

Animal Care Committee

June 18, 2014

Ontario Room

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Attendance: Councillor Valerie Burke, Janet Andrews, Chair, Julia Colangelo, Kathy Clark, Furhait Kashmiri, Jody Greenlaw, Rhiannon Lane and Trudie Ross

Staff: Christopher Alexander, Supervisor of Licensing & Animal Control and Laura Gold, Committee Clerk

Members of the Public: Terri Daniels and Denielle Duncan

Regrets: Esther Attard and Pam Young

Item	Discussion	Action Item
1. Opening Remarks	The Animal Care Committee convened at 5:36 p.m. with Janet Andrews presiding as Chair.	
2. Approval of the Minutes	Moved by Jody Greenlaw Seconded by Trudie Ross That the May 21, 2014 Animal Care Committee Minutes be approved as presented. CARRIED <u>Review of Action Items</u> The Committee reviewed the action items from the last meeting. Christopher Alexander will inquire if he can circulate the City's contract with the OSPCA to the Committee.	Inquire whether OSPCA contract with the City can be circulated to the Committee – Christopher Alexander
3. Animal Control Program Update	Christopher Alexander provided the following Animal Control Program Update: <u>Trap Neuter and Return</u> IBM approved the trapping of cats on its property, on the condition it is provided with the date and time the trapping will occur. A date to do the trapping will be selected that works for IBM, the OSPCA	

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	and the City. The maximum number of cats the OSPCA's clinic can facilitate will be trapped. The cats will be trapped from both the IBM and the Dennison colonies. Kittens that are less than eight weeks old can be socialized and adopted out. Older kittens and cats will be spayed and neutered and returned to their colony. <u>Adoption Update</u> No report was provided. <u>Storefront</u> A meeting was held with senior staff to discuss the animal control storefront. At the meeting Christopher Alexander was requested to obtain feedback on the idea of having the animal control storefront at the Thornhill Community Centre from stakeholders of the Community Centre. The consultation sessions with key stakeholders will occur in July 2014. The City is working with the OSPCA to determine its cost of supporting the animal control storefront. The capital cost of building the storefront is approximately \$115,000. The committee suggested seeking sponsorship to help cover the cost of the cat condos. <u>OSPCA</u> The 2013 OSPCA statistics were displayed to the Committee. Christopher Alexander has been auditing the data to ensure it is accurate. To date all of the data provided has been accurate. It was suggested that the audit include a random in-person check of the animals stated to be at the shelter to ensure their status is correct. Staff advised that this would be very resource intensive, therefore, likely not attainable. <u>Toronto Wildlife Centre</u> Markham residents made 773 phone calls to the Toronto Wildlife hotline to date. Some minor issues are still being resolved. The public has generally been very pleased with the service it has been receiving from Toronto Wildlife Centre. <u>Pet Licenses</u> Staff are looking at the price-point for the pet license now that the City is providing a pet loyalty card.	

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	Staff are also considering issuing pet licenses for free for the first year to encourage residents to register their pet. A Member suggested eliminating the limit on the number of pets a resident can have to generate more licensing revenue. Staff advised that responsible pet owners can apply for an exemption if they have more cats and dogs then permitted. There was a brief discussion on the selling of licenses at events.	
4. Events	The Committee worked out the scheduling details for its booths at the Markham Music Festival and at the Stiver Mill Farmer's Market. The Committee will no longer be sharing a booth with Pet Connection.	
5. New Business	Terri Daniels will email the Committee Clerk an article on the North Toronto Cat Rescue to circulate to the Committee.	Email Laura article to circulate to the Committee– Terri Daniels
6. Adjournment	The Animal Care Committee adjourned at 7:33 p.m.	