

Animal Care Committee
December 17, 2014
Ontario Room
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Attendance: Councillor Valerie Burke, Janet Andrews, Chair, Kathy Clark, Esther Attard Julia Colangelo, Furhait Kashmiri, Jody Greenlaw, Rhiannon Lane, Trudie Ross, and Pam Young Staff: Christopher Alexander, Supervisor of Licensing & Animal Control, Laura Gold, Committee Clerk Members of the Public: Danielle Duncan, Mohammad N. Regrets: None
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Item	Discussion	Action
1. Call to Order	The Animal Care Committee convened at 5:35 p.m. with Janet Andrew presiding as Chair.	
2. Minutes	Moved by Kathy Clark Seconded by Furhait Kasharmi That the Minutes from the November 20, 2014 Animal Care Committee meeting be approved as presented. <u>Review of Action Items from Previous Meeting</u> The Committee reviewed the action items from the previous meeting. The following update was provided: - Chris Alexander's meeting with the new OSPCA Manager was postponed to early 2015 due to a snowstorm. - The resident interested in speaking with the Committee regarding animal cruelty and circuses has been invited to the January meeting. CARRIED	Meet with new OSPCA Manager and ask for clarification on how stats are calculated – Chris Alexander

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3. Animal Control Report	<u>TNR</u> IBM has demonstrated an interest in trapping more of the cats on its site. They may agree to have a temporary shelter put up on the site for the cats being trapped. It was requested that a resident with feral cats in her backyard be added to the list of TNR projects for the spring. The TNR Workshop is scheduled to be held on February 7, 2015. The City is considering covering the cost of the workshop for 20 persons. The spots would be open to Committee Members and to Rescue Groups. <u>OSPCA</u> The animal control stats are in the process of being updated on the website. The euthanasia rate of cats has improved in 2014. The City is trying to redirect animal control calls from the Contact Centre to the OSPCA or to Toronto Wildlife. <u>Storefront</u> There was a discussion on the City's plans to staff the proposed storefront with OSPCA staff, and volunteers. Having the OSPCA staff manage the facility would not be included under the City's current contract with the OSPCA and would be an additional cost to the City. The OSPCA would provide the animals, clean the storefront, and staff the facility. The City would maintain control over the operations of the facility. The Committee was not aware of the City's plans to have the OSPCA staff manage the proposed animal control storefront. It suggested that the storefront should be run by City staff and that it should be operated autonomously from the OSPCA. There was a discussion on the adoption fee that would be charged at the storefront and on the possibility of applying for grants to help cover the cost of spaying and neutering the pets. It was also questioned if residents would be able to surrender their pets at the storefront. Moved by Rhiannon Lane Seconded by Pam Young	Add resident with feral cats in backyard to list of TNR projects for the spring of 2015 – Chris Alexander Organize meeting with the Committee and the appropriate City staff to discuss the

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	That a meeting be held with the Committee and the appropriate staff to discuss its concerns with the City's staffing/management plans for the proposed animal control storefront. CARRIED	management/staffing of the storefront – Chris Alexander
4. Events	The Committee discussed its upcoming and recent events.	
5. New Business	There was a brief discussion on the City's contract with the OSPCA. Members were still reviewing the contract.	
6. Adjournment	The Animal Care Committee adjourned at 7:01 p.m. The Committee had an informal holiday celebration immediately following the meeting.	