



Animal Care Committee

MINUTES

November 15, 2017

Ontario Room

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Members

Denielle Duncan, Chair
Dr. Esther Attard (5:47 p.m.)
Councillor Valerie Burke
Julie Sook-Man Chan
Kaushik Chawla
Sherry Klein
Rhiannon Lane
Kar Pak Ng
Judy Postello

Regrets

Janet Andrews, Vice-Chair
Aviva Harari
Shirley Lesch
Michelle Lustri

Staff

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

Guests and Members of the Public

Terri Daniels

Call to Order: The Animal Care Committee convened at 5:35 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 2017, with Denielle Duncan, Chair presiding as Chair

The Animal Care Committee welcomed Judy Postello, one of the two new members appointed by Markham Council.

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Approval of the October 18, 2017 Animal Care Committee meeting minutes	Moved by: Rhiannon Lane Seconded by: Sherry Klein That the minutes of the October 18, 2017, Animal Care Committee meeting be approved, as distributed. CARRIED	
2. Business arising from the Minutes	Review of Action items: None	

<p>3. Animal Control Program Update</p>	<p>a. <u>Cat Adoption and Education Centre</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Cat adoptions: Christy Lehman, Acting Supervisor, Licensing & Standards confirmed that the CAEC will have their own banner at the Santa Parade. Christy advised that since the Agenda was distributed, there have been more than 189 adoptions so far. Since the CAEC has been participating in the “iAdopt” campaign, starting on November 1, this year, they have already had 10 adoptions so far, which is very impressive for such a short time. ii. Future Vet Program: Christy Lehman, Acting Supervisor, Licensing & Standards believes that limiting the program to 1½ hours per week over a 5-week period could be a likely cause for the lack of positive response. Staff will be reviewing better ways to implement this program in the future. The Reading Therapy program for children is progressing very well. iii. Halloween photos: Unfortunately, there were only 3 participants at this event – the sunny weather conditions of that weekend could have been the contributory factor for the lack of response. iv. Pet Photos with Santa: Pet Photos with Santa are scheduled to be 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. The poster for this event was distributed along with the meeting agenda, and members were encouraged to share the same. This event has also been promoted through the various social media sites. This was a huge success in 2016, and it is expected to generate a good response this year, as well. <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>	
<p>4. Events</p>	<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>Councillor Burke collected \$15.00 through the sale of jam.</p> <p>b. <u>Events scheduled for the remainder of the year</u></p> <p>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 Sunday, December 1, 2017.</p>	

	The CAEC will be participating in the Santa Claus Parade. They have a banner and their own identifiable t-shirts and they will be bringing their own animals, as well to the event.	
5. New Business	<p>a. <u>Annual Report</u></p> <p>Denielle Duncan, Chair advised that it is proposed to prepare an Annual Report on the activities of the Animal Care Committee. Members were advised to email Denielle and Janet comments they would like included in the Annual Report. A draft report will be prepared and circulated to the members in the next couple of months for their review and comments. It is proposed to present the Annual Report to Council at an appropriate meeting in January 2018.</p> <p>b. <u>December meeting / Holiday Pot luck event</u></p> <p>The members agreed to prepone the December ACC meeting to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13, 2017, followed by the holiday pot luck.</p> <p>c. <u>Animal Care Activity Programs and Sale of Domestic Animals</u></p> <p>Councillor Valerie Burke advised that the two motions relating to the City's Animal Care Activity programs and the Sale of Domestic Animals adopted by the ACC at its September meeting will be considered by the City's General Committee at its meeting on Monday, November 20, 2017.</p> <p>d. <u>Bruce-Berczy Ecological Corridor</u></p> <p>Councillor Valerie Burke suggested that Lilli Duoba from Urban Planning be invited to a future ACC meeting to provide an update on this matter.</p> <p>e. <u>Cheque presentation to the CAEC</u></p> <p>Responding to a question from Janet Andrews, Vice-Chair, Christy Lehman, Acting Supervisor, Licensing & Standards advised that the Clerk's Department has advised that the cheque presentation can be listed on a General Committee agenda, whenever the ACC is ready to make the presentation. Christy suggested that a deputation and cheque presentation to the CAEC could potentially be done at the December 4, 2017, General Committee meeting. Janet suggested that a few ACC members attend the December 4, 2017 General Committee meeting for the deputation and cheque presentation.</p>	Denielle will email all ACC members about the potential deputation and CAEC cheque presentation at the December 4 GC meeting.
6. Date of Next Meeting	December 13, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Ontario Room.	
7. Adjournment	The Animal Care Committee meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.	