



Animal Care Committee

MINUTES

February 20, 2019

York Room

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Members

Denielle Duncan, Chair
Janet Andrews, Vice-Chair
Rhiannon Lane
Michelle Lustri
Judy Postello
Julie Sook-Man Chan

Regrets

Dr. Esther Attard
Aviva Harari
Sherry Klein
Shirley Lesch

Staff

John Britto, Committee Secretary (PT)

Guests and Members of the Public

Terri Daniels

Call to Order: The Animal Care Committee convened at 5:40 p.m. on Wednesday, February 20, 2019, with Denielle Duncan, Chair presiding as Chair.

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Wildlife Signage	<p>David Plant, Manager of Parks Operations attended the meeting, on the request of the Animal Care Committee.</p> <p>The Committee sought David's advice on the various options of installing Wildlife Signage in languages other than English, specifically related with fishing of turtles, at the Toogood Pond Park. The Committee also inquired if it would be possible to have informational signs on native turtle species at Toogood and other parks, if possible.</p> <p>David advised that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) lists some turtles as a catchable species, however, there is a limit to the number that can be caught and retained. He further advised that this needs to be looked at from a By-law</p>	<p>Denielle Duncan will follow up with MNR and report back</p>

	<p>perspective. David agreed to speak with Chris Alexander, Supervisor, Licensing & Standards in this regard.</p> <p>David suggested that it would be advisable to have positive, rather than negative signage, thus creating a positive outlook in the minds of visitors, to the existence of wildlife in their natural habitat.</p> <p>David agreed to contact Corporate Communications for their assistance with respect to interpretive signage.</p> <p>David suggested that the Committee contact Ward 3 Councillor Reid McAlpine, for his advice, guidance/assistance and support in this matter. He also suggested that the Committee talk to MNR about the regulations on fishing turtles.</p> <p>Moved by: Janet Andrews, Vice Chair Seconded by: Rhiannon Lane</p> <p>The Animal Care Committee thanks David Plant, Manager of Parks Operations for attending the meeting and engaging in a good discussion on the installation of Wildlife Signage citywide.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	<p>Denielle Duncan will contact Councillor McAlpine</p>
<p>2. Approval of the December 19, 2018, Animal Care Committee meeting minutes</p>	<p>Moved by: Janet Andrews, Vice Chair Seconded by: Rhiannon Lane</p> <p>That the minutes of the December 19, 2018, Animal Care Committee meeting be approved, as presented.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	
<p>3. Business arising from the Minutes</p>	<p>None</p>	
<p>4. Animal Control Program Update</p>	<p>a. <u>Cat Adoption & Education Centre</u></p> <p>Denielle Duncan, Chair advised she will email members the update she has received from Christy Lehman, Licensing & Animal Services Coordinator.</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>	<p>Denielle Duncan to email update to the Committee</p>
<p>5. Events</p>	<p>a) <u>Fund Raising</u></p> <p>Judy Postello volunteered to be the Treasurer. as Julie Sook-Man Chan is</p>	<p>Denielle to email proposed schedule for earth day</p>

	<p>resigning from that position. All members agreed.</p> <p>b) <u>2019 Calendar of Events</u></p> <p>Rhiannon agreed to send the proposed event dates to Judy. First event for the Committee will be the Markham Earth Day in Downtown Markham, scheduled to be held on Saturday, April 20, 2019. Committee has already secured a booth and will be at the event all day to do outreach.</p>	
6. New Business	None.	
7. Date of next meeting	5:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 20, 2019.	
8. Adjournment	The Animal Care Committee meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.	
