

Animal Care Committee

December 16, 2015

Ontario Room

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Attendance: Councillor Valerie Burke , Denielle Duncan, Chair, Esther Attard, Pushproup Brar, Furbait Kashmiri, Terri Daniels , Rhiannon Lane, Shirley Lesch, Julie Sook-Man Chan, adn Pam Young
Staff: Christy Lehman, Licensing & Standards Coordinator, Laura Gold, Committee Clerk
Members of the Public: Janet Andrews
Regrets: Michelle Lustri

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Call to Order	The Animal Care Committee convened at 5:35p.m. with Denielle Duncan presiding as Chair.	
2. Minutes	Moved by Terri Daniels Seconded by Pam Young That the Minutes from the November 18, 2015, Animal Care Committee meeting be approved as presented.	CARRIED
3. Business Arising From the Minutes	The Committee reviewed the action items from the previous meeting.	

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4. Animal Control Program Update	a. <u>Trap Neuter and Return (TNR) Pilot Project Update</u> An update on the small group of cats that was trap neutered a returned was provided. Five cats were trapped and are being relocated. The vet charged \$50 for the housing of the five cats. Danielle Duncan submitted the invoice to Christy Lehman for payment, but it was not in the correct format. Christy is speaking to Chris Alexander about to see if an email invoice would be sufficient. b. <u>Barn Cats and Fundraising for the Cat Adoption & Education Centre</u> Christy Lehman, Licensing & Standards Coordinator invited the committee to visit the Cat Adoption & Education Centre on Monday, December 22, 2015, at 2:00 pm. The cats will be brought to the centre on January 13, 2015. The grand launch of the centre will be held on February 23, 2015. The OSPCA will be setting the schedule for the adoption centre, noting it will be open at convenient times. Esther Attard gave copies of a children's book on trap neutering and returning to the Committee. Christy Lehman will look into having the book at the adoption centre either for sale or for children to read. The Committee suggested also asking the library to add the book to its circulation. c. <u>Fundraising</u> The Committee will have a sub-committee meeting after the next meeting to discuss fundraising opportunities. d. <u>OSPCA Statistics</u> The OSPCA statistics will be brought forward to the Committee at the next meeting. c. <u>Toronto Wildlife</u> The Committee discussed the outbreak of distemper in raccoons in Thornhill. The Toronto Wildlife has been very busy responding to a surge of calls due to the outbreak.	Speak to Chris Alexander to see if an email invoice will be sufficient – Christy Lehman Look into having children's book on TNR at the adoption centre and at Markham libraries.

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5. Events	The Committee participated in the Unionville Christmas Parade, and the Santa Claus Parade. It also raised the following from its booth at the Mayfair Christmas Bazaar: • \$423 – donations • \$431 – Jam sales	
6. New Business	A. <u>Appointments</u> The Clerk advised that she will be recruiting for the Animal Care Committee over the holidays. The re-appointments will also be dealt with in January. B. <u>Leave of Absence</u> Julia Colangelo will take a leave of absence until the summer, as she is attending veterinarian school out of the City. C. <u>Treasurer Report</u> Moved by Esther Attard Seconded by Pam Young That all monies raised during general fund-raising events by the Animal Care Committee shall be deposited in the Committee's trust account; and, That the Committee may, at its discretion, periodically donate a portion of its trust funds to the City of Markham's Cat Adoption and Education Centre; and,	

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	That any funds raised by the Committee at an event specifically established for the Cat Adoption and Education Centre, shall be immediately donated to the City of Markham to be used exclusively for the purposes of the Centre. CARRIED	
7. Adjournment	The Animal Care Committee adjourned at 7:15 p.m.	