

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

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| <p><b>Attendance:</b> Janet Andrews, Chair, Esther Attard, Kathy Clark, Furhait Kashmiri, Jody Greenlaw, Rhiannon Lane and Trudie Ross</p> <p><b>Staff:</b> Christopher Alexander, Supervisor of Licensing &amp; Animal Control, Laura Gold, Committee Clerk</p> <p><b>Members of the Public:</b> Terri Daniels and Danielle Duncan</p> <p><b>Regrets:</b> Councillor Valerie Burke, Julia Colangelo, and Pam Young</p> |
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| Item                             | Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Action Item |
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| 1. Opening Remarks               | The Animal Care Committee convened at 5:35 p.m. with Janet Andrews presiding as Chair.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |             |
| 2. Approval of the Minutes       | <p>Moved by Jody Greenlaw<br/> Seconded by Trudie Ross</p> <p>That the July 16, 2014 Animal Care Committee Minutes be approved as presented.</p> <p><u>Review of Action Items</u><br/> The Committee reviewed the action items from the last meeting.</p> <p><u>Feral Cat Day</u><br/> There was a discussion on: (1) the possibility of having a press conference in November announcing the City's TNR project and promoting Feral Cat Day; and (2) providing a TNR workshop in February.</p> <p>Christopher Alexander provided the following Animal Control Program Update:</p> <p><u>OSPCA Statistics</u><br/> The method used to calculate the OSPCA statistics was explained. The OSPCA statistics are now available on the City's website. The following questions regarding the stats were asked:</p> | CARRIED     |
| 3. Animal Control Program Update |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |             |

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|                        | <p>1) How is the number of adoptions carried over from month to month in the stats?<br/> 2) Why were 5 cats from one house put down for medical reasons?<br/> 3) How is the OSPCA recording the feral cats being trapped and neutered?</p> <p>Chris Alexander will look into these inquiries.</p> <p><u>TNR</u><br/> Chris Alexander will work with the OSPCA, IBM and the Committee to try and schedule a trapping session on the IBM site the last weekend of October/first weekend of November.</p> <p><u>Wildlife</u><br/> The euthanasia rate for wildlife was down from 59% in 2013, to 26% in first seven months of 2014. This stat was anticipated to improve even more when the Toronto Wildlife Centre moves to the Rouge Park area.</p> <p>The Committee suggested that the City's Communication Department issue a press on the improvement to the City's wildlife services.</p> <p><u>Store Front</u><br/> The Thornhill Community Centre, Senior's Centre, Library Staff, and Manager were all consulted on the vision for the storefront and on the possibility of it being located at the Community Centre. The feedback to date has been positive. The next step will be to bring a report forward to Council after the election. The storefront could be open as early as June 2015, depending on the Council direction provided to staff in January, 2015.</p> <p><u>Adoption</u><br/> The OSPCA will bring dogs up for adoption to the Stiver Mill Farmer's Market this coming Saturday.</p> | <p>Answer Committee's questions regarding OSPCA stats – Christopher Alexander</p> <p>Try to schedule trapping session on OSPCA site last weekend of October/first weekend of November – Christopher Alexander</p> <p>Look into having press release on improvement to wildlife services – Christopher Alexander</p> |
| <b>4. Events</b>       | The Committee discussed the upcoming Thornhill Village Festival and scheduled who will attend.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>5. New Business</b> | North Toronto Cat Rescue<br>There was no discussion on this item.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>6. Adjournment</b>  | The Animal Care Committee adjourned at 6:44 p.m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |