

Animal Care Committee
June 19, 2013
Ontario Room
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Attendance: Councillor Valerie Burke, Janet Andrews, Chair, Esther Attard, Vice-Chair, Kathy Clark, Julia Colangelo, Jody Greenlaw, Furhait Kashmiri, Caroline Lane, Rhiannon Lane and Pam Young

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

Members of the Public: Terri Daniels

Regrets: Tony Chau

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Item
1. Call to Order	The Animal Care Committee convened at 5:36 p.m. with Janet Andrews presiding as Chair.	
2. Approval of the Minutes	<p>The price of the 2014 pet calendar was corrected in the May 15, 2013 minutes.</p> <p>Moved by Kathy Clark Seconded by Esther Attard</p> <p>That the Minutes of the May 15, 2013 Animal Care Committee be approved as amended.</p> <p><u>Review of Action Items</u> The Committee reviewed the list of action items. The following update was provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name tags will be provided for the Committee at the next meeting. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	Provide name tags for Committee at next meeting – Christopher Alexander

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<p>3. Animal Control Program Update</p>	<p>A. <u>Trap Neuter and Return (TNR) Pilot Project Update</u></p> <p>Christopher Alexander reported that the OSPCA is starting a trap neuter and return (TNR) program for colony managers. The program will target larger colonies where most of the trapping and neutering of cats can be done in one day. The OSPCA can neuter as many as 35 cats per day. The aftercare of the cats will depend on the space available at the OSPCA animal shelter. Consideration is being given to using a city facility for the aftercare of the cats.</p> <p>The Committee discussed targeting the IBM colony for this program. Christopher Alexander will speak to Denielle Duncan regarding this opportunity.</p> <p>Staff advised that the Colony Managers will be required to have taken a course on feral cats and to register their colony to be eligible to participate in the OSPCA’s TNR program.</p> <p>A Member suggested that Markham staff be able to identify where its cat colonies are located by mapping where the OSPCA is picking up its roaming cats.</p> <p>Staff advised that all feral cats that are neutered and micro-chipped will be registered to the City of Markham. Markham’s animal control by-law will be reviewed and updated by staff to ensure that registering the neutered feral cats to the City of Markham does not put it in contravention with its own by-law.</p> <p>The objective of TNR programs is to try to reduce the number of feral cats in Markham.</p> <p>B. <u>Adoption Update</u></p> <p>Christopher Alexander reported that the OSPCA has planned to hold two adoption days at the Stiver Mill Farmers Market.</p>	<p>Speak to Denielle Duncan regarding the OSPCA’s TNR program and the IBM colony – Christopher Alexander</p> <p>Review Animal Control By-Law with respect to registering the feral cats to the City of Markham – Christopher Alexander</p>

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	<p>A Committee Member advised that the Stiver Mill Farmers Market has been cancelled for 2013.</p> <p>C. <u>OSPCA Update</u></p> <p>The Committee reviewed the 2012 OSPCA statistics. Christopher Alexander was in the process of formatting them so that they can be posted on the website. Staff were working with the OSPCA to improve the format of the statistics on a go forward basis.</p> <p>The Committee suggested that the outcomes of cats transferred to other OSPCA should be followed up on.</p> <p>Staff were hoping to have the new contract with the OSPCA signed this summer.</p> <p>D. <u>Update on General Committee’s Decision on the Report on Markham’s Animal Care Committee Model</u></p> <p>The General Committee decision regarding Markham’s animal services model was reviewed by the Committee. The City of Markham will renew its contract with the OSPCA and staff will report back to the General Committee with a status report after the completion of the first year of the contract with the OSPCA. The decision was also in support of the animal services store front and the Customer Loyalty Card Program. This decision will go to Council on June 26, 2013 for its endorsement.</p> <p>The Committee thought the storefront was a positive addition to Markham’s animal control services.</p>	<p>Follow up on the outcomes of cats transferred to other OSPCA animal shelters – Christopher Alexander</p>
<p>4. Events</p>	<p>The Committee reviewed the summer event schedule. The Committee Clerk was requested to book Markham Fair for the Committee and inquire whether By-Laws Staff could man the booth on the Thursday and Friday.</p>	<p>Book Markham Fair and see if By-Law staff can man the booth on the Thursday and Friday –</p>

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5. 2014 Fundraising Calendar	No report was provided.	Laura Gold
6. New Business	<p>A. <u>Markville's Community Involvement Program</u></p> <p>This program has been discontinued by Markville Mall and the City of Markham is not eligible for its new program offerings.</p>	
7. Date of the Next Meeting	July 17, 2013 - 5:30 p.m., Ontario Room	
8. Adjournment	The Animal Care Committee adjourned at 7:50 p.m.	