



## Animal Care Committee

### MINUTES

**Feb 21, 2018  
Ontario Room  
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM**

<b><u>Members</u></b> Denielle Duncan, Chair Janet Andrews, Vice-Chair Julie Sook-Man Chan Aviva Harari Sherry Klein Judy Postello Michelle Lustri Rhiannon Lane Shirley Lesch	<b><u>Regrets</u></b> Councillor Valerie Burke Dr. Esther Attard Kaushik Chawla Kar Pak Ng
<b><u>Staff</u></b> Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator	
<b><u>Guests and Members of the Public</u></b> Terri Daniels	

**Call to Order:** The Animal Care Committee convened at 5:55 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21, 2018, with Denielle Duncan, presiding as Chair

Item	Discussion	Action
<b>1. Approval of the November 15, 2017 Animal Care Committee meeting minutes</b>	A minor edit was made on page 4 of the minutes.  Moved by: Janet Andrew Seconded by: Michelle Lustri  That the January 17, 2018 Animal Care Committee Minutes be approved, as amended.  CARRIED	
<b>2. Business arising from the Minutes</b>	Review of Action items: <u>2017 Donation to CAEC:</u> Members reflected on the Committee's 2017 donation of \$2,500 to the Cat Adoption and Education Centre (CAEC) at the General Committee on January 22, 2018. Photos were taken and	

	<p>Members of Council expressed their sincere appreciation for the donation.</p> <p><u>ACC Events Coordinator Role:</u> Rhiannon Lane has graciously agreed to be the ACC event coordinator again this year.</p> <p><u>Corrections Animal Licence:</u> a) Online Pet Licence Renewal Description: The online Pet Licence renewal says donations go to Animal Care Committee; needs to be changed to Animal Services; it was noted that the information on new licence application page is correct.</p> <p><u>Barn Fires:</u> This item was deferred to the next meeting</p> <p><u>Pet Store – Sale of Puppies:</u> Committee noted that there are still dogs at the pet store.</p> <p><u>Lost Cat and Dogs:</u> The Committee asked that an update on the lost dog found at Bayview and John be provided at the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Ecological Corridors:</u> There was a discussion on the Ecological Corridor. It was noted that Council is still deciding on the concept.</p>	<p>Ensure disclaimer on Animal Licence say funds go to Animal Services – Christy Lehman</p>
<b>3. Animal Control Program Update</b>	<p>a. <u>Cat Adoption and Education Centre</u> Committee noted that there was a lovely article on the Cat Adoption Centre in Markham Life.</p> <p>b. <u>Barn Cat Program:</u> There was no update on this item at this time.</p> <p>c. <u>By-law Review:</u> There was no update on this item at this time.</p> <p>d. <u>Turtle Fence:</u> The Committee requested an update on the turtle fence.</p>	<p>Provide update on the turtle fence proposal – Councillor Burke</p>
<b>4. Events</b>	<p>a. Fundraising</p> <p><u>Meeting with Hayley</u> The Committee reflected on its meeting with Hayley from the OSPCA to discuss possible fundraising opportunities. They had discussed holding a bingo night, but after some investigation it was found that it would not be permitted.</p> <p><u>Fundraising Goal</u> The Committee set a fundraising goal of \$2,000 for 2018.</p>	

	<p><u>Online Auction</u> The Committee discussed possibly holding a small online auction, similar to what it did in the past. This would only be possible if all Committee Members were willing to help out.</p> <p>It was noted that the Committee already has the letter template to approach businesses for donations for the auction. Items included in the auction in the past included: jewelry, gift certificates, vases, toys etc.</p> <p>It was suggested that if the Committee proceeds with doing the Auction again this year, that items purchased should be couriered out, or there needs to be only one or two of pick up locations.</p> <p><u>Community Sale</u> There was a suggestion to hold a small community sale event at the Community Centre in the spring or fall.</p> <p>There was a discussion on the items already in the Committee's possession that could be used for the sale – jewelry, little wallets, and crystal nick knacks. Some of the smaller items should be kept to have at the Committee's community booths.</p> <p><u>Fundraising Decision</u> Committee settled on holding two events as a joint venture with the Cat Adoption Centre, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community sale with bake sale in spring</li> <li>• Community sale with bake sale in fall</li> </ul> <p>Denielle Duncan will check to see if the Committee would be permitted to have a sale (including a bake sale) at the Community Centre. If it is not permitted, the Committee could look into holding the event at the Pet Valu plaza.</p> <p>b. Events Scheduled for the Remainder of the Year</p> <p><u>Earth Day Event</u> The Committee discussed the logistics for its booth at the Earth Day event.</p> <p><u>Proclamations</u> It was noted that Clerk's Office submitted the Committee's proclamations for 2018.</p> <p><u>Committee Accomplishments</u> The Committee was working on finalizing its list of accomplishments for 2017. It will provide the list to the Clerk's Office once Complete.</p>	
5. New Business	<p><b>Moved by: Janet Andrew</b> <b>Seconded by: Julie Sook-Man Chan</b></p> <p>That the Markham Animal Care Committee strongly endorses the Bruce-Berczy Ecological Corridor proposal that will assist in the preservation of the wildlife habitat in the City of Markham.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>	

	<p><u>Property at McCowan Rd/ Ninth Line:</u> There was a discussion on a property located at McCowan Rd and Ninth Line with dead animals such as, dogs, chickens, and sheep. There was no bylaw staff at the meeting to ask about this property</p> <p><u>Farm House Wildlife Sanctuary:</u> There was a discussion on a wildlife sanctuary run by a former rancher.</p> <p>Committee was asked whether there would be an interested in touring the facility. It was suggested to do the tour of the facility in May 2018.</p>	Tour of Farm House Wildlife Sanctuary in May - Committee
<b>6. Date of Next Meeting</b>	March 21, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Ontario Room.	
<b>7. Adjournment</b>	The Animal Care Committee meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.	