

Animal Care Committee

April 15, 2015

Ontario Room

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Attendance: Councillor Valerie Burke , Janet Andrews, Chair, Esther Attard , Kathy Clark , Julia Colangelo, , Furhait Kashmiri, and Trudie Ross
Staff: Christopher Alexander, Supervisor of Licensing & Animal Control, Christy Lehman, Licensing & Standards Coordinator, and Laura Gold, Committee Clerk
Members of the Public: Terri Daniels
Regrets: Rhiannon Lane, and Pam Young

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Call to Order	The Animal Care Committee convened at 5:40 p.m. with Janet Andrews presiding as Chair.	
2. Minutes	Moved by Julia Colangelo Seconded by Furhait Kashmiri That the Minutes from the March 18, 2015 Animal Care Committee meeting be approved as presented. CARRIED	
3. TNR Program	The logistics of the trap neutering and returning (TNR) being undertaking this Friday evening, and Saturday morning were discussed. It was noted that the Saturday session may need to be cancelled if it rains. Staff already have nine cats that were being fed by a resident to be neutered at the clinic this weekend. Chris Alexander will ask the OSPCA if they can neuter up to 25 cats rather than up to 20 cats, as they already have nine cats to be neutered. Christy Lehman advised that the City is looking at establishing an adopt a barn program. Information on the City of Brampton's program was presented to the Committee. A Member advised that other municipalities have similar programs, but may not advertise. It was suggested that the program be advertised in a magazine called "Horse Sport".	Ask the OSPCA if it can neuter 25 cats at the clinic this weekend rather than 20 – Chris Alexander

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4. Animal Control Store Front	Chris Alexander provided an update on the animal control storefront. A presentation regarding the storefront was recently provided to stakeholders of the Thornhill Community Centre. The feedback was generally positive. An interesting fact staff learned from providing the presentation, is that 1.2 million people go through the Community Centre per year. Story boards will be put up at the Community Centre about the store front. Sketches of what the floor plan for animal control store front may look like were presented to the Committee. The storefront would be about 1100 square foot. Educational seminars could be held either at the library or in a meeting room located within the Community Centre. The advantages and disadvantages of having two kitty corners were discussed. Staff are still looking for a solution for re-locating the spin class.	
5. Events	Julia Colangelo invited the Committee to an open house being held on June 14 by a Markham vet to raise money for the animal control storefront. The Committee discussed using some of the funds it raised towards the storefront. Possibly purchasing the cages for the storefront. Chris Alexander was asked if a new/ more current brochure could be created to educate the public on Markham's animal control services.	Create a new/more current brochure for animal services – Chris Alexander
6. New Business	<u>Low Cost Rabies Clinic</u> Christopher Alexander reported that the City is looking into the possibility of holding a new rabies clinic over the summer at empty hockey rinks. Other municipalities have held this type of clinic quite successfully. A suggestion was made to hold the clinic at 8100 Warden and to include a low cost micro-chipping, as part of the clinic. <u>Article in Markham Life</u> An article prepared by the Agriculture Advisory Committee on humane wildlife removal was shared with the Committee.	
7. Adjournment	The Animal Care Committee adjourned at 7:06 p.m.	

