

Animal Care Committee
July 17, 2013
Ontario Room
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

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

Staff: Laura Gold, Committee Clerk

Members of the Public: Terri Daniels, Denielle Duncan and Julia Tuckwell

Regrets: Chris Alexander, Supervisor of Licensing & Animal Services and Julia Colangelo

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>Moved by Jody Greenlaw Seconded by Esther Attard</p> <p>That the Minutes of the June 19, 2013 Animal Care Committee be approved as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</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"> • The Manager of By-Laws & Enforcement has agreed to pay for the Animal Care Committee to have a booth at Markham Fair and to have By-Law Officers man the booth on the Thursday and Friday; • The action items assigned to the Supervisor of Licensing & Animal Services at the June meeting were deferred to the next meeting. 	<p>Review action items assigned to the Supervisor of Licensing & Animal Control at the next meeting – All Committee Members</p>

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<p>3. Animal Control Program Update</p>	<p>A. <u>Animal Control Report</u></p> <p>The Committee reviewed the written report provided by the Supervisor of Licensing & Animal Services.</p> <p><u>Shriner Circus</u> The Committee expressed its concern that the Shriner Circus will be holding a circus in Markham with animal acts.</p> <p>Moved by Rhiannon Lane Seconded by Pam Young</p> <p>That the Animal Care Committee recognizes the good work of the Shriners, but opposes the use of animals in circuses; and,</p> <p>That a letter with a disclaimer “that this is the opinion of the Animal Care Committee not necessarily that of the City of Markham” be forwarded to the Shriners in this regard, subject to the approval of the Clerk’s Office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p> <p>Note: After the meeting the Clerk’s Office advised that the Animal Care Committee should seek Council’s permission prior to sending this letter out. Therefore, no letter has been sent out and the matter will be discussed at the next Animal Care Committee Meeting.</p> <p><u>B. Trap Neuter and Return (TNR) Pilot Project Update</u></p> <p>Denielle Duncan will contact Christopher Alexander regarding the TNR by the OSPCA of the feral cats located on the IBM site. The cats are now more scattered</p>	<p>Send letter to the Shriners if approval is obtained from Clerk’s Office – Kathy Clark</p> <p>Committee to revisit this matter at the August 21st meeting – All Committee Members.</p>

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	<p>on the site, which will make them more difficult to trap.</p> <p>C. <u>Adoption Update</u></p> <p>No report was provided.</p> <p>D. <u>OSPCA Update</u></p> <p>The Committee asked if the signed OSPCA contract with the City of Markham is a public document that can be made available to the public or requested under the <i>Freedom of Information Act</i>. The Committee Clerk would investigate this matter and report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Committee was excited that the City would be opening an animal control storefront in Markham and that it was investigating ways to strengthen its wildlife services. Members are committed to making the storefront a success.</p> <p>There was a discussion on the response to a recent freedom of information request for the 2010 OSPCA statistics. Clarification on the response will be obtained from the Supervisor of Licensing & Animal Services.</p> <p>The 2012 Year End OSPCA Statistics were reviewed by the Committee. The Committee had the following questions with respect to the statistics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Under what category are the cats that are trapped, neutered and returned (TNR) placed when calculating the statistics? 2. What type of animals were included under the 55 wildlife that were adopted? 	<p>Inquire whether the OSPCA contract with the City of Markham is a public document – Laura Gold</p> <p>Explain Freedom of Information response regarding obtaining the 2010 OSPCA statistics – Christopher Alexander</p> <p>Answer questions on 2012 OSPCA statistics – Christopher Alexander</p>
<p>4. Events</p>	<p><u>Spring/Summer Events</u></p> <p>The Committee had booths at a number of events this spring/summer to educate the public on Markham’s animal services and to promote the 2014 fundraising calendar. Some of the events attended by the Committee included: Unionville</p>	

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	<p>Festival; Markham Festival; Markham Farmers Market and a Grand Opening for a new Global Pets.</p> <p><u>Thornhill Village Festival</u> The Committee planned to have a booth at the Thornhill Village Festival and participate in the parade.</p> <p><u>Markham Fair</u> The Committee Clerk will submit the form to have a booth at Markham Fair.</p>	<p>Submit the application to have a booth at Markham Fair – Laura Gold</p>
<p>5. 2014 Fundraising Calendar</p>	<p>The Calendar Sub-Committee will meet after the meeting to discuss the calendar.</p>	
<p>6. New Business</p>	<p>A. Email Regarding Lost Dog</p> <p>This item was deferred to the next meeting so that the Supervisor of Licensing & Animal Services could provide more information.</p>	<p>Include email regarding the lost dog on the next meeting agenda – Laura</p>
<p>7. Date of the Next Meeting</p>	<p>August 21, 2013 - 5:30 p.m., Ontario Room</p>	
<p>8. Adjournment</p>	<p>The Animal Care Committee adjourned at 6:54 p.m.</p>	