



## PUBLIC MINUTES

### ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL CONTROL

April 27, 2017, 11:30 a.m.

Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall

PRESENT: Ms. A. Ziegler, Chair  
Dr. K. Sheehan, Vice-Chair  
Ms. B. Ashwin  
Dr. E. Hudson  
Ms. K. Shymko  
Ms. J. Thomson

ABSENT: Dr. B. Couperthwaite  
Dr. D. Hockley  
Councillor Z. Jeffries  
Dr. T. Shury

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. E. Alexandrovici, Saskatoon Animal Control Agency  
Open Space Consultant C. Schafer  
Solicitor J. Manastyrski  
Pest Management Supervisor J. Boone  
Inspector L. Lafreniere  
Committee Assistant D. Sackmann

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

#### 2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

**Moved By:** E. Hudson

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

**CARRIED**

#### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

**Moved By:** K. Shymko

That the minutes of meeting of the Advisory Committee on Animal Control held on March 23, 2017, be approved.

**CARRIED**

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

The Committee at its meeting held March 23, 2017 approved the submission of the 2016 Annual Report; not included in the report at the time were the 2016 Bite Statistics prepared by Public Health. Ms. Kristin Shymko, Public Health was in attendance and reviewed with the Committee the submitted statistics. Discussion ensued.

**Moved By:** B. Ashwin

1. That the information be received; and
2. That the 2016 Bite Statistics be approved and submitted as Attachment 2 of the 2016 Annual Report to City Council through the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development & Community Services.

**CARRIED**

**6. COMMUNICATIONS**

**7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

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

Open Space Consultant Schafer provided the following update:

- Counters for the Dog Parks are scheduled to be installed at the parks from May to October. The counters were having issues with frosting on the panes during the winter months. Animal Services will now only use the counters during the summer months.
- Avalon Park is scheduled to begin its expansion to the west of the existing dog park in 2017.
- Paul Mostoway Park started in November 2016 will be opening in fall of 2017.
- Animal Services receives frequent calls regarding dogs not being permitted on playgrounds as stated in *The Animal Control Bylaw, 1999*.

Solicitor Manastryski commented that the Solicitor's Office has taken a look at the Bylaw and feels it is clear.

The Committee discussed that a play area is usually determined by where the sand and play structures are located to the grass area. A dog can be on its leash in the vicinity, but not in this sandy area. Ms. Alexandrovici commented that SACA patrols this and will advise individuals that they need to stay outside this perimeter and watch their children from there. Signage at the City parks was also discussed; and although this prevents some people from breaking the Bylaw it does not prevent everyone. Animal Services will look into options for a marketing awareness campaign including the possibility of having this information placed in the Pet Wellness Brochure.

**Moved By:** J. Thomson

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

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

Solicitor Manastryski reviewed the submitted March 2017 Court Report with the Committee noting the overall increase in both offences and fines from 2016 to 2017.

**Moved By:** K. Shymko

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

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

The Committee Assistant submitted the March 2017 statistics for the Committee's information.

It was noted that Ms. Cameron, Executive Director, Saskatoon SPCA was not in attendance.

The Chair briefly reviewed the statistics with the Committee noting they were mostly self-explanatory. The Committee expressed interest in obtaining information from the Saskatoon SPCA on what happens to the animals after intake are they claimed, euthanized, adopted, etc.

**Moved By:** E. Hudson

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**9. CAT OVERPOPULATION AWARENESS SUBCOMMITTEE [CK. 151-5]**

At its meeting held on March 23, 2017 the Committee resolved to establish a Subcommittee to explore and provide feedback on the importance of cat overpopulation.

The Subcommittee advised that cat overpopulation is an issue. It reviewed the 2012 report from the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies regarding cat overpopulation crisis and discussed with the Committee some of the recommendations that were put forth in the report, these include: empower/raise awareness; trap/neuter/return programs; subsidized spay/neuter; and humane education. The Subcommittee feels this initiative may require considerable time and resources to address the issue. The Subcommittee requested further time to define its specific goals and course of action. Currently, no Committee funding has been allocated to this initiative.

Mr. Boone excused himself from the meeting at 12:33 p.m.

The Committee determined that it would be beneficial to the Subcommittee to have the Cat Coalition, which is comprised of community stakeholders, act as advisers and that forging a relationship will provide opportunities for information sharing.

**Moved By:** B. Ashwin

1. That the information be received; and
2. That the Subcommittee on Cat Overpopulation Awareness update the Committee at an appropriate future date.

**CARRIED**

**10. DOG BITE SUBCOMMITTEE [CK. 151-7]**

The Committee, in part, resolved at its meeting held April 28, 2016 to re-establish a Subcommittee on Bite Awareness Campaign to explore ways of providing educational information and creating public awareness regarding bite awareness.

The Subcommittee discussed its initiative regarding the creation of the "Good Dogs Bite Too" pamphlet, which was presented to the Committee in November

2016 and it was determined that although this specific initiative is completed the need remains for the existence of the Subcommittee.

Solicitor Manastyrski excused herself from the meeting at 12:36 p.m.

The Subcommittee determined to meet to brain storm ideas for other initiatives and discuss possible funding and bring back its findings to the Committee for further direction. Committee members were given the opportunity to join the Subcommittee and Ms. Ashwin volunteered to join.

The members are as follows:

- Jill Thomson
- Kristin Shymko
- Bev Ashwin
- Eva Alexandrovici
- Chelsie Schafer

**Moved By:** K. Shymko

1. That the information be received; and
2. That the Subcommittee continue to update the Committee as appropriate.

**CARRIED**

#### **11. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES [CK. 1704-5]**

The Committee Assistant submitted a current Statement of Expenditures for the Committee's review. The Committee asked Open Space Consultant Schafer to confirm that all expenses associated with the "Good Dogs Bite Too" campaign have been submitted. The Committee determined that once it has a better idea of what the Subcommittees' initiatives are then funding can be allocated.

**Moved By:** J. Thomson

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

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Ms. A. Ziegler, Chair

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Ms. D. Sackmann, Committee Assistant