

Animal Care Committee
March 18, 2015
Ontario Room
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Attendance: Janet Andrews, Chair, Kathy Clark , Julia Colangelo, Rhiannon Lane, Furbait Kashmiri, Trudie Ross, and Pam Young Staff: Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services, Christopher Alexander, Supervisor of Licensing & Animal Control, and Laura Gold, Committee Clerk Members of the Public: Terri Daniels Regrets: Councillor Valerie Burke , and Esther Attard

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Call to Order	The Animal Care Committee convened at 5:30 p.m. with Janet Andrews presiding as Chair.	
2. Minutes	Moved by Julia Colangelo Seconded by Furbait Kashmiri That the Minutes from the February 18, 2015 Animal Care Committee meeting be approved as presented. The Committee reviewed the action items from the previous meeting. CARRIED	
3. Animal Control Store Front	Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services, was in attendance to discuss planning for the proposed Markham Animal Storefront. The plan is for the OSPCA to operate the storefront under the direction of the City. Many volunteers would be required to operate the storefront. Any donations collected at the storefront will support the Markham's Animal Services program. The storefront will have mostly cats, but on special days it could have dogs, and smaller pets. The City is hopeful that the storefront will reduce cat euthanasia rates in Markham. Staff is assessing the potential to locate the storefront at the Thornhill Community Centre. Formal consultation with users of the Centre, staff and other stakeholders will begin shortly. The	

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	goal is to ensure minimal disruption to existing services at the Centre. The Community Centre would have lots of traffic, which staff feel is critical to the success of the storefront. The Committee was very positive about the storefront. It made the following suggestions: • Ensure younger volunteers are being monitored by adult volunteers; • Consider partnering with schools to fill some of the volunteer positions; • Consider providing wildlife education at the storefront; • Consider doing a calendar with the firefighters and animals to raise funds for the storefront; There was a discussion on the North Toronto Cat Rescue.	
4. Animal Control Report	<u>TNR Session</u> The Committee discussed the April 17, and 18, 2015 TNR session. The cats will be trapped from two different locations. Global Pet was looking into having its suppliers donate food to Markham's TNR program. <u>TNR Article</u> It was suggested that an article on Markham's TNR program be included in the next issue of Markham Life. <u>TNR Workshop</u> A second workshop on TNR will be scheduled in May or June. It was suggested that the workshop be promoted at community centres, libraries, vet offices, and at pet stores in Markham. The Committee discussed its upcoming events.	
5. Events	Permission to <u>Speak at the General Committee</u>	
6. New Business	Moved by Rhiannon Lane Seconded by Trudie Ross That the Animal Care Committee authorize the Chair, Vice-Chair, or designate to speak at the General Committee on the proposed Markham Animal Control Storefront. CARRIED	

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	<u>Proclamations</u> Moved by Furhait Kashmiri Seconded by Trudie Ross That the Animal Care Committee request that following weeks be proclaimed: • National Wildlife Week- April 5, to 11, 2015 • Be Kind to Animals Week – May 3, to 9, 2015 CARRIED	
7. Adjournment	The Animal Care Committee adjourned at 7:06 p.m.	