



Animal Care Committee

MINUTES

September 18, 2019

York Room

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Members

Denielle Duncan, Chair
Janet Andrews, Vice-Chair
Dr. Esther Attard
Valerie Burke
Sharon Deutsh
Sherry Klein
Shirley Lesch
Vikrum Pain
Judy Postello
Areez Remtulla
Bernice Royce
June Heather Ziola

Regrets

Aviva Harari

Staff

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

Guests and Members of the Public

Terri Daniels
Rhiannon Lane

Call to Order: The Animal Care Committee convened at 5:35 p.m. on Wednesday, September 18, 2019, with Denielle Duncan, Chair presiding as Chair.

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Introduction of New Members	New members Sharon Deutsh, Bernice Royce, Valerie Burke, June Ziola, Vikrum Pain and Areez Remtulla were introduced to the Committee.	

<p>2. Approval of the June 19, 2019, Animal Care Committee meeting minutes</p>	<p>Moved by: Janet Andrews, Vice Chair Seconded by: Judy Postello</p> <p>That the minutes of the June 19, 2019, Animal Care Committee meeting be approved, as presented. CARRIED</p>	
<p>3. Business arising from the Minutes</p>	<p>Christy Lehman, Licensing & Animal Services Coordinator advised that she has not had the opportunity to follow-up with Corporate Communications on the matter of printing wildlife brochures in commonly spoken languages other than English.</p> <p>Denielle Duncan, Chair advised that Aviva has not yet prepared the new 1-page handout on Travelling with your Pet.</p> <p>The Committee discussed various options of a 1-page handout to be made available at future Committee events.</p> <p>It was decided to include this matter on the January 2020 agenda for further consideration.</p> <p>Responding to a question from Janet Andrews, Vice Chair, Christy Lehman, Licensing & Animal Services Coordinator advised that the CAEC had an Open House in July. She further advised that the CAEC uses social media outlets and media releases to publicize their events. Christy further advised that she informs the Committee when she is aware of any event being organized by the CAEC. All funds generated are donated to the CAEC.</p> <p>Denielle Duncan, Chair advised that the Stiver Mill Doggy Day event was not held in August this year.</p> <p>Valerie Burke advised that she was not able to source new photos for the rebranding of Animal Services. Rhiannon Lane volunteered to assist Valerie.</p>	

	<p>Janet Andrews, Vice Chair advised the new members that the City has a contract with Shades of Hope for wildlife animal rescue services through the OSPCA.</p>	
<p>4. Animal Control Program Update</p>	<p>a. <u>Cat Adoption & Education Centre</u></p> <p>Christy Lehman, Licensing & Animal Services Coordinator advised that 113 adoptions have been made so far this year, now totaling over 750 adoptions.</p> <p>Responding to a question from Denielle Duncan, Chair, Christy Lehman, Licensing & Animal Services Coordinator advised that the OSPCA contract will be up for renewal in March 2020.</p> <p>b. <u>Barn Cat Program</u></p> <p>Christy Lehman, Licensing & Animal Services Coordinator advised that she has new CAEC brochures that she can share with the Committee.</p> <p>c. <u>By-law Review</u></p> <p>Responding to a question from Janet Andrews, Vice Chair, Christy Lehman, Licensing & Animal Services Coordinator advised that there is no new schedule for the By-law review. New By-law staff need to take this project on board. She further advised that ZooCheck is still in the process of preparing a positive list of animals that can be adopted.</p> <p>The Committee discussed at length the pathetic conditions of animals in pet stores.</p> <p>Christy Lehman, Licensing & Animal Services Coordinator advised that By-law staff do not have the authority to enter private residences</p>	<p>Christy to provide brochures to the Committee.</p>

	<p>to enforce Animal Control By-laws, however they have the authority to enter pet stores and related pet business premises.</p> <p>Denielle Duncan, Chair suggested that the Committee should consider preparing an education brochure on discouraging people from buying reptiles because of their special needs. She further advised that this could be an agenda item for January 2020.</p>	
5. Events	<p>a) <u>Fund Raising</u></p> <p>Denielle Duncan, Chair advised that she emailed members about a Customer Appreciation event that was scheduled to be held in the first week of October organized by a Pet Food Company, but it was decided to not participate in this event this time. She suggested that the Committee needs to decide if is feasible to organize a fund-raising event at the Thornhill Community Centre.</p> <p>Judy Postello, Treasurer reported that the Committee is not doing too well with its fund raising. She suggested having a table at a CAEC fund-raising event organized by the OSPCA.</p> <p>Denielle Duncan, Chair advised that Public Health is becoming very strict about selling home made products, however, these can be sold at Farmers Market.</p> <p>Christy Lehman, Licensing & Animal Services Coordinator suggested utilizing the Photos with Santa event for fund raising.</p> <p>The Committee discussed other modes of generating funds, like donut sales (Krisi Kreme), etc.</p>	

	<p>Bernice Royce volunteered to see if a free booth could be donated to sell jam bottles at the Mayfair, North York fund raising event. .Denielle Duncan, Chair volunteered to help.</p> <p>Denielle Duncan, Chair suggested that the Committee could have a fulsome discussion on this matter at the next meeting.</p> <p>b) <u>Events</u></p> <p>The Committee discussed the Unionville Parade and the Markham Santa Claus Parade events scheduled to be held in December. Rhiannon Lane agreed to circulate details about these events to the members.</p>	<p>Rhiannon Lane to circulate details of Unionville and Markham Santa Claus Parade events</p>
<p>6. New Business</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Valerie Burke spoke about her article titled “Adopting a Pet – What you should know” that was published in the August 2019 issue of the Neighbours of Olde Thornhill Village magazine. 2. Denielle Duncan, Chair suggested that with the appointment of the six new members, it would be appropriate to hold elections for the positions of Chair, Vice Chair, and Events Coordinator at the October meeting. Denielle Duncan, Chair explained the duties and responsibilities of the Chair. Janet Andrews, Vice Chair explained the duties and responsibilities of the Vice Chair. Janet advised that she will not be running for the Vice Chair position, as her tenure of appointment to the Committee will expire in November 2019. Rihannon Lane explained the duties and responsibilities of the Events Coordinator, which is currently vacant due to the end of her tenure. 	

	Moved by: Janet Andrews, Vice Chair Seconded by: Sherry Klein That Laura Gold, Committee Coordinator be requested to send Orientation packages to the newly appointed Committee members. CARRIED	
7. Date of next meeting	5:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 16, 2019.	
8. Adjournment	The Animal Care Committee meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.	
