



## Electronic Animal Care Committee

**April 21, 2021  
ZOOM  
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM**

### **Members Present**

Valerie Burke, Vice-Chair  
Aviva Harari  
Bernice Royce  
Janet Andrews  
Judy Postello  
June Ziola  
Vikrum Pain

### **Regrets**

Denielle Duncan, Chair  
Areez Remtulla  
Dr. Esther Attard  
Sherry Klein

### **Staff**

Christy Lehman, Supervisor, Licensing & Standards  
John Britto, Committee Secretary (PT)

### **Guest**

Michael Measure, Executive Director, FLAP Canada.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1. Call to Order</b>	The Animal Care Committee convened at 5:40 PM with Valerie Burke in the Chair.	
<b>2. Approval of the March 17, 2021 Animal Care Committee Minutes</b>	<p>The following amendments were made to the minutes of the March 17, 2021 Animal Care Committee meeting:</p> <p><b>6. New Business</b> Page 4 of 10. <b>a. Bird window collision guide</b> Aviva advised that one of her <b>friend's son</b> <del>son's friend</del> who is doing a Ph.D:</p> <p>Page 7 of 10 <del>June agreed to update the Fee Schedule on the website (which currently has 2019 rates).</del></p>	<p>Aviva to confirm from her <b>friend's son</b> <del>son's friend</del> if Bird Safety</p> <p>June to update <del>Fee Schedule on</del></p>

	<p><b>June agreed to update and annotate the inconsistencies on all pet licensing web pages to make it a more trustworthy source.</b></p> <p>Moved by Bernice Royce Seconded by Aviva Harari</p> <p>That the minutes of the March 17, 2021 Animal Care Committee meeting be approved, as amended.</p> <p>Carried</p>	<p><del>the website and</del> <b>annotate inconsistencies on pet licensing web pages</b></p>
<p><b>3. Business Arising from the Minutes</b></p>	<p>Committee reviewed the list of action items and updated the Action Item Table (view last page of minute document to see table).</p> <p><b>a. Markham.ca/wildlife</b> Christy advised that the process of updating the newly created website with additional wildlife information is always evolving.</p> <p>Christy advised the OSPCA is in the process of preparing online sessions for the CAEC She further advised that she has requested the OSPCA to reach out to the School Boards.</p> <p>Christy suggested that Committee members visit the City's social media platforms regularly to keep informed of various CAEC's activities and programs. She further advised that due to the ongoing pandemic, the CAEC has not been able to print brochures, and are using social media instead.</p> <p><b>b. Bird window collision guide</b> Aviva advised that her friend's son is doing his Ph.D. at Western University and had some information posted on the City of London's website. She reached out to Brendon, who has no problem with the City of Markham using his information, the only caveat being if any editing or modification was to be done, a copy of the modified version would have to be sent to him for his approval.</p>	

	<p>Valerie requested Aviva to extend the Committee's gratitude to her friend's son.</p> <p><b>c. Alleged poison found in a local park</b> Valerie advised that the incident that was reported to the police involving an alleged powder-covered bacon strip was in the Royal Orchard Park.</p> <p>Valerie contacted Shades of Hope to find out if they distribute brochures regarding keeping homes safe for birds. They use FLAP's brochure.</p> <p>Valerie investigated the protocol for inviting Councilors to a Committee meeting and reported that this is at the call of the Committee Chair.</p>	
<b>4. FLAP Canada</b>	<p>Michael Mesure, Executive Director of FLAP Canada made a presentation to the Committee on the use of Bird-safe options to protect birds from colliding with buildings.</p> <p>Several questions raised were appropriately responded to by Michael.</p> <p>Bernice requested that a copy of the petition "Update Ontario's Building Code to Save Birds" be circulated to members of the Animal Care Committee.</p> <p>John emailed the Committee members a link to the online petition.</p> <p>Moved by Janet Andrews Seconded by Bernice Royce</p> <p>That the Animal Care Committee requests City Council to consider adopting the CSA A460 – Bird-friendly Building Design Standard.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried.</p>	
<b>5. Animal Services Program Update</b>	<p><b>a. Cat Adoption &amp; Education Centre</b> Christy Lehman, Supervisor, Licensing &amp; Standards advised that the CAEC continues to remain closed due to the ongoing pandemic situation and the restrictions imposed on businesses in the province of Ontario.</p>	

	<p>Christy advised that Animal Services staff have responded to 189 calls, 93 of which were related to wildlife issues.</p> <p>Christy further advised that she will be reporting these statistics to Council and the Committee every month.</p>	
<b>b. Events</b>	<p><b>a. Fundraising</b> Further discussion on the Cookbook project has been postponed till the Committee is able to meet in person after the lockdown restrictions are suspended.</p> <p><b>b. Discuss events scheduled for the remainder of the year</b> No events have been scheduled for this year due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic situation.</p>	
<b>6. New Business</b>	<p><b>a. Regulating of Pet Stores</b> Janet advised that Martin Field emailed former City of Markham's Animal Care Committee member, Terri Daniels, inquiring whether the City of Markham instituted regulations for Pet Stores. This was one of the recommendations proposed by the ACC for consideration during the review of the Animal Services By-law.</p> <p>Christy advised that the Pet Stores regulation is included in the Business Licensing By-law. Christy further advised that Martin's inquiry was received through the Contact Centre, and a response has been provided to him.</p> <p>Questions from Janet with respect to the care of animals were responded to by Christy.</p> <p>Janet advised that the Town of New Tecumseth has recently updated their Business Licensing and Regulation By-law respecting the regulating of Pet Stores. The By-law includes a Schedule that has all the requirements that Pet Stores have to meet. Janet suggested that Christy take a look at this By-law to see if there is anything that the City of Markham could include in our By-law.</p>	

<b>7. Communication</b>	None	
<b>8. Date of the Next Meeting</b>	The next Animal Care Committee meeting will be held on May 19, 2021, 5:30 PM.	
<b>9. Adjournment</b>	The Animal Care Committee adjourned at 7:15 PM	

## **ACTION ITEMS**

<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Status</b>
Contact the Volunteer Manager regarding the automated response to the volunteer application, as some volunteers said they did not get the response.	February 19, 2020	Christy Lehman	Completed
Update the Animal Services page on the City's Website	February 19, 2020  November 18, 2020	Christy Lehman June Heather Ziola	Completed
Confirm if the Guinea pigs are spayed.	March 9, 2020	Christy Lehman	Completed by Valerie
Coordinate tour of Shade of Hope and CAEC	March 9, 2020	Christy Lehman	On hold due to the pandemic
Put together Cookbook proposal for the next meeting.	October 28, 2020	Judy Postello, June Ziola, and other Sub-Committee Members	Completed
Provide Laura Gold with the 2021 event dates, and proclamation description and dates	November 18, 2020	Areez Remtulla	Completed
Asked Finance if the Committee can use its funds from its account towards the project	November 18, 2020	Laura Gold	Completed
Research if recipes can be used from other sources	November 18, 2020	June Ziola, and Judy Postello	Completed
Provide info to Laura Gold on	December 16, 2020	June Ziola	Completed

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using recipes from other sources			
Provide information on using recipes from other sources to the City's Legal Department	December 16, 2020	Laura Gold	Completed
Conduct a breakeven analysis to determine the ideal price of the cookbook	December 16, 2020	Judy Postello	On hold awaiting legal advice from the City's Legal Department
See if the City can track how many people visited the City's Animal Services web page	December 16, 2020	Christy Lehman/Laura Gold	Completed
Find out if Cookbook requires HST	January 20, 2021	Christy Lehman to check with Finance	Completed with help from Valerie
Information on Pet Hero App to be circulated when received from Ana Tennyson of Pet Hero.	January 20, 2021	John Britto	Completed
Response to Anna Tennyson, Pet Hero App	February 17, 2021	Christy to confirm from Martha Pettit	Completed
Animal related activities for kids	February 17, 2021	OSPCA to contact York Region School Board	
Updating the ACC email account	February 17, 2021	Janet and June to work together on this	Completed
CAEC virtual online activities for kids	March 17, 2021	OSPCA to circulate information to ACC to pass on to their networks.	
FLAP.org – Michael Measure, Executive Director / co-founder FLAP Canada.	March 17, 2021	Laura to invite Michael Measure to a future ACC meeting to present on keeping birds safe	Completed by Valerie
Pamphlets / material on Birds	March 17, 2021	Christy to contact Shades of Hope for pamphlets / material on Birds.	Completed by Valerie

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Bird Safety material published in a London newspaper	March 17, 2021	Aviva to confirm from her friend's son of any copyright issues using these materials by the City of Markham	Completed
Protocol for inviting Councillors to a presentation at a future ACC meeting	March 17, 2021	Christy to confirm from the Clerks Office	Completed
Home To Home service for pets	March 17, 2021	Christy to contact Cathy Duncan and report back to a future ACC meeting	
Update and annotate the inconsistencies on all pet licensing web pages	March 17, 2021	June to update and annotate the inconsistencies on all pet licensing web pages	