

**Animal Care Committee September 21, 2016**  
**Ontario Room 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM**

**Informal meeting due to lack of quorum**

<b><u>Members</u></b>	<b><u>Regrets</u></b>
Denielle Duncan, Chair	Pushprup Brar
Terri Daniels, Vice-Chair	Julia Colangelo
Esther Attard	Nicole Hendricks
Councillor Valerie Burke	Furhait Kashmiri
Julie Sook-Man Chan	Shirley Lesch
Kaushik Chawla	Michelle Lustri
Rhiannon Lane	Pamela Young

**Staff**

Chris Alexander, Acting Manager, Licensing & Animal Services  
Christy Lehman, Licensing & Animal Services Coordinator  
John Britto, Committee Secretary (PT)

**Guests and Members of the Public**

Janet Andrews

The Animal Care Committee meeting of September 21, 2016, could not be convened due to lack of quorum.

Quorum = 8, Members present = 7

Members present were informed that no motions or formal decisions could be made at this meeting.

Following are notes of informal discussions held on September 21, 2016.

Councillor Burke suggested the following amendments to the minutes of the August 17, 2016, Animal Care Committee meeting:

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Paragraph 5: replace the words “the Festival” with “a booth” at the end of the paragraph.

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Correct the spelling of the word “Councillor” in paragraphs 5 and 6;

Paragraph 6: replace “request for a budget.” with “submit budget requests.”

Paragraph 6: delete the sentence: “If the ACC so desires”.

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Paragraph 8: delete the words: “which has been the biggest accomplishment of the Animal Care Committee”

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a. Silent Fireworks

First paragraph: replace “Queen’s Birthday” with “Queen Victoria’s Birthday”

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Paragraph 2: delete the words: “a group of”

Chris Alexander, Acting Manager of Licensing & Standards updated the Committee on the status of North Toronto Cat Rescue. Their eviction has been extended until June 30, 2017. The City will meet with the rescue chair and determine a plan of action for the re-location of the rescue and/or cats. Christy Lehman, Licensing & Animal Services Coordinator advised of 139 cat adoptions from CAEC through the generous donations of the ACC. She further advised that the OSPCA has reduced their adoption fees, subsequent to the ACC passing a motion at its July meeting to this effect.

Terri Daniels inquired if donuts could be sold at the Community Centres. Christy Lehman advised that the Community Centre policies do not provide for this. Chris Alexander advised that this could be a risk management issue from a health perspective.

Terri Daniels advised that \$40.15 was made at the Thornhill Village Festival and \$22 at the Farmers Market.

Denielle Duncan advised that she received \$102 by way of donations and \$98 from jam sales. She will be sending out thank-you letters to the donors.

Denielle Duncan advised that certain members do not respond to emails, nor attend meetings regularly. Members discussed the possibility of recruitment of new members to the ACC.

Christy Lehman advised that Council appoints members to advisory committees, and the Committee will need to pass a motion seeking Council’s consideration to appoint replacement members. The Rules of Procedure Governing Statutory and Advisory Committees provides that if a member is absent without good reason or prior acknowledgement from meetings of the Committee for three (3) consecutive meetings or five (5) meetings in any one (1) year, the Committee may pass a resolution requesting that Council declare the position vacant and ask for a replacement member.

Denielle Duncan led a discussion on members’ commitment to the fundraising, events and other activities of the Animal Care Committee and advised that one member left the Committee after attending only one meeting. Denielle further advised that she would email all members informing about the proposed events and seeking members’ involvement and commitment to help.

Julie Sook-Man Chan inquired whether an email blast could be sent to staff seeking items for an auction. Christy Lehman agreed to organize the email blast and also to collect items donated by staff for the auction.

Discussion ensued with respect to the setting off of fire arms at a recently held event on the weekend and the unrest this caused to the birds and pets in the area. Christy Lehman advised that any complaints with respect to the discharge of firearms needs to be forwarded to the By-law Enforcement Department and this can be done through the Contact Centre. Christy advised that she was not aware of any complaints received by the By-law Enforcement Department.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.