

**Animal Care Committee**  
**June 15, 2016**  
**Ontario Room**  
**5:30 PM – 7:30 PM**

**Attendance:** Councillor Valerie Burke, Denielle Duncan, Chair, Terri Daniels, Vice-Chair, Shirley Lesch, Nicole Hendricks, Michelle Lustri, Rhiannon Lane, Furhait Kashmiri and Pam Young.

**Staff:** Christy Lehman, Licensing & Standards Coordinator, Laura Gold, Committee Clerk and John Britto, Committee Secretary (PT)

**Guests and Members of the Public:** Bernice Royce and Jewell Lofsky

**Regrets:** Julia Colangelo, Pushprup Brar, Julie Sook-Man Chan, Esther Attard and Kaushik Chawla.

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Call to Order	The Animal Care Committee convened at 5:45 p.m. with Denielle Duncan presiding as Chair.	
2. Minutes	Moved by Michelle Lustri Seconded by Nicole Hendricks  That the Minutes of the May 18, 2016, Animal Care Committee meeting be approved. CARRIED	
3. Business Arising From the Minutes	The Committee reviewed the action items from the previous meeting. The following updates were provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Follow-up with Mayor's Office on letters sent to McDonalds and Tim Hortons - Denielle Duncan, Chair, advised the Committee that she emailed the Mayor's Office, but has not received a response.</li></ul>	

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<p><b>4. Animal Control Program Update</b></p>	<p>a. <u>Trap Neuter and Return (TNR) Pilot Project Update</u></p> <p>No report was provided.</p> <p>b. <u>OSPCA Update</u></p> <p>No report was provided.</p> <p>c. <u>Barn Cats and Fundraising for the Cat Adoption &amp; Education Centre</u></p> <p>In response to an inquiry from the Committee, Christy Lehman, Licensing &amp; Standards Coordinator advised that she has reviewed the photographs of the pets posted on the OSPCA website and found them to be of a fairly good quality. Christy further advised that she will keep monitoring the OSPCA website and will provide the Committee with regular updates.</p> <p>In response to an inquiry from the Committee, Christy Lehman advised that the next Rabies Clinic is scheduled to be held on Sunday, June 26, 2016, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Thornhill. Advertisements have been published in the local newspapers this week and a mobile sign has also been erected. Posters will also be put up at the Markham Music Festival.</p> <p>Laura Gold was requested to email the promotional posters to the Committee. They in-turn will help promote the events.</p> <p>In response to an inquiry from the Committee, Christy advised that 92 cats have been adopted out from the Cat Adoption Centre. She further advised that the kittens brought in during the months of March/April are just now ready for adoption.</p>	<p>Email promotional material for upcoming events to the Committee – Laura Gold.</p>

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<b>5. Events</b>	<p><u>Fundraising Auction</u></p> <p>Denielle Duncan informed the Committee that auction cards and other promotional materials are now ready. The Committee will be promoting the Cat Adoption and Education Centre through the auction and at other fundraising events. Staff have been asked if more large and extra large Animal Care Committee t-shirts can be purchased, as the remaining t-shirts are in small sizes and they do not fit the new Members</p> <p>Denielle Duncan informed the Committee that the Unionville Business Improvement Area (UBIA) is organizing an Exotic and Antique Car Show to be held on June 25, 2016, on Main Street Unionville. She requested one or two Members to volunteer to attend the event to find out more about it, as the Humane Society is involved in the event. Parking at the event is on a first-come-first-serve basis.</p> <p>Denielle advised that a similar event could possibly be organized in 2017, which raises funds for the City's Cat Adoption &amp; Education Centre rather than for the Humane Society. The UBIA would need to agree to this and the extent of work involved in organizing the event would need to be explored and better understood. She further advised that Councillor Hamilton agreed to talk with the UBIA in this regard.</p> <p>On an inquiry about whether councillors attend UBIA meetings, Councillor Valerie Burke informed the Committee that Councillor Hamilton attends the UBIA meetings, as it is located in his Ward.</p> <p>Denielle Duncan reminded the Committee about the cancellation of the booth at the Unionville Stiver Mill Farmers Market.</p> <p>Denielle Duncan informed the Committee about a Dog Day event scheduled to be held on August 7, 2016, at the Stiver Mill Farmers Market that the Committee could participate in.</p>	

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	<p>The Committee will have a booth at the Thornhill Village Festival scheduled to be held on September 17, 2016. The Committee will not need liability insurance, as its booth will be on Councillor Burke's driveway</p>	
<b>6. New Business</b>	<p>Councillor Valerie Burke thanked Laura Gold, Committee Clerk for providing steadfast assistance to the Animal Care Advisory Committee.</p> <p>Laura advised the Committee that she will still be the contact person for the Animal Care Advisory Committee for agenda/minutes distribution through the City Clerk's Office.</p> <p>Christy Lehman, Licensing &amp; Standards Coordinator advised that most committees do not meet during the summer months. She further advised that the Committee could meet informally to discuss their fundraising and other activities. She also advised that these meetings would not be recorded as official meetings of the Committee.</p> <p>This matter was further discussed and the Committee members agreed that if quorum was not achieved, the Committee would meet informally, with no assistance from the Clerk's Office.</p>	
<b>7. Adjournment</b>	<p>The Animal Care Committee adjourned at 6:18 p.m.</p>	