



PUBLIC MINUTES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL CONTROL

May 25, 2017, 11:30 a.m.

Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall

PRESENT: Ms. A. Ziegler, Chair
Ms. B. Ashwin
Dr. T. Shury
Ms. K. Shymko
Ms. J. Thomson

ABSENT: Dr. K. Sheehan, Vice-Chair
Dr. B. Couperthwaite
Dr. D. Hockley
Dr. E. Hudson
Councillor Z. Jeffries

ALSO PRESENT: Committee Assistant D. Sackmann

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: T. Shury

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: B. Ashwin

That the minutes of meeting of the Advisory Committee on Animal Control held April 27, 2017, be approved.

CARRIED

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR [CK. 225-9]

- The Western College of Veterinary Medicine will be providing a replacement representative for Dr. D. Hockley.
- The Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association has appointed Dr. B. Couperwaite as its representative due to the passing of Dr. M. Powell.
- The 2016 Annual Report is being presented to the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development & Community Services on May 29, 2016 the Chair will be in attendance to answer questions.

Ms. B. Ashwin shared with the Committee her attending a presentation on "The Link: Interpersonal Violence and Abuse and Animal Safekeeping". The report presented was prepared for Saskatchewan Towards Offering Partnership Solutions (STOPS) to Violence and Saskatchewan Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. It offers important knowledge regarding the barriers for individuals leaving situations involving interpersonal violence and abuse, who have concern for animal care and safekeeping. The full report can be accessed on the Saskatchewan SPCA website.

Moved By: K. Shymko

That the information be received.

CARRIED

6. COMMUNICATIONS

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

7.1 Report of Open Space Consultant [CK. 151-18]

Open Space Consultant Schafer was in attendance and updated the Committee on the following:

- Cat Show on June 4, 2017 will be cancelled due to lack of registration.
- Cat Cafe being held on June 25, 2017 will be hosted by the Saskatoon SPCA, the City of Saskatoon will partner-up on this event.
- Avalon Dog Park is currently undergoing an expansion. The upgrade includes an expansion to the west of the existing Dog Park and will be wheelchair accessible throughout the park.
- Paul Mostoway Dog Park located in Hampton Village is set to be completed in fall 2017.

- Dog Bite Subcommittee met to discuss strategies such as: billboards, give aways, hiring a videographer for Pets in the Park, and market research regarding the public's knowledge about dog bites. The time frame being consider for this is June to September.

It was advised that a preliminary budget should be put forth to the Committee for any initiatives forthcoming in order to help them allocate funds appropriately and that the Subcommittees provide the Committee at its June meeting their preliminary budget requirements.

Moved By: T. Shury

That the information be received.

CARRIED

7.2 Court Report - Animal Control Bylaw Prosecutions [CK. 435-17]

Solicitor Manastryski was in attendance and reviewed the submitted report with the Committee. In 2017, fines collected and charges have seen a slight decrease compared to 2016. The difference in numbers comes from dogs with no license and dogs at large. It was noted that a dog attack charge does not have to involve injury to be a charge.

Moved By: J. Thomson

That the information be received.

CARRIED

8. ANIMAL IMPOUNDING SERVICES - STATISTICS [CK. 435-6]

It was noted that Ms. Cameron was not in attendance.

The Chair reviewed the April 2017 statistics with the Committee. Overall the stats in most categories have increased in 2017 from 2016. It was noted that there is an error in the total amount of animals returned to owner it should read 77 not 55. Ms. Alexandrovici commented that typically more cats than dogs are brought into the shelter.

The Committee Assistant undertook to contact Ms. Cameron with the request to have the Saskatoon SPCA provide information pertaining to animal disposition after intake.

Moved By: B. Ashwin

That the information be received.

CARRIED

9. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES [CK. 1704-5]

A current Statement of Expenditures was submitted for the Committee's review. Discussion followed revolving around the Subcommittees coming back to the Committee as a whole with proposals for upcoming initiatives and funding requests to support those initiatives. It was determined that at the Committee's June meeting the allocation of funds could be dealt with.

Moved By: K. Shymko

That the information be received.

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Ms. A. Ziegler, Chair

Ms. D. Sackmann, Committee Assistant