



Animal Care Committee

MINUTES

**June 19, 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 Shirley Lesch Michelle Lustri Judy Postello	<u>Regrets</u> Rhiannon Lane Julie Sook-Man Chan
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<u>Staff</u> Christy Lehman, Licensing & Animal Services Coordinator John Britto, Committee Secretary (PT)

<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 5:36 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19, 2019, with Denielle Duncan, Chair presiding as Chair.

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Approval of the May 15, 2019, Animal Care Committee meeting minutes	Moved by: Janet Andrews Seconded by: Dr. Esther Attard That the minutes of the May 15, 2019, Animal Care Committee meeting be approved, as presented.	

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2. Business arising from the Minutes	<p>Christy Lehman, Licensing & Animal Services Coordinator advised that she will follow-up with the Corporate Communications Department regarding printing of wildlife brochures in some commonly spoken languages in Markham other than in English.</p> <p>Aviva agreed to follow-up on the matter of preparing a new 1-page handout on Travelling with your Pet.</p>	<p>Christy to contact Corporate Communications</p> <p>Aviva to prepare 1-page handout on Travelling with your Pet.</p>
3. Animal Control Program Update	<p>a. <u>Cat Adoption & Education Centre</u></p> <p>Christy Lehman, Licensing & Animal Services Coordinator advised that 58 adoptions have been made to date, now totaling 663 adoptions. The CAEC have registered 938.5 volunteer hours. The Centre has two Co-op students (from Seneca and Durham College), and one more student will be coming in during the summer months to assist at the Centre.</p> <p>Christy further advised that she will update the Committee on the Cat Appreciation Day event being planned for August.</p> <p>b. <u>Barn Cat Program</u></p> <p>No update.</p> <p>c. <u>By-law Review</u></p> <p>Staff are still working on reviewing the large amount of documents / literature received from Zoo Check.</p>	<p>Christy to provide update on Cat Appreciation Day being planned in August.</p>
4. Events	<p>a) <u>Fund Raising</u></p> <p>Denielle Duncan, Chair advised that in the past the Committee was able to generate funds upto \$500 from the fund-raising events, however</p>	

	<p>this year we only made \$190 at the Unionville festival. Denielle further advised that the table allotted to the Committee was not in a prime spot which could have contributed to this issue</p> <p>Responding to a statement about the organization of these events, Christy Lehman, Licensing & Animal Services Coordinator advised that these events are organized by the local BIA – they are not City events.</p> <p>Denielle further advised that the Markham Music Festival had the lowest attendance this year.</p> <p>Judy Postello, Treasurer reported \$406.91 collected through various fund raising events.</p> <p>b) <u>Events</u></p> <p>Christy Lehman, Licensing & Animal Services Coordinator advised that the proposed Fall Community Sale at the Thornhill Community Centre has been approved.</p> <p>Aviva Harari informed of events being organized by the Markham Islanders and the Markham Skating Club. Aviva was requested to find out details of the Hockey and Figure Skating events.</p> <p>Denielle Duncan, Chair advised that the CAEC attended the Unionville and the Markham Music festivals.</p> <p>Valerie Burke suggested that there should be less things displayed on the tables at the various fund-raising events, which could eliminate distraction and generate</p>	<p>Aviva to find out details of Hockey and Figure Skating events at the Markham Skating Club.</p>
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	<p>more interest from those attending the events.</p> <p>Valerie also suggested that Animal Services should consider rebranding. She agreed to source new animal photos for the potential rebranding. Denielle Duncan, Chair advised that this issue has come up in the past and rebranding could potentially involve a lot of work.</p> <p>The Committee discussed potential display materials, including a new easel for the CAEC board. It was suggested that members bring their own pets to the various fund-raising events.</p>	<p>Valerie to source new animal photos for rebranding.</p>
<p>5. New Business</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Committee discussed an article titled "First Pets for Kids" in the Olde Thornhill magazine. Valerie Burke advised that the magazine has requested her to write a positive article for the magazine on responsible pet care. 2. The Committee discussed the passing of Bill C-68 in the Senate instituting new safeguards for fish and their habitat that includes government sponsored amendments banning shark fin imports. Among other changes, the amendments incorporated provisions banning the practice of shark finning and the import and export of shark fins. Specifically, the changes would make it mandatory to have a permit for the importation and exportation of the class of marine mammals, known as cetaceans. <p>Moved by: Janet Andrews Seconded by: Sherry Klein The Animal Care Committee applauds the Senate for amending the Fisheries Act through Bill C-68, banning the importing and exporting</p>	<p>Valerie to write an article in the Olde Thornhill magazine on responsible pet care.</p>

	<p>of shark fins and protecting the fish habitat.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>3. Responding to a question with respect to status of dog off leash areas in Markham, Christy Lehman, Licensing & Animal Services Coordinator advised that Ashley Visneski is the new Manager of Parks & Open Spaces, since the retirement of Linda Irvine. Denielle Duncan, Chair agreed to find out from Ashley the status of this initiative.</p> <p>4. Denielle Duncan, Chair volunteered to find out if the dog day is still happening at the Stiver Mill ECO Day event in August.</p> <p>5. Christy Lehman, Licensing & Animal Services Coordinator volunteered to find out about the Doggy Swim Day to be held on Labour Day.</p>	<p>Denielle to contact Ashley Visneski with respect to off leash areas in Markham.</p> <p>Denielle to find out about Dog Day at Stiver Mill ECO Day event.</p> <p>Christy to find out about Doggy Swim Day on Labour Day.</p>
6. Date of next meeting	5:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 18, 2019.	
7. Adjournment	The Animal Care Committee meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.	