



**Animal Care Committee**

**MINUTES**

**February 19, 2020  
Council Chambers  
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM**

<b><u>Members Present</u></b> Denielle Duncan, Chair Valerie Burke, Vice-Chair Janet Andrews Aviva Harari Sherry Klein Vikrum Pain Judy Postello Areez Remtulla Bernice Royce June Heather Ziola	<b><u>Regrets</u></b> Dr. Esther Attard Sharon Deutsh Shirley Lesch
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<b><u>Staff</u></b> Christy Lehman, Licensing & Animal Services Coordinator John Britto, Committee Secretary (PT)
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<b><u>Guests and Members of the Public</u></b> Terri Daniels
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<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1. Call to Order:</b>	The Animal Care Committee convened at 5:41 p.m. with Denielle Duncan presiding as Chair.	
<b>2. Approval of the January 15, 2020 Animal Care Committee meeting minutes</b>	<b>Moved by: Bernice Royce Seconded by: Janet Andrews</b>  That the minutes of the January 15, 2020 Animal Care Committee meeting be approved, as presented. <b>CARRIED</b>	

<p><b>3. Business arising from the Minutes</b></p>	<p>Christy Lehman, Licensing &amp; Animal Services Coordinator advised that the Volunteer Information Day held on February 1, 2020 went very well.</p> <p>Christy emailed the Committee members posters for the Valentine's Day Pet Photos event held on February 8, 2020 at the Ren's Pet Depot in Woodbridge.</p> <p>Christy advised that the Shelter Manager informed her that last year's Volunteers received an automated response to their applications.</p> <p>Some members informed that they did not get any response.</p> <p>Christy advised that she will contact the Volunteer Manager and report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>Christy reminded the Committee of the Cup Cake day event scheduled to be held on February 24, 2020 at the CAEC.</p> <p>Christy advised that the email address to send in wildlife related messages is: <a href="mailto:markhambylaw@markham.ca">markhambylaw@markham.ca</a></p> <p>Responding to a question from June Zhiola, Christy advised that the Leash Free Markham Committee has since been disbanded. She agreed to update this information, time permitting. June agreed to assist Christy in this matter.</p> <p>Areez Remtulla advised that the Animal Services information currently on the website is not very user friendly.</p> <p>Christy Lehman, Licensing &amp; Animal Services Coordinator advised that the OSPCA contract has been renewed for one year ending 2020. Christy further advised that she has been tasked to prepare a new Animal Services Delivery model.</p>	<p>Christy to report on Volunteer response at next meeting.</p> <p>Christy to update website. June to assist Christy.</p>
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<p><b>4. Animal Services Program Update</b></p>	<p>a) <u>Cat Adoption &amp; Education Centre</u></p> <p>The following update was provided by Christy Lehman, Licensing &amp; Animal Services Coordinator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 23 adoptions to date, which include 18 cats and 5 guinea pigs;</li> <li>• The Committee discussed the issue of the OSPCA/CAEC branding. It appears that the branding gives prominence to the OSPCA rather than the Markham CAEC.</li> <li>• Denielle Duncan, Chair and Janet Andrews referenced a marketing initiative of the CAEC by the OSPCA on a recent TV program, wherein there was no mention of the City of Markham's CAEC. Christy Lehman, Licensing &amp; Animal Services Coordinator advised that she would look into this matter and report back to the Committee.</li> </ul>	<p>Christy to investigate TV branding program of the CAEC and report back at the next ACC meeting.</p>
<p><b>5. Events</b></p>	<p>a) <u>Fund Raising</u></p> <p>Responding to a question from a member, Denielle Duncan, Chair advised that the Committee hopes to fund raise at least \$2,000 at various events in 2020.</p> <p>b) <u>Events</u></p> <p>A date has yet to be determined for the Markham Earth Day event in April.</p> <p>The Markham Unionville Festival is scheduled to be held on Saturday, June 6, 2020.</p> <p>The 2020 Markham Village Music Festival is scheduled to be held on Friday evening June 19, and on Saturday, June 20, 2020.</p> <p>The Committee decided to register for all three events.</p>	

	<p>The Committee discussed the 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue Farmers Market.</p> <p>Global Pet Foods is willing to partner with the ACC to have a table at their store in the future.</p> <p>Denielle Duncan, Chair inquired whether the petting zoo at various Markham events could be replaced with a speaker/display such as “Speaking of wildlife”.</p> <p>Christy Lehman, Licensing &amp; Animal Services Coordinator suggested that it depends on the event organizer, e.g., the Markham-Milliken Children’s Festival is organized by the City, whereas the Unionville Festival is organized by the local BIA.</p> <p>Denielle Duncan, Chair volunteered to make a deputation at a meeting of the Markham-Milliken Children’s Festival Committee to request the Committee to consider replacing the petting zoo event with a wildlife rescue organization that provides educational demonstrations involving indigenous wildlife.</p> <p>After considerable discussion on this matter, the Committee adopted the following recommendation:</p> <p><b>Moved by: Valerie Burke, Vice Chair          Seconded by: Aviva Harari</b></p> <p><b>That the Chair of the Animal Care Committee make a Deputation at the Markham-Milliken Children’s Festival Committee, requesting that the petting zoo event be replaced with a wildlife rescue organization that provides educational demonstrations involving indigenous wildlife.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>	
<p><b>6. New Business</b></p>	<p>a. <u>Terms of Reference.</u></p> <p>Denielle Duncan, Chair circulated a copy of the current Terms of</p>	

	<p>Reference to the Committee members requesting their suggestions on potential revisions.</p> <p>After extensive discussion, it was agreed to constitute a Subcommittee comprised of the following members to consider revisions to the Terms of Reference:</p> <p>Denielle Duncan, Chair;          Valerie Burke, Vice Chair;          Judy Postelo; and          June Zhiola.</p> <p>Christy Lehman, Licensing &amp; Animal Services Coordinator agreed to source a copy of the current Terms of Reference and circulate the same to the Committee.</p>	<p>Christy to source a copy of the current Terms of Reference and circulate to members.</p>
<p><b>7. Date of next meeting</b></p>	<p>Due to the next meeting coinciding with the March break, the considered rescheduling the March meeting, and adopted the following recommendation:</p> <p><b>Moved by: June Zhiola</b>  <b>Seconded by: Areez Remtulla</b></p> <p><b>That the March Animal Care Committee meeting be rescheduled to 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2020.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>	
<p><b>8. Adjournment</b></p>	<p>The Animal Care Committee adjourned at 7:03 p.m.</p>	

