

Agenda

Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

5th Meeting of the Animal Welfare Advisory Group
May 3, 2018, 5:00 PM
Committee Room #4

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1. Call to Order	
1.1 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest	
2. Scheduled Items	
2.1 5:00 PM Lynn Loubert, Division Manager Aquatics Arenas & Parks Operations re Proposed Amendments to the Parks and Recreation By-law	
2.2 5:30 PM – Representative, Rapid Transit with respect to Tree Trimming Protocols along the proposed Bus Rapid Transit Routes	
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Next meeting: June 7, 2018



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April 11, 2018

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Land Use Regulations Officer, Upper Thames River Conservation Authority

S. Mathers
Director - Water and Wastewater

D. Gough
Division Manager, Stormwater Engineering

J. Spence
Manager, Urban Forestry

I hereby certify that the Municipal Council, at its meeting held on April 10, 2018 resolved:

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 3rd Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee from its meeting held on March 1, 2018:

- a) the Director, Water and Wastewater, the Acting Division Manager, Stormwater Engineering and B. Verscheure, Land Use Regulations Officer, Upper Thames River Conservation Authority, BE INVITED to attend the next Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) meeting to advise the AWAC on the actions relating to the beaver lodge destruction in West London, including but not limited to, the jurisdiction over the waterway in order to assess how to better protect species at risk in these circumstances and how the AWAC might assist affected residents;
- b) the Manager, Urban Forestry, BE REQUESTED to advise the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee of the following, with respect to the tree trimming protocols being prepared:
 - i) an update on the status of the proposed tree trimming protocols;
 - ii) whether or not the proposed protocols will apply to the trees being removed along the proposed Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) routes; and,
 - iii) if the proposed protocols apply to trees being removed along the BRT route, whether or not the proposed protocol will be communicated to the personnel contracted to remove the trees along the BRT route;
- c) the matter of educating dog owners of the risks of their dogs contracting dog influenza BE INCORPORATED into the 2018 Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) Work Plan; it being noted that the AWAC heard a presentation from K. Ashe, with respect to this matter; and,
- d) clauses 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8 BE RECEIVED.(2.4/7/CPSC)

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Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

Report

4th Meeting of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee
April 5, 2018
Committee Room #4

Attendance PRESENT: W. Brown (Chair), K. Ashe, A. Cheng, H. de Hoog, A-M. Evans, M. Gelinas, A. Hayes, P. Lystar, M. Morris, E. Nicholas and H. Lysynski (Acting Secretary)

REGRETS: D. Simpson and M. Toplack

ALSO PRESENT: R. Oke

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM

1. Call to Order

1.1 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

2. Scheduled Items

2.1 5:00 PM - Mary Shepherd - Animals in Cars during the Summer Months

That a public awareness campaign, related to animals in cars, BE INCORPORATED into the 2018 Animal Welfare Advisory Committee Work Plan; it being noted the campaign would include some/all of the following:

- educating the public about not leaving animals in cars during the summer, even for a few minutes, including, but not limited to, a media blitz and getting information to all households;
- approaching the London Police Services Board, the OSPCA and the London Humane Society to determine their policies and practices;
- approaching Councillors and rescue agencies with a request to put the information on facebook and twitter; and,

getting the message out that an animal only has minutes if left in a hot car and immediate action is required;

it being noted hat the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee heard a verbal presentation from M. Shepherd, with respect to this matter.

3. Consent

3.1 3rd Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 3rd Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on March 1, 2018 was received.

3.2 Municipal Council Resolution - Appointment of Members to the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on March 6, 2018 with respect to appointments to the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee was received.

4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

4.1 Wildlife and Companion Animal Sub-Committee

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee heard a verbal presentation from W. Brown, Chair, Wildlife and Companion Animal Sub-Committee.

5. Items for Discussion

5.1 Beaver Lodge Discussion

That the actions relating to the beaver lodge destruction in West London BE REFERRED to the Wildlife and Companion Animals Sub-Committee to prepare questions for the upcoming delegations with respect to this matter.

5.2 Green Standards for Light Pollution and Bird Friendly Development Guidelines

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee heard a verbal presentation from W. Brown, with respect to the Green Standards for Light Pollution and Bird Friendly Development Guidelines that were presented at the Planning and Environment Committee on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 as a part of the 4th Report of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee (EEPAC), on behalf of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee and the Advisory Committee on the Environment.

6. Deferred Matters/Additional Business

6.1 (ADDED) Animal Welfare Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) Terms of Reference BE PLACED on the next Agenda to allow the AWAC to review its composition.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

HUMANE URBAN WILDLIFE CONFLICT POLICY: FORESTRY OPERATIONS WILDLIFE PROTOCOL

June 2016

City of London

Version: 1.0

Why have a protocol?

To successfully implement the City's Humane Urban Wildlife Conflict Policy. Specific protocols are required to address potential human wildlife conflicts. This protocol will allow for tree care and to mitigate risk to property, people and the environment while balancing the various needs of wildlife inhabitants in trees.



Primary Goals of the Protocol

The protocol attempts to balance the following goals:

- Respect and protect wildlife in their natural habitat;
- Protect critical infrastructure;
- Protect people and property and mitigate risk.

Protocol

After conducting a visual inspection of the tree is there a net negative impact on the "Primary Goals"?

If No: No direct action required – proceed with work.

If Yes:

- 1) In cases where wildlife is visually present following an inspection but the tree needs pruning or removal, staff will cease work until nesting period is over and the wildlife has left.
- 2) In cases where wildlife is visually present following an inspection but the tree is assessed as an immediate risk, staff will report the conditions to the Forestry Supervisor.
- 3) Following step 2 if the work cannot be delayed. Pre-stressing will be used to encourage wildlife to leave the site.

Governing Principle

Generally, the safest and most operationally feasible method for managing wildlife in trees is to leave a mixture of live and dead standing trees in clumped distribution. Tree health care depends on an active pruning cycle. Boulevard or 'Street trees' require additional attention because of their proximity to public and private infrastructure.

Commonly Encountered Species known to nest in trees

<u>TIME OF YEAR</u>	RISK OF ENCOUNTERING NESTING BIRDS	ACTION BY ARBORIST
September to March	LOW	Unlikely that nesting birds will be encountered, however, should this happen work to be stopped on the subject tree and Supervisor to be notified.
Mid April and Late August	MODERATE	Complete site specific risk assessment, work as normal but be aware of increased risk of nesting birds. If encountered, stop and notify Supervisor.
May -July	HIGH	Complete site specific risk assessment it should be anticipated that birds will be nesting during this period, be vigilant during operations and when nesting birds are encountered stop all works on the subject tree and notify Supervisor.

<u>TIME OF YEAR</u>	Risk of encountering nesting Squirrels	ACTION BY ARBORIST
January—February July-August	MODERATE	Complete site specific risk assessment, work as normal but be aware of increased risk of nesting squirrels. If encountered, stop and notify Supervisor.

Continuous Improvement

The protocol will be reconsidered and brought back to Council by the end of 2018 following implementation and training. Going forward, any significant changes to the protocol will be reported back to the various stakeholders and Council prior to implementation.

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HABITAT IN PROGRESS

This tree has been preserved
For wildlife habitat and
to provide a place for
many species to thrive.

This valued natural
structure may offer a
place for foraging,
temperature regulation,
protection from predators,
nesting and a place to raise young.



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Animal Welfare Advisory Committee
Terms of Reference

Role

While it is the legislative mandate of the Municipal Council to make the final decision on all matters that affect the Municipality, the role of an advisory committee is to provide recommendations, advice and information to the Municipal Council on those specialized matters which relate to the purpose of the advisory committee, to facilitate public input to City Council on programs and ideas and to assist in enhancing the quality of life of the community, in keeping with the Municipal Council's Strategic Plan principles. Advisory committees shall conduct themselves in keeping with the policies set by the Municipal Council pertaining to advisory committees, and also in keeping with the Council Procedure By-law.

Mandate

The Animal Welfare Advisory Committee reports to the Municipal Council through the Community and Protective Services Committee. The mandate of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee is to advise the Municipal Council on issues relating to animal welfare within the City of London by conducting research, reporting on findings and making recommendations to the Municipal Council on issues relating to animal welfare for domestic animals, urban wildlife and animals for use in entertainment. Farm animals do not, however, fall within the mandate of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee.

Issues and initiatives relating to animal welfare within the City of London include animal control legislation (municipal, provincial and federal); licensing and other fees; public education and awareness programs; off-leash dog parks; adoption programs; spay/neuter programs; feral cats; discussing and understanding animals in entertainment; and enforcement.

Typical duties of the Advisory Committee would include:

- advising on issues and concerns faced by animals within the City of London;
- advising on opportunities that have been identified within the community to improve animal welfare;
- advising, consulting and reporting findings and recommendations on matters from within the City of London and other jurisdictions that directly relate to the mandate of the Advisory Committee;
- reviewing and making recommendations to the Public Safety Committee on solutions to improve animal welfare in the City of London;
- supporting, encouraging and being a resource to the Municipal Council and the Civic Administration; and
- serving as a forum for the exchange of information on initiatives and issues involving the various organizations that deal with animals in the City of London, the pet owners that have responsibilities for these animals, Londoners that must harmonize their daily activities with urban wildlife and London businesses that may have a role to play in fostering increased animal welfare activities.

Composition

Voting Members:

A maximum of eighteen voting members consisting of:

One representative from each of the following five specific organizations:

- Citizens for Companion Animals
- Friends of Captive Animals
- London Dog Owners Association
- London Humane Society
- London Veterinarian Association
- Urban League of London

One representative from each of the following general categories:

- Wildlife Rehabilitator, including naturalists with either educational credentials or active involvement with wildlife through an organization
- Animal Rescue Group
- Veterinarian or Veterinary Technician
- Local Pet Shop Owner
- 8 Members-at-Large

Non-Voting Resource Group:

One representative of each of the following will be available to attend the Advisory Committee's meetings when necessary:

- Planning, Environmental & Engineering Services Department-Engineering
- Planning, Environmental & Engineering Services Department-Planning
- Community Services Department
- Middlesex-London Health Unit
- Upper Thames River Conservation Authority
- Ministry of Natural Resources
- Two secondary school student representatives

Sub-committees and Working Groups

The Advisory Committee may form sub-committees and working groups as may be necessary to address specific issues; it being noted that the City Clerk's Office does not provide secretariat support to these sub-committees or groups. These sub-committees and working groups shall draw upon members from the Advisory Committee as well as outside resource members as deemed necessary. The Chair of a sub-committee and/or working group shall be a voting member of the Advisory Committee.

Term of Office

Appointments to advisory committees shall be for a four-year term, commencing March 1 of the first year of a Council term and ending on February 28 or, in the case of a leap year, February 29 of the first year of the following Council term.

Appointment Policies

Appointments shall be in keeping with Council Policy.

Qualifications

Members shall be chosen for their special expertise, experience, dedication and commitment to the mandate of the Committee. Interested candidates will have the necessary membership, experience, credentials and interest relative to the organization or category that they represent, including, but not limited to:

- a range of background experience operating a domestic animal kennel, a veterinarian clinic, animal rescue program, breeding operation or pet supply store;
- experience with the unique nature of urban wildlife and its associated needs;
- a keen interest in animal welfare within the City of London;
- regard for the interest of all citizens, respecting that there are very diverse views on animal welfare;
- a commitment to working with all parties, including the Municipal Council, to develop a common approach which is reasonable and practical and considers the interests of all parties;
- a knowledge and understanding of legislation applicable to animals; and,
- the ability to commit the required time to effectively carry out the Advisory Committee's mandate.

Conduct

The conduct of Advisory Committee members shall be in keeping with Council Policy.

Meetings

Meetings shall be once monthly at a date and time set by the City Clerk in consultation with the advisory committee. Length of meetings shall vary depending on the agenda. Meetings of working groups that have been formed by the Advisory Committee may meet at any time and at any location and are in addition to the regular meetings of the Advisory Committee.

Remuneration

Advisory committee members shall serve without remuneration.