



## Animal Care Committee

### MINUTES

**December 19, 2018**

**York Room**

**5:30 PM – 7:30 PM**

#### **Members**

Denielle Duncan, Chair  
Janet Andrews, Vice-Chair  
Dr. Esther Attard  
Aviva Harari  
Sherry Klein  
Shirley Lesch  
Michelle Lustri  
Julie Sook-Man Chan

#### **Regrets**

Rhiannon Lane  
Judy Postello

#### **Staff**

Christy Lehman, Licensing & Animal Services Coordinator  
John Britto, Committee Secretary (PT)

#### **Guests and Members of the Public**

Valerie Burke  
Terri Daniels

**Call to Order:** The Animal Care Committee convened at 5:35 p.m. on Wednesday, December 19, 2018, with Denielle Duncan, Chair presiding as Chair.

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Approval of the November 21, 2018, Animal Care Committee meeting minutes	Moved by: Janet Andrews, Vice Chair Seconded by: Sheri Klein  That the minutes of the November 21, 2018 Animal Care Committee meeting be approved, as presented.  CARRIED	

<p><b>2. Business arising from the Minutes</b></p>	<p>Christy Lehman, Licensing &amp; Animal Services Coordinator advised that there is no update on signage in City parks in languages other than English, advising the public that feeding of wildlife is prohibited,</p> <p>Denielle Duncan, Chair advised that a consolidated list of animal rescue groups has been sent to Christy Lehman, Licensing &amp; Animal Services Coordinator.</p> <p>Christy Lehman, Licensing &amp; Animal Services Coordinator advised that the OSPCA contract is a public document.</p> <p>Janet Andrews, Vice Chair advised that the Animal Care Committee will be making a deputation at the January 2019 General Committee meeting, as the December 10, 2018 agenda was full. A donation cheque will be presented as part of the deputation.</p> <p>Christy Lehman, Licensing &amp; Animal Services Coordinator advised that the draft of the new Animal Services by-law is not yet available for review by the Committee.</p> <p>Christy further advised that she does not have a list of wildlife that cannot be rehabilitated by Shades of Hope. She advised that if SOH cannot rehabilitate any particular wildlife, they will be referred to other agencies. She and Chris intend to visit the SOH in January to review the various changes that have recently been made there.</p> <p>Julie Sook-Man Chan will email SOH to find out details of their rehab program.</p>	<p>Christy and Chris to visit SOH.</p> <p>Julie to email SOH about rehab program.</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 that 600 adoptions were registered since the opening of the CAEC. The Centre will close operations for the holidays on the afternoon of December 24, 2018 and will reopen on January 5, 2019. Closure notifications have been appropriately posted. She requested the Committee to inform anyone that requires CAEC assistance of their holiday closure.</p> <p>b. <u>Barn Cat Program</u></p> <p>Christy Lehman, Licensing &amp; Animal Services Coordinator advised that the</p>	

	<p>OSPCA has adopted the program which is now called the Working Cat Program. There is an online application and screening process. It is called the Working Cat Program.</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>No updates.</p> <p>b) <u>2019 Calendar of Events</u></p> <p>Christy Lehman, Licensing &amp; Animal Services Coordinator will advise when the 2019 Calendar of Events is available.</p>	
<b>5. New Business</b>	<p>a) <u>Turtle / Wildlife Sinage</u></p> <p>Denielle Duncan, Chair advised of an email received from Councillor Don Hamilton's office with respect to wildlife turtles. There is a request for the City of Markham to install information signs about threatened / endangered species of wild turtles.</p> <p>The Committee discussed about a person who claimed he had a fishing licence on the basis of which he was permitted to take turtles from the pond.</p> <p>Christy Lehman, Licensing &amp; Animal Services Coordinator advised that this comes under the Parks Department and the email should be forward to David Plant, Manager of Parks for investigation and / or further necessary action.</p> <p>Janet Andrews, Vice Chair suggested that David Plant be invited to a future ACC meeting to discuss wildlife signage matters.</p> <p>Christy Lehman, Licensing &amp; Animal Services Coordinator requested John to email Laura to request David Plant (and maybe Morgan Jones, Director of Operations) to attend a future ACC meeting. Christy agreed to mention this matter to Laura, as well.</p> <p>b) <u>Bill 66</u></p>	<p>John to email Laura to request David Plant to attend a future ACC meeting.</p>

	<p>The Committee discussed implications of the provincial government's recently introduced Bill 66, also known as the Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act.</p> <p>Part of the Bill would allow municipalities to create "open for business" zoning bylaws that would allow municipalities to bypass numerous existing pieces of legislation for job creation, cutting red tape to attract developers, and creating affordable housing. This includes significant water protection acts, most notably The Greenbelt Act - the world's largest permanently protected green space.</p> <p>A municipality would require approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs to pass a by-law that would allow it to approve developments that were traditionally outlawed by The Greenbelt Act. To do so, a municipality would have to prove that the proposed development would create 50 jobs for places with populations under 250,000 or 100 jobs in larger municipalities.</p> <p><b>Moved by: Janet Andrews</b> <b>Seconded by: Michelle Lustrì</b></p> <p><b>That the Animal Care Committee expresses its concern with respect to the potential impact of Bill 66 on the City of Markham's green space, if enacted by the Province.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> <p>Aviva Harari declared an interest in this matter as she is provincial government employee and did not participate in the discussion or vote on this matter.</p> <p>Denielle Duncan, Chair advised that recruitment of new members to the Animal Care Committee is likely to happen in the first quarter of the 2019. She requested members who have completed their term to remain with the Committee, if possible, till such time the recruitment of new members is completed.</p>	
<b>6. Date of next meeting</b>	Wednesday, January 16, 2019	
<b>7. Adjournment</b>	The Animal Care Committee meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.	

