



## **Animal Care Committee**

### **MINUTES**

**May 17, 2017  
Tour of Shades of Hope  
Pfefferlaw, ON  
6:00 PM**

<b><u>Members</u></b> Denielle Duncan, Chair Janet Andrews, Vice-Chair Terri Daniels Dr. Esther Attard Councillor Valerie Burke Julie Sook-Man Chan Shirley Lesch Michelle Lustri	<b><u>Regrets</u></b> Kaushik Chawla Sherry Klein Rhiannon Lane Kar Pak Ng
<b><u>Staff</u></b> Martha Pettit, Deputy City Clerk	
<b><u>Guests and Members of the Public</u></b> Furhait Kashmiri	

The Animal Care Committee Members met at Shades of Hope in Pfefferlaw at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, for the purposes of touring the site of the City of Markham's newly contracted wildlife services provider.

Committee Members were met by Gail Lenters, Founder and Cathy Stockman, Director of Operations who provided a tour of the facility. Committee Members had the opportunity to tour the nursery building, the rehab centre and the operating room as well as the release pens and holding areas for various types of wildlife.

Gail and Cathy outlined the process for injured/orphaned wildlife from intake to release. Shades of Hope is a facility that accepts orphaned newborns (known as pinkies) that are typically euthanized at other rescues due to the level of care that is required. The facility also accepts injured deer, but they do not accept injured raccoons – these are shipped to foster facilities who handle these cases on their behalf. Shades of Hope has a network of wildlife rescues and rehabilitators that they work with, including the OSPCA, with whom they have a robust relationship. The facility has approximately 13 interns on staff who care for the animals throughout their busy season – spring to fall; and a part time veterinarian who attends three days a week.

Various wildlife species currently on site included orphaned birds, opossums, squirrels, rabbits and kits (foxes); and injured porcupines, skunks, owls and raptors.

Committee Members thanked Gail and Cathy for taking the time to provide a site tour during their busy season. Committee Members dispersed at approximately 7:30 p.m.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday, June 21, 2017