

Animal Care Committee
November 20, 2013
Ontario Room
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Attendance: Janet Andrews, Chair, Kathy Clark, Julia Colangelo Jody Greenlaw, Caroline Lane , and Pam Young

Staff: Chris Alexander, Supervisor of Licensing & Animal Services and Laura Gold, Committee Clerk

Members of the Public: Terri Daniels and Denielle Duncan

Regrets: Councillor Valerie Burke, Esther Attard, Rhiannon Lane and Furhait Kashmiri

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Item
1. Call to Order	The Animal Care Committee convened at 5:30 p.m. with Janet Andrews presiding as Chair.	
2. Minutes	Moved by Jody Greenlaw Seconded by Kathy Clark The Minutes from the Animal Care Committee Meeting held on October 16, 2013 be approved as presented. CARRIED Review of Action Items The Committee reviewed the action items from the previous meeting. The following updates were provided: • An email was sent out with the Unionville Christmas Parade details; • An officer dressed in regular clothes will be sent to speak to the resident who is keeping their dog in their backyard (note: this idea still needs to be approved by the applicable staff).	

2. Animal Control Update	<u>Wildlife Removal Specialist</u> The City will be holding public consultation sessions with key stakeholder in January or February regarding the licensing of the wildlife removal specialist. The licensing of wildlife specialist is targeted to go to Council for approval this spring/winter. The Committee advised that it would be ideal if the licensing program for wildlife specialist could be in place by the spring, as this is the busiest time of the year for wildlife specialists. Christopher Alexander reported that he attended a one day cat symposium hosted by the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies. The symposium was well attended by industry stakeholders and covered lots of useful information. A summary of the symposium prepared by the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies will be shared with the committee. <u>Trap Neuter and Return Program</u> The OSPCA will spay and neuter the cats for \$35 per cat as part of Markham's Trap Neuter and Return Program. The cats will also receive their shots, get micro-chipped, and have their ears clipped. This program will be run as a clinic once a month and will be run outside of the OSPCA's contract with the City of Markham. An individual has come forward who would like to assist with the City's TNR program. They have applied for funds to assist with the program. <u>Adoption update</u> No update was provided at this time. <u>Wildlife Contract</u> Staff are working on finalizing the wildlife contract with Toronto Wildlife. The City is trying to determine the cost of Toronto's wildlife rehabilitation program and whether it is within its budget.	Email cat symposium summary to Committee – Christopher Alexander
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3. Adjournment	The Animal Care Committee adjourned at 6:13 p.m. due to the fire alarm going off at Civic Centre. All remaining agenda items were deferred to the next meeting.	
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