



## Animal Care Committee

### MINUTES

October 17, 2018

York Room

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

<b><u>Members</u></b> Denielle Duncan, Chair Janet Andrews, Vice-Chair Councillor Valerie Burke Julie Sook-Man Chan Aviva Harari Sherry Klein Rhiannon Lane Judy Postello	<b><u>Regrets</u></b> Dr. Esther Attard Shirley Lesch Michelle Lustri
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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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**Call to Order:** The Animal Care Committee convened at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, October 17, 2018, with Denielle Duncan, Chair presiding as Chair.

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Approval of the September 19, 2018, Animal Care Committee meeting minutes	Moved by: Janet Andrews, Vice Chair Seconded by: Rhiannon Lane  That the minutes of the September 19, 2018 Animal Care Committee meeting be approved, as presented.  <b>CARRIED</b>	
2. Business arising from the Minutes	Christy Lehman, Licensing & Animal Services Coordinator advised that there is no update on the matter of signage in City parks in languages other than English, advising the public that feeding of wildlife is prohibited,	

	<p>Janet Andrews, Vice Chair advised that the colony of stray cats from a lumber yard in an industrial area have been taken care of by a rescue group who have agreed to bear the cost. She further advised that they thanked the City of Markham for assistance in this matter.</p> <p>Christy Lehman, Licensing &amp; Animal Services Coordinator advised that the review of the Animal Control By-law will not be proceeding until the new Council is in place after the municipal elections.</p> <p>With respect to volunteers to prepare a list of pet rescues, Denielle Duncan, Chair suggested Rhiannon Lane and Dr. Esther Attard, as Rhiannon and her mother are well versed with animal rescue groups, and their input would benefit the Committee.</p> <p>Christy Lehman, Licensing &amp; Animal Services Coordinator advised that Chris Alexander, Supervisor, Licensing &amp; Standards attended the October 5<sup>th</sup> Wildlife Seminar and will share his feedback with the Committee at the next meeting.</p> <p>Councillor Valerie Burke agreed to follow-up with the Manager of Operations for an update on the "Slow Down, Animals Crossing" signs for the Alfred Patterson neighbourhood.</p>	<p>Denielle to confirm with Dr. Esther Attard on this matter.</p> <p>Chris to share feedback from the October 5<sup>th</sup> Wildlife Seminar at the Nov meeting.</p> <p>Councillor to follow-up with Manager of Operations</p>
<b>3. Animal Control Program Update</b>	<p>a. <u>Cat Adoption &amp; Education Centre</u></p> <p>Christy Lehman, Licensing &amp; Animal Services Coordinator advised that there is no update with respect to the new furniture for the CAEC. She however advised that she would get an update on this matter at the next CAEC monthly meeting scheduled to be held next Thursday.</p> <p>The Centre has registered 128 adoptions this year, with a grand total of 568 adoptions since the Centre opened.</p> <p>Denielle Duncan, Chair advised that a few Councillors keep inquiring with her about the Animal Care Committee and the CAEC.</p> <p>Christy Lehman advised that the new CAEC Coordinator has scheduled a number of fund raising programs for the</p>	

	<p>rest of the year, beginning with a Halloween program. Throughout the month of October there are “Krafts with Cats” programs every Tuesday night, DogYoga in November, two days of photos with Santa in December, and various other activities to collect funds for the CAEC.</p> <p>Christy agreed to forward the 2019 Calendar of Events to the Committee once it has been finalized.</p> <p>b. <u>Barn Cat Program</u></p> <p>No updates.</p> <p>c. <u>By-law Review</u></p> <p>This matter was considered in the “Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting” section – Item 2.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the issue of exotic animals. Christy advised that Animal Services is working with ZooCheck, to prepare a positive list of animals that can be adopted as pets, rather than a list of banned animals.</p>	<p>Christy to forward 2019 Calendar of Events to the ACC when finalized.</p>
<b>4. Events</b>	<p>a) <u>Fund Raising</u></p> <p>Denielle Duncan, Chair advised of the following fund-raising activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) \$164 – September 29<sup>th</sup> Walk-a-thon event; and</li> <li>ii) \$36.65 – July 29<sup>th</sup> Doggy Days at the Stiver Mill Farmers Market.</li> </ul> <p>b) <u>Events scheduled for the remainder of the year</u></p> <p>Denielle Duncan, Chair reminded members to publicize the forthcoming parades and ask people to participate.</p> <p>Janet Andrews, Vice Chair suggested that members start saving good stuff that can be sold at our community tables or other fund raisers to generate funds. She advised that if members do not have space , she is willing to store the items.</p> <p>Janet requested Julie Sook-Man Chan to find out from Laura Gold the total amount</p>	

	<p>of funds in the Committee's account. She suggested that the Committee should make a donation to the CAEC through the City at the next available General Committee or Council meeting.</p> <p>Councillor Valerie Burke suggested that a large-size presentation cheque should be prepared for a good visual effect and that this be part of a deputation / presentation through PowerPoint slides.</p> <p>Terri Danels suggested that the cheque be presented to the incoming new Council.</p> <p>Janet and Julie volunteered to prepare a short presentation and requested Christy to forward to them any pictures/slides she may have of animal services events held in the past.</p> <p>Rhiannon Lane inquired whether the Committee could get a tax exemption. Christy advised that this being part of the City's account, this would not be the case.</p>	<p>Julie and Janet to prepare PowerPoint presentation.</p> <p>Christy to forward pictures/slides to Janet.</p>
<b>5. New Business</b>	<p>a) <u>Denielle</u> Duncan, Chair advised the Committee that if anyone was interested in knowing their term of office, they should contact her, as she has obtained the statement from Laura Gold.</p> <p>b) Responding to a question from Rhiannon Lane, Christy advised that she could confirm from the Legal Department if the OSPCA contract is available as a public information document.</p> <p>c) Responding to a question from Julie, Christy advised that she could provide statistics on what wildlife is rescued by Shades of Hope and what is transferred to other wildlife rehab places.</p>	<p>Christy to contact Legal with respect to OSPCA contract.</p> <p>Christy to provide statistics of wildlife rescued by various rescue groups.</p>
<b>6. Date of next meeting</b>	Wednesday, November 21, 2018	
<b>7. Adjournment</b>	The Animal Care Committee meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.	