care Committee convened at 5:35 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2019, with Denielle Duncan, Chair presiding as Chair.

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Rodeo Presentation / Deputation	Colin Stuart made a deputation / presentation (using PowerPoint slides) on rodeos in the City of Markham.	

	<p>He spoke at length on issues related with animal violence, public safety, animal welfare, and the fact that the OSPCA will be withdrawing from enforcement end-June 2019. He inquired whether the City of Markham would be taking over the enforcement aspect.</p> <p>Janet Andrews, Vice Chair advised that under the legislation in Ontario, municipalities only have the power to regulate, not prohibit. As an example, she advised that the sale of animals is permitted in Markham, so long as they are acquired from animal rescue groups.</p> <p>Janet further advised that rodeos and circuses cannot be prohibited by the municipality, unless provincial legislation is amended appropriately.</p> <p>Colin specifically alluded to the 2018 RAM Rodeo which he attended to gather evidence on how the animals were being treated by the owners.</p> <p>Chris Alexander, Supervisor, By-law & Regulatory Services advised that the Ram Rodeo has not been booked for 2019. He further advised that he is meeting the new General Manager of Markham Fairgrounds to discuss issues related with circuses and rodeos in the City.</p> <p>Moved by: Janet Andrews Seconded by: Rhiannon Lane</p> <p>That Council direct staff to meet with the General Manager of Markham Fairgrounds to discuss issues related to renting the Fairgrounds for animal entertainment programs, and report back to the Animal Care Committee at a future meeting.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	
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<p>2. Approval of the March 20, 2019, Animal Care Committee meeting minutes</p>	<p>The following amendments were made to the March 20, 2019, Animal Care Committee meeting minutes:</p> <p>Page 2, Item 2 – Business arising from the Minutes</p> <p>The following words were deleted from the second paragraph “as he was not available”</p> <p>Page 4, Item 4 (a) – Fund Raising</p> <p>The second paragraph was amended to read as follows: “Judy handed over \$170.10 to Christy Lehman as proceeds from jam sales held last year”.</p> <p>Page 4, Item 5 b) – New Business</p> <p>The word “Street” was added to Toronto Cat Rescue to read as follows: Toronto Street Cat Rescue.</p> <p>Moved by: Rhiannon Lane Seconded by: Janet Andrews</p> <p>That the minutes of the March 20, 2019, Animal Care Committee meeting be approved, as amended. CARRIED</p>	
<p>3. Business arising from the Minutes</p>	<p>Denielle Duncan, Chair advised that she has still not spoken to Cr. McAlpine regarding turtle signage.</p> <p>Denielle Duncan, Chair advised the Committee that we will not be able to source other group's turtle brochures as they are not suitable for our needs, and we will have to write one ourselves.</p> <p>Janet Andrews, Vice Chair advised that she found out from the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) that all turtle fishing is now illegal in Ontario, and any violations should be reported to MNRF TIPS at 1-877-847-7667.</p>	

	Anonymous callers should contact Crime Stoppers.	
4. Animal Control Program Update	<p>a. <u>Cat Adoption & Education Centre</u></p> <p>Denielle Duncan, Chair, advised that a cheque of \$3,000 to assist Markham's Cat Adoption and Education Centre, was presented to Markham Council at the April 8, 2019 General Committee meeting, along with a presentation that provided an overview of the role and initiatives of the Animal Care Committee. The funds were raised by the volunteer efforts of the Animal Care Committee.</p> <p>b. <u>Barn Cat Program</u></p> <p>No update.</p> <p>c. <u>By-law Review</u></p> <p>Chris Alexander, Supervisor, By-law & Regulatory Services advised that the draft By-law should be ready for Council's consideration by the end of May. He met with Zoo Check and are moving forward with a (positive) animal list.</p> <p>Responding to a question, Chris advised that animal owners with pets not included in the positive list will be grandfathered. Such animals are not required to be registered with the City (unless complaints are made by members of the public).</p>	
5. Events	<p>Responding to a question, Chris Alexander, Supervisor, Licensing & Standards advised that at this time, it is not clear who will conduct inspections of the various animals involved with events organized in the City.</p> <p>The Committee discussed issues related with untrained / unqualified OSPCA officers conducting inspections / investigations of animals at shows</p>	

	<p>and events held in the City. The Committee believed the City's By-law department should be regulating such matters.</p> <p>Chris Alexander, Supervisor, Licensing & Standards advised that the City has recently hired a Manager of Special Events whose initial task is to review third-party events held in the City.</p> <p>a) <u>Fund Raising</u></p> <p>No update.</p> <p>b) <u>Events</u></p> <p>The committee will be once again having an outreach table at Markham's Earth Day Festival on April 27. Janet and Denielle will be doing the morning shift and Valerie and Denielle will be doing the afternoon shift.</p> <p>The following events are scheduled for the month of June:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unionville Festival June 1;• Stivermill Festival June 9; and• Markham Music Festival June 15. <p>Denielle Duncan, Chair advised that all promotional material is currently being printed and will be ready for distribution at the various events during June.</p> <p>A member believed only the City of Markham's contact details should be included in the brochures. OSPCA contact details should not be included as they are only contractors for the City. Responding to this issue, Denielle Duncan, Chair advised that if the Committee so desires, this can be done for brochures printed in the future, as the current batch of brochures have already been printed.</p> <p>A member advised that the Contact Centre should be informed that all</p>	
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	animal care related inquiries should be directed to the OSPCA / Shades of Hope. Members believed this to be a training issue.	
6. New Business	None.	
7. Date of next meeting	5:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 15, 2019.	
8. Adjournment	The Animal Care Committee meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.	
