



**PUBLIC MINUTES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL CONTROL**

**November 26, 2015, 11:30 am
Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall**

PRESENT: Ms. D. Bentley, Chair
Councillor Z. Jeffries
Dr. D. Hockley
Ms. A. Ziegler
Dr. M. Powell
Ms. M. Gieni
Dr. S. Neumann

ABSENT: Ms. C. Stinn, Vice-Chair
Dr. E. Hudson

ALSO PRESENT: Open Space Consultant C. Schafer
Solicitor J. Manastyrski
Inspector D. Solie
Ms. E. Alexandrovici, Saskatoon Animal Control Agency
Ms. P. Cameron, Executive Director, Saskatoon SPCA
Committee Assistant D. Sackmann

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: M. Gieni

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: M. Powell

That the minutes of Regular Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Animal Control held on October 22, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Statement of Expenditures (File CK. 1704-5)

The Committee, at its meeting held October 22, 2015, determined to further discuss initiatives related to its 2015 and 2016 budget. Open Space Consultant Schafer advised the Committee that a RFP was issued for the market research project initiative regarding pet licensing and has been awarded to Inshix Research Inc. The market research project cost is higher than initially thought and the Committee is being asked to consider allocating \$12,000.00 from its 2016 budget toward the cost.

The Committee Assistant advised the Committee that Inshix's invoice for its work for 2015 has been received and it is \$846.75 over the approved allocated amount of \$12,000.00.

Moved By: D. Bentley

1. That the Committee continue further discussion on its 2016 Budget and consider allocating further funds to Inshix for the remaining cost associated with the market research initiative in 2016; and
2. That Animal Services pay the overage on the Inshix Research Inc. invoice dated November 25, 2015 in the amount of \$846.75.

CARRIED

5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The Chair put forth the suggestion that the Committee give future consideration to having labels placed on some of the pet scoop bag dispensers located at dog parks advertising the Advisory Committee on Animal Control's name. This could serve as a marketing tool for the Committee.

Moved By: M. Gieni

That the information be received.

CARRIED

6. COMMUNICATIONS

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

7.1 Report of Open Space Consultant (File CK. 151-18)

Open Space Consultant Schafer provided the Committee with the number of pet licenses issued over the past five years and a handout of the statistics was circulated. Statistics indicate that there has been a drop in both the licensing of cats and dogs from 2010 to 2015. The intent of the research marketing project initiative is to help market the licensing program. Inshtrix's report is to be completed by February 2016 at which time it will be presented to the Committee.

Open Space Consultant Schafer will update the Committee in early 2016 to the feasibility of multi-year licensing.

Moved By: M. Powell

That the information be received.

CARRIED

7.2 Court Report - Animal Control Bylaw Prosecutions (File CK. 435-17)

The Committee Assistant distributed Court Reports - Animal Control Bylaw Prosecutions for the months of September and October 2015.

Solicitor Manastyrski was in attendance and reviewed the submitted reports with the Committee.

Moved By: D. Hockley

That the information be received.

CARRIED

8. ANIMAL IMPOUNDING SERVICES - STATISTICS (File CK. 435-6)

The Committee reviewed the animal impounding services statistics for October 2015. It was noted that having cats and dogs spayed/neutered positively impacts animal control.

Moved By: A. Ziegler

That the information be received.

CARRIED

9. RESPONSIBLE MULTI-PET HOUSEHOLDS (File CK. 151-1)

Moved By: D. Bentley

That the matter be deferred to the January 28, 2016 meeting.

CARRIED

10. Pet Licencing (CK. File 151-17)

Members of the Animal Control Advisory Committee were asked to consider the following: "What are we trying to accomplish with pet licenses?"

Discussion revolved around some of the advantages and disadvantages of licensing pets. Advantages include the safe return of pets to their owners and; the Saskatoon Animal Control Agency maintains a database on owners/pets; however, there seems to be little recognition for licensing. Suggestions were made to provide incentives like reduction of fees for continual licensing; value has to be added to the program, licensing should not be viewed as being punitive.

The Committee asked the Administration to obtain information on the revenue generated by the licensing program, revenue allocation, administrative costs of running the program, and the reason(s) for establishing the bylaw.

Moved By: D. Bentley

That the information be received.

CARRIED

11. COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE (File CK. 175-9)

That the following meeting dates for the Advisory Committee on Animal Control for 2016 be approved:

- January 28
- February 25
- March 24
- April 28
- May 26
- June 23
- September 15
- November 24

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Ms. D. Bentley, Chair

D. Sackmann, Committee Assistant