

Animal Care Committee
October 17, 2012
Ontario Room
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Attendance: Councillor Valerie Burke, Chair, Chris Alexander, Janet Andrews, Kathy Clark, Terri Daniels, Denielle Duncan, Jody Greenlaw, Furhait Kashmiri, Rhiannon Lane, Caroline Lane and Mi Ly.

Regrets: Esther Attard

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Item
1. Call to Order	The Animal Care Committee convened at 5:41 p.m. with Denielle Duncan presiding as Chair.	
2. Minutes of the Animal Care Committee Meeting	<p>Moved by Janet Andrews Seconded by Jody Greenlaw</p> <p>That the Minutes from the September 19, 2012 Animal Care Committee be approved as presented; and,</p> <p>That the Minutes from the October 1, 2012 Special Animal Care Committee be approved as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>	
3. Business Arising From the Minutes	<p>A. <u>Living with Wildlife Conference</u></p> <p>It was noted that both Councillor Burke and Christopher Alexander attended the Living with Wildlife Conference and that it was well worth attending.</p> <p>B. <u>Markham's Website</u></p> <p>It was noted that questions that can assist residents when hiring a wildlife specialists are being posted on the website.</p>	<p>Add question suggested by Committee to the list of questions to be posted on the website to assist resident when hiring a wildlife specialist – Christopher Alexander</p>

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	<p>It was requested that the following question be added to the list:</p> <p>Is this your primary business?</p> <p>C. <u>Licensing of Wildlife Specialist</u></p> <p>Staff advised that it will be investigating the possibility of licensing Wildlife Specialist in 2013. A report will be brought forward to the General Committee in the spring of 2013 on this matter. The fee for obtaining a wildlife specialist license would be similar to the fee for obtaining a business license, which is approximately \$225.</p> <p>It was clarified that once wildlife specialists are licensed a list of licensed vendors can be added to the website.</p> <p>It was noted that Brad Gates has offered to provide his assistance in the undertaking of this initiative.</p> <p>It was agreed that the following be added to Markham's website until wildlife specialist are licensed in Markham:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A note guiding residents to the Toronto Wildlife website if they would like more information on wildlife; 2) A link to the Toronto Wildlife website. 	<p>Add link to Toronto Wildlife with note— Christopher Alexander</p>
<p>4. Animal Control Program Update</p>	<p>A. <u>Trap Neuter and Return (TNR) Pilot Project Update</u></p> <p>Christopher Alexander reported that the City will proceed with the trap neutering and returning (TNR) of the feral cats at the IBM site. Denielle Duncan has arranged for local vets to assist with this project and a rescue group has agreed to house the cats while they recover. Any cats that are very tame will be adopted out and all others will be returned to the IBM site.</p>	

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	<p>B. <u>Adoption Update</u></p> <p>No update was provided.</p> <p>C. <u>OSPCA Update</u></p> <p>Christopher Alexander reported that there was a submission by Rob Goddard to run the proposed store front for Markham's Animal Control Services. Mr. Goddard runs a registered charity and already has a store front on Main street Markham. This partnership opportunity is being investigated further by staff.</p> <p>It was noted that there could be push back from local rescue groups regarding the establishment of this partnership.</p>	
<p>5. Events</p>	<p>The Committee agreed to participate in the following events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main Street Markham Christmas Parade (note: Janet Andrews will submit the application form to participate in the parade); • Main Street Unionville Christmas Parade (note: Caroline Lane will look into the possibility of participating in the parade). <p>It was requested that the 2013 Feral Cat Day be added to the next meeting agenda under key dates to remember.</p>	<p>Complete form to be in the Main Street Markham Christmas Parade – Janet Andrews</p> <p>Find out more information about being in the Main Street Unionville Christmas Parade – Caroline Lane</p> <p>Add the 2013 Feral Cat day to the next meeting agenda under key dates to remember – Laura Gold</p>

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6. New Business	<p>A. <u>2014 Fundraising Calendar</u></p> <p>The Committee discussed whether it will produce a 2014 Fundraising Calendar. The Committee asked Christopher Alexander to see if the calendar submissions, the pictures of the pets and the payment can be submitted electronically and to report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>A decision regarding the calendar will be made at the next meeting.</p> <p>B. <u>Wildlife Prevention</u></p> <p>Christopher Alexander reported that the City is requesting funds from the Sustainability Fund to develop a model where geese and humans can live together. The study will look at different options of preventing some of the wildlife conflicts with geese that are currently being experienced in Markham.</p> <p>The Committee advised that habitat modification is the most effective way to prevent wildlife conflicts</p> <p>C. <u>Animal Welfare Taskforce Report</u></p> <p>The Committee briefly reviewed the Animal Welfare Taskforce Report.</p> <p>D. <u>Long Term Visions for Animal Services for Markham</u></p> <p>Christopher Alexander advised that the report “Long Term Visions for Animal Services for Markham” was scheduled to go to the General Committee on October 22, 2012. An email will be sent to the Committee confirming this date.</p> <p>It was questioned when the new contract would be in place. Staff advised that the new contract will ideally be in place by January 2013.</p>	<p>Ask if the calendar submissions, the pictures of the pets and the payment can be submitted electronically -Laura Gold</p> <p>Send email to Committee confirming the date that the report will be brought forward to the General Committee – Christopher Alexander</p>

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	<p>E. <u>OSPCA Statistics</u></p> <p>A Member requested that both the 2010 and the most recent 2012 OSPCA statistics for Markham be posted on the website.</p> <p>F. <u>Pet Logic</u></p> <p>An article on Pet Logic was circulated to the Committee.</p>	<p>Post the 2010 and the most recent 2012 OSPCA statistics onto the website – Christopher Alexander</p>
7. Date of the Next Meeting	November 21, 2012, 5:30 p.m., Ontario Room	
8. Adjournment	The Animal Care Committee adjourned at 6:35 p.m.	