

ANIMAL CARE COMMITTEE

June 15, 2011

ONTARIO ROOM

5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Attendance: Councillor Valerie Burke, Janet Andrews, Terri Daniels, Denielle Duncan, Yasuko Naka, and Laura Gold, Committee Clerk .

Regrets: Caroline Lane and Bernice Royce

Guests: Suzanne Kleinburg, Linda Weir, and Kathy Clark

Item	Discussion	Action Items
1. CALL TO ORDER	The Animal Care Committee was called to order at 5:35 p.m. with Councillor Valerie Burke presiding as Chair	
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES	Moved by Denielle Duncan Seconded by Janet Andrews That the Minutes of the May 18, 2011 Animal Care Committee Meeting be adopted. CARRIED.	
3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES A. Placing a link to the Lost Pets website on the Town's website	The Committee Clerk reported that the Committee needs to request for a link to the Lost Pets Website (http://www.helpinglostpets.com/) to be placed on the Town's website. Moved by Janet Andrews Seconded by Terri Daniels That a link to the Helping Lost Pets website be placed on the Town's website. CARRIED.	Request a link to the Lost Pets website be added to the Town's website – Laura Gold

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B. OSPCA Tour	It was confirmed that the Animal Care Committee tour of the OSPCA has been scheduled for June 24, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. It was noted that the tour was for Members only.	
4. 2011 FUNDRAISING CALENDAR	The Committee requested that the "Fundraising Calendar" remain a permanent agenda item. The Committee Clerk was requested to email an account update. It was noted that all proceeds raised go towards having an Animal Shelter in Markham.	Send a account update to the Animal Care Committee – Laura Gold
5. TNR UPDATE	It was noted that the Town now has eighteen (18) cats registered through its TNR program and that the Town will be issuing a media release on the program.	
6. SHELTER UPDATE	Mr. Bill Wiles, Manager of By-Laws & Enforcement, advised that the request for proposal (RFP) for the Animal Shelter was retracted so that wildlife can be included in the study. It was noted that this is especially important since the urban boundary for Markham has been expanded.	
7. NEW BUSINESS	<p>A. <u>Unionville Festival</u> It was reported that the booth at Unionville Festival was a success other than the fact it was raining.</p> <p>B. <u>Barkham</u> It was noted that Barkham has been booked and confirmed.</p> <p>C. <u>Thornhill Village Festival</u> The Committee will set up a booth at end of Councillor Burke's driveway.</p> <p>D. <u>Milliken Mills Children's Festival</u> The Committee confirmed that it was interested in having a booth at the Milliken Mills Children's Festival on Saturday, September 10, 2011 between 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 pm.</p>	<p>Book a booth at the Milliken Mills Children's Festival – Laura Gold</p> <p>Book a booth at Markham Fair – Laura Gold</p>

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	<p>It planned on organizing an educational colouring activity for children on responsible pet ownership. The Committee Clerk was request to book the booth.</p> <p>E. <u>Stiver Mill Farmers Market</u></p> <p>It was reported that the Committee can obtain free booth space at the Stiver Mill Farmers Market. The Committee was requested to email Councillor Burke possible dates for having a booth at the Stiver Mill Farmers Market.</p> <p>F. <u>Markham Fair</u></p> <p>It was confirmed that the By-Laws Department would share a booth at Markham Fair with the Animal Care Committee. By-Laws staff would promote the Town's TNR program on the weekdays and the Committee would educate the public on animal care and its fundraising calendar on the weekend.</p> <p>G. <u>OSPCA Contract</u></p> <p>Councillor Burke reported that the Town's animal care contract has been temporarily extended so that the it can be brought forward for Council's approval in September. The Committee deferred any further discussion on this item until the fall.</p> <p>H. <u>Wildlife Services</u></p> <p>The Committee requested that Nathalie Karvonen, Executive Director, Toronto Wildlife, be invited to the next meeting to educate the Committee on its wildlife services.</p> <p>I. <u>Shark Fin Soup</u></p> <p>The Committee had a discussion regarding Markham restaurants serving shark fin soup. It was felt that shark fining was both a cruel and unsustainable fishing practice. It was noted some restaurants will place a sustainability logo on its menu so that patrons are aware that it does not support unsustainable fishing practices.</p>	<p>Invite Nathalie Karvonen to the next meeting – Laura Gold</p>

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	<p>Moved by Terri Daniels Seconded by Denielle Duncan</p> <p>That the Animal Care Committee is opposed to shark fin soup; and,</p> <p>Whereas the Animal Care Committee recognizes that shark fining is an unsustainable fishing practice; and,</p> <p>That the Town investigate the practice of shark fining and supporting a ban against businesses serving shark fin soup in Markham; and,</p> <p>That Staff provide an update on their research regarding shark fining to the Committee.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>	
8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING	The next meeting date of the Animal Care Committee will be held on July 20, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.	
9. ADJOURNMENT	The Animal Care Committee adjourned at 6:40 p.m.	