

Animal Care Committee Minutes
October 18, 2017
5:30 PM

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Members</u></p> <p>Janet Andrews, Vice-Chair (Acting Chair) Denielle Duncan, Chair Councillor Valerie Burke Rhiannon Lane Shirley Lesch Michelle Lustri Sherry Klein</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Staff</u></p> <p>Christy Lehman, Acting Supervisor, Licensing & Standards Marco Francisco, Licensing & Animal Services Coordinator</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Guest</u></p> <p>Terri Daniels</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Regrets</u></p> <p>Dr. Esther Attard Julie Sook-Man Chan Kar Pak Ng Kaushik Chawla</p> |
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The Animal Care Committee convened at 5:52 pm with Janet Andrews presiding as Acting Chair.

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| 1. Approval of the September 20, 2017 Minutes | <p>A sentence about the donation box was removed from page five of the minutes.</p> <p>Moved by Rhiannon Lane Seconded by Denielle Duncan</p> <p>That the September 20, 2017 Animal Care Committee Minutes be approved as amended.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p> | |

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| 2. Business Arising From the Minutes | There was no business arising from the minutes. | |
| 3. Animal Control Program Update | <p>a. <u>Cat Adoption and Education Centre</u> Christy Lehman, Acting Supervisor, Licensing & Animal Services advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been 170 adoptions in 2017 to date and 398 adoptions since the centre first opened; • A special announcement will go out when the 400th adoption is made; • Future vets program starts this week; • Halloween photos to take place on Sunday, October 22, 2017 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. <p>The Committee asked if the Ontario Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA) has “adopt me” vests. Christy Lehman advised that they do not have these vests for the Christmas parades.</p> <p>b. <u>Barn Cat Program</u> No update was provided on this agenda item.</p> <p>c. <u>By-Law Review</u> No update was provided on this agenda item.</p> <p>d. <u>Wildlife Services Review</u> Christy Lehman reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildlife survey has been conducted and staff are currently reviewing the results, which will be added to the | |

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| | <p>staff report on the City's wildlife strategy;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with an external Communication Consultant to prepare an educational campaign for animal services, which will include updating the City's web content; • The Animal Services web content will not be updated until the City's content freeze ends, as the City is in the midst of redesigning its website; • The brochure will include basic information about wildlife, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An overview of City's wildlife program ○ A note that it is normal to see wildlife ○ A note that you should not feed wildlife <p>The Committee inquired if the brochure will be available to have at events in the spring time and if it can be translated into different languages. Christy Lehman reported that the brochure should be ready for use this spring and that she will look into having it translated into Markham's top five languages.</p> | |
| 4. Events | <p>a. <u>Fundraising</u></p> <p>There was no update provided on this agenda item.</p> <p>b. <u>Discussion of Events Scheduled for the Remainder of the Year</u></p> <p>Christy Lehman advised that the Cat Adoption and Education Centre would like</p> | |

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| | <p>to join the Animal Care Committee at the Santa Claus Parade. Some of the OSPCA staff will bring their own dogs to walk in the parade, but they will not be bringing dogs from the shelter.</p> <p>The Cat Adoption and Education Centre would also like to partner with the Animal Care Committee to plan a fundraising event, suggestions included a silent auction, a spaghetti dinner, or a garage sale at the Thornhill Community Centre.</p> <p>The Committee asked if a banner could be created for the Cat Adoption and Education Centre. Christy Lehman will look into the inquiry and report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Committee asked if Hailey can attend the January meeting to discuss a partnership fundraising event further.</p> | <p>Ask if a banner can be created for the Cat Adoption and Education Centre – Christy Lehman</p> |
| 5. Adjournment | The Animal Care Committee adjourned at 6:37 pm. | |