



Animal Care Committee

MINUTES

December 13, 2017

Ontario Room

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

<u>Members</u> Denielle Duncan, Chair Janet Andrews, Vice-Chair Dr. Esther Attard Councillor Valerie Burke Julie Sook-Man Chan Aviva Harari Sherry Klein Rhiannon Lane Shirley Lesch Judy Postello	<u>Regrets</u> Kaushik Chawla Michelle Lustri Kar Pak Ng
<u>Staff</u> John Britto, Committee Secretary (PT)	
<u>Guests and Members of the Public</u> Rick Chan Terri Daniels Furhail Kashmiri	

Call to Order: The Animal Care Committee convened at 5:46 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13, 2017, with Denielle Duncan, Chair presiding as Chair

The Animal Care Committee welcomed Aviva Harari, a new member appointed by Markham Council.

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Approval of the November 15, 2017 Animal Care Committee meeting minutes	<p>The following amendments were made to the November 15, 2017, Animal Care Committee meeting minutes:</p> <p>Item 4. Events:</p> <p>b. Denielle Duncan, Chair advised that volunteers and dogs are needed to participate in the forthcoming Markham Santa Claus Parade on Saturday, November 25, 2017 and the Unionville Old Tyme Christmas Parade on Friday, December 1, 2017.</p>	

	<p>Moved by: Janet Andrews Seconded by: Dr. Esther Attard</p> <p>That the minutes of the November 15, 2017, Animal Care Committee meeting be approved, as amended.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
2. Business arising from the Minutes	Review of Action items: None	
3. Animal Control Program Update	<p>a. <u>Cat Adoption and Education Centre</u></p> <p>i. Cat adoptions: 405 adoptions to date (432 adoptions since the opening of the CAEC).</p> <p>ii. Pet Photos with Santa: Two sessions of Pet Photos with Santa were held from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 19, 2017, at the Thornhill Community Centre - South Hall, 7755 Bayview Avenue. There were 13 participants at these sessions.</p> <p>b. <u>Barn Cat Program</u>: No updates at this time.</p> <p>c. <u>By-law Review</u>: No updates at this time.</p>	
4. Events	<p>a. <u>Fundraising</u></p> <p>Denielle Duncan, Chair advised that the 2018 fund-raising program will be confirmed after discussions with Hailey Dawn of the CAEC.</p> <p>b. <u>Events scheduled for the remainder of the year</u></p> <p>Denielle Duncan, Chair advised that she will provide the 2018 event dates at the January 2018 meeting But Rhiannon Lane as outgoing events coordinator advised that she would do this.</p> <p>Denielle Duncan, Chair reminded members that a volunteer was needed to take over the ACC Events Coordinator role from Rhiannon Lane.</p>	
5. New Business	<p>a. <u>Animal Care Activity Programs and Sale of Domestic Animals</u></p> <p>Councillor Valerie Burke advised that General Committee at its meeting on November 20, 2017, supported having appropriate staff attend a future Animal Care Committee meeting to provide an update on animal care activity programs in the City.</p> <p>There was discussion at the November 20, 2017 General Committee meeting regarding when staff will report back regarding the sale of domestic animals, and it was noted that staff anticipate reporting back in the first quarter of 2018.</p>	

	<p>General Committee suggested that staff investigate legal issues connected with this matter.</p> <p>General Committee adopted the following motion at its meeting on November 20, 2017:</p> <p><i>“That staff be directed to report back on enacting a by-law permitting the sale of domestic animals, provided they are sourced from recognized rescues and/or shelters”.</i></p> <p>b. <u>Bruce-Berczy Ecological Corridor</u></p> <p>Lilli Duoba, will be attending the January ACC meeting to provide an update on this matter.</p> <p>c. <u>Cheque presentation to the CAEC</u></p> <p>The Committee’s presentation of the cheque to Council for funds raised for the Cat Adoption and Education Centre will be scheduled in January, as there is only one more General Committee meeting before the holidays and the agenda is already very full.</p>	
6. Date of Next Meeting	January 17, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Ontario Room.	
7. Adjournment	The Animal Care Committee meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.	