



## Animal Care Committee

### MINUTES

October 16, 2019

Ontario Room

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

#### **Members**

Denielle Duncan, Chair  
Janet Andrews, Vice-Chair  
Valerie Burke  
Sharon Deutsh  
Aviva Harari  
Sherry Klein  
Vikrum Pain  
Judy Postello  
Areez Remtulla  
Bernice Royce  
June Heather Ziola

#### **Regrets**

Dr. Esther Attard  
Shirley Lesch

#### **Staff**

John Britto, Committee Secretary (PT)

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

Terri Daniels  
Martin Field  
Victor Royce

**Call to Order:** The Animal Care Committee convened at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16, 2019, with Denielle Duncan, Chair presiding as Chair.

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Approval of the September 18, 2019, Animal Care Committee meeting minutes	Moved by: Janet Andrews, Vice Chair Seconded by: Bernice Royce  That the minutes of the September 18, 2019, Animal Care Committee meeting be approved, as presented. <b>CARRIED</b>	

<p><b>2. Business arising from the Minutes</b></p>	<p>Denielle Duncan, Chair advised that Christy Lehman informed her that she will provide the new CAEC brochures at the November meeting.</p> <p>Bernice Royce advised that she was successful in getting a table for the ACC at the October 30, 2019 fundraising event at Mayfair Toronto Parkway. She further advised that the table would be shared by Sinai Health Foundation. Products for sale should be brought to the venue by 8:00 a.m. on the day of the event.</p>	
<p><b>3. Animal Control Program Update</b></p>	<p>a. <u>Cat Adoption &amp; Education Centre</u></p> <p>E-mail update provided by Christy Lehman, Licensing &amp; Animal Services Coordinator: "we have 745 adoptions to date at the CAEC. They have been hosting volunteer days once a month and their future vet program has filled up quickly."</p> <p>Some Committee members inquired whether there was any indication, e.g. a plaque, acknowledging the Committee's donations to the CAEC.</p> <p>The Committee expressed concern about the lack of enthusiasm from OSPCA staff with respect to residents expressing interest in volunteering with the CAEC. It was decided that an email be sent to the Commissioner of Corporate Services, the City Clerk and the Deputy City Clerk in this regard. Questions from the committee were raised as to how and where donations flowed (i.e donation boxes at the CAEC, donations to the ACC etc.).</p> <p>b. <u>Barn Cat Program</u></p> <p>No update</p> <p>c. <u>By-law Review</u></p> <p>E-mail update provided by Christy Lehman, Licensing &amp; Animal</p>	<p>Janet agreed to draft the email and circulate to members for their comments.</p>

	Services Coordinator: "the by-law will be deferred until further notice and I don't have any further update on our service delivery at this time".	
<b>4. Events</b>	<p>a) <u>Fund Raising</u></p> <p>Denielle Duncan, Chair advised that the November meeting agenda will be dedicated to Fund Raising.</p> <p>Responding to a question, Denielle Duncan, Chair advised that the Committee expects to raise at least \$2,000 to \$3,000 and these funds are donated to the CAEC. She further advised that all donations are acknowledged if the donor is known.</p> <p>June inquired whether people are given a tax receipt for cash donations to the CAEC or ACC and Denielle explained that Markham staff advised in the past that tax receipts could be given if over \$25.</p> <p>b) <u>Events</u></p> <p>No discussion</p>	
<b>5. New Business</b>	<p>1. Election of Officers:</p> <p>Denielle Duncan, Chair suggested that it would be advisable to hold elections at the November 20, 2019 meeting in order to provide more time for members to consider running for elections. Denielle suggested that members can email the current incumbents seeking clarifications/questions about the various positions. Members also sought clarifications on the Committee's Terms of Reference.</p> <p>2. Valerie Burke informed the Committee of the October 29, 2019 deadline for taking the online survey on "<i>Building Markham's Future Together</i>". The City of Markham is looking for input from residents as part of its strategic planning process. The Strategic</p>	

	<p>Plan outlines the goals, objectives and key actions that will guide the work of the City from 2020–2023.</p> <p>3. Valerie Burke advised that a Notice of Motion will be deliberated at the October 22, 2019, General Committee meeting regarding single-use plastics and litter. All members present, except for one member, who declared a conflict of interest was in support of the proposed motion.</p> <p><b>Moved by: Janet Andrews, Vice Chair  Seconded by: Bernice Royce</b></p> <p><b>The Animal Care Committee endorses the City of Markham’s proposed motion entitled “<i>The Markham Declaration for Immediate Action on Single-use Plastics &amp; Litter</i>”.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> <p>4. Mr. Martin Field, an Oshawa resident who attended the meeting as a guest, shared his personal experiences in his efforts to establish an Animal Care Committee in the City of Oshawa. The previous evening the City of Oshawa voted in favor of establishing an Animal Care Committee.</p>	
<b>6. Date of next meeting</b>	5:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 20, 2019.	
<b>7. Adjournment</b>	The Animal Care Committee adjourned at 7:20 p.m.	