



Animal Care Committee

MINUTES

**May 15, 2019
Ontario Room
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM**

<u>Members</u> Denielle Duncan, Chair Janet Andrews, Vice-Chair Aviva Harari Sherry Klein Shirley Lesch Judy Postello	<u>Regrets</u> Dr. Esther Attard Rhiannon Lane Michelle Lustri Julie Sook-Man Chan
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<u>Staff</u> John Britto, Committee Secretary (PT)
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<u>Guests and Members of the Public</u> Valerie Burke Terri Daniels
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Call to Order: The Animal Care Committee convened at 5:55 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, with Denielle Duncan, Chair presiding as Chair.

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Approval of the April 17, 2019, Animal Care Committee meeting minutes	Moved by: Janet Andrews Seconded by: Aviva Harari That the minutes of the April 17, 2019, Animal Care Committee meeting be approved, as presented. CARRIED	
2. Business arising from the Minutes	Denielle Duncan, Chair advised that she has managed to source one brochure from a turtle rescue organization just outside of Orillia. They have requested a token donation for	

	<p>using material from their brochure. We will need to tailor our brochures to make them more Markham-specific.</p> <p>The Committee was of the opinion that the City should print wildlife brochures in some commonly spoken languages in Markham other than English.</p>	
3. Animal Control Program Update	<p>a. <u>Cat Adoption & Education Centre</u></p> <p>No update as staff were not in attendance at the meeting.</p> <p>b. <u>Barn Cat Program</u></p> <p>No update as staff were not in attendance at the meeting.</p> <p>c. <u>By-law Review</u></p> <p>No update as staff were not in attendance at the meeting.</p>	
4. Events	<p>a) <u>Fund Raising</u></p> <p>No update.</p> <p>b) <u>Events</u></p> <p>The committee discussed the Earth Day event held on April 27. There were numerous positive comments about our knowledge of wildlife matters.</p> <p>Denielle Duncan, Chair advised that in the past we have never paid to attend the Stiver Mill Farmers Market. This year we have been asked by the new organizers to pay. This year we have been wait-listed due to the number of paying vendors. They will contact us soon.</p> <p>The Markham Farmer's market has asked us to pay the \$30 vendor fee this year for our booth during Markham Music Festival and Janet has paid and will submit the bill to staff.</p>	

	<p>Denielle further advised that we pay \$50 for the Unionville Festival (noncommercial rate). We've never had to pay for any of the other markets. All these expenses are covered by the ACC annual budget and these events are very important for outreach and to promote Markham's services.</p> <p>Following are the upcoming events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unionville Festival June 1; • Stivermill Opening June 9; and • Markham Music Festival June 15. <p>The CAEC will be sending one volunteer for the Unionville Festival on June 1st for the afternoon shift. The Committee has also invited the CAEC to the Stiver Mill and Markham Music Festivals.</p> <p>The Committee discussed volunteer responsibilities for the upcoming June events.</p>	
5. New Business	<p>1. Janet Andrews, Vice Chair advised that she sent the members a news update on the current status of Bill C-68, An Act to amend the Fisheries Act and other Acts in consequence. This Bill has been referred to the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans.</p> <p>Bill C-68 aims to fulfill the Government's commitment to better protect Canada's freshwater and marine fisheries, helping to ensure their long-term economic and environmental sustainability. Changes include the restoration of protections removed for fish and fish habitats in 2012, as well as the introduction of new ecological safeguards including a full ban on the importation of shark fins.</p> <p>2. Responding to a concern from a member about travelling with pets, Denielle Duncan, Chair advised that the Committee has a single page</p>	

	handout on how to travel with your pets, but it needs to be updated or changed. Aviva volunteered to look into a new handout for this.	
6. Date of next meeting	5:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 19, 2019.	
7. Adjournment	The Animal Care Committee meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.	
