

Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

Report

7th Meeting of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee
August 1, 2019
Committee Room #4

Attendance PRESENT: P. Lystar(Chair), M. Blosh, A. Hames, A. Hayes, S. James, M. Toplack; and P. Shack (Secretary)

REGRETS: W. Brown and M. Szabo

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

1. Call to Order

1.1 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

2. Scheduled Items

None.

3. Consent

3.1 6th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 6th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on July 4, 2019, was received.

3.2 S. Walters - Resignation

That it BE NOTED that a communication dated July 4, 2019, from S. Walters with respect to his resignation from the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, was received.

4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

That it BE NOTED that a general discussion was held with respect to the sub-committee activities.

5. Items for Discussion

5.1 Regional Facility (RF) Zone - Variation 2 By-law - Request for amendment to exclude zoos

That it BE NOTED that a verbal presentation from G. Barrett, Manager, Long Range Planning and Research with respect to the Regional Facility Zone-Variation 2 By-law, was received; it being noted that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee held a general discussion with respect to the above matter.

5.2 Chaining/Tethering (Dogs & Cats)

The Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) held a general discussion with respect to the Chaining/Tethering of Dogs and Cats, and that it BE REFERRED to the sub-committee working group to report back to AWAC.

5.3 London Animal Control Centre

That the following action be taken with respect to the request for reporting of the small animal statistics from London Animal Control Centre; that Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to amend the public reporting of London Animal Control Centre to include specific numbers on each species of animal intake and outcome; it being further noted that the attached communication R. Oke, Animal Welfare Coordinator with respect to the above matter, was received.

5.4 2019 Work Plan

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee held a general discussion with respect to the 2019 Work Plan.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

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Attendance PRESENT: P. Lystar(Chair), W. Brown, A. Hames, A. Hayes, S. James, M. Szabo, M. Toplack; and P. Shack (Secretary)

REGRETS: M. Blosch, S. Walters

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

1. Call to Order

1.1 Orientation

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee heard a verbal presentation from M. Schulthess, Deputy City Clerk, with respect to an Advisory Committee orientation.

1.2 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

1.3 Election of Chair and Vice Chair for the term ending November 30, 2019

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee elected P. Lystar and W. Brown as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, for the term ending November 30, 2019.

2. Scheduled Items

None.

3. Consent

3.1 4th and 5th Reports of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 4th and 5th Reports of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, from its meetings held on April 4, 2019 and May 2, 2019, were received.

4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee held a general discussion with respect to the role of the sub-committee.

5. Items for Discussion

None.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

From: Sean Walters
Sent: Thursday, July 04, 2019 4:54 PM
To: Shack, Pat
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bailing

Hey Pat

Sean Walters here.

I apologize for the late notice, but I'm bailing from the committee. Sorry.

Please dont reply to this email.

Regional Facility (RF) Zone - Variation 2 By-law

SECTION 31

REGIONAL FACILITY (RF) ZONE

31.1 GENERAL PURPOSE OF THE RF ZONE

This zone provides for and regulates large institutional type facilities which serve a regional function. These uses are primarily large scale, attracting large numbers of people on a regular basis, and may create impacts on adjacent land uses. The recognition of special regional facilities and provision of secondary uses in the Regional Facility (RF) Zone are dealt with through a number of zone variations and special provisions.

RF(2) Area bounded by Rectory Street, Dundas Street, Egerton Street and the Canadian National Railway tracks.

a) Additional Permitted Uses:

- i) Uses and facilities of the Western Fair Association and accessory uses. (Z.-1-01904)



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AWAC Meeting of August 1, 2019

AWAC Agenda Item - 5.3 London Animal Control Centre

Request for information/report regarding small animal statistics.

This document was prepared to accompany Shelter Activity Statistics provided for Small Animals:

- London Animal Care Centre operating as the municipal pound and shelter is the only “open” facility in London. “Open” mandates acceptance of all stray domestic animals regardless of age, condition, health, and behaviour, or shelter space. This differentiates a pound from other shelters and rescues.
- The City of London in 2017, hired a Veterinarian (now under contract) which is separate and apart from the municipal pound/shelter contract. The Veterinarian does daily rounds (Monday through Friday) and monitors all animals coming into the pound/shelter. All medical determinations, medical treatment and euthanasia is determined by the Veterinarian in accordance with the CVO, Veterinarian Act, OMAFRA, etc., and in the best interest of the animals' wellbeing.
- Housing of small/exotic animals is somewhat limited. The shelter has the supplies and space to house almost any animal on a short-term basis. Over 90% of the small animals arriving at the pound/shelter are rabbits, and most of these appear to be owned animals that people have abandoned. There is no stray holding period for these animals, so they are fast tracked through the shelter as quickly as possible. They are spay/neutered and treated before going to PetSmart locations for adoption. Since rabbit S/N takes twice as long to complete as cats, the City is not in the position to open up London Animal Shelter Services (LASS) to Low Income rabbit owners, or rescues that foster rabbits
- LASS is stocked with medications to care for exotic animals (different antibiotics, pain meds, etc.).

Since the City of London opened LASS, and hired a Veterinarian holding a degree in shelter medicine, the program has been able to provide an enhanced level of care for all pound/shelter animals, not just cats and dogs.

If you know of a rescue(s) that wish to assist with small animal housing please have them connect with:

Ron Oke – Animal Welfare Coordinator, City of London, at 519-661-2489 ext. 7368, or by email animalservices@london.ca or roke@london.ca

Thanks – Ron Oke

Other Domestic Animal Intake and Outcome Report from 01/01/18 to 12/31/18

Shelter Inventory as of 01/01/2018

Bird	Fowl	Other	Rabbit	Reptile	Rodent	Swine	Total
0	0	0	3	1	2	0	6

Shelter Inventory as of 12/31/2018

Bird	Fowl	Other	Rabbit	Reptile	Rodent	Swine	Total
0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5

Intakes From 1/1/2018 to 12/31/2018

	Bird	Fowl	Other	Rabbit	Reptile	Rodent	Swine	Total
Stray and Confined Animals	13	10	1	42	6	8	1	81
Total Intake	13	10	1	42	6	8	1	81

Outcomes from 01/01/18 to 12/31/18

Animals already deceased before coming into LACC care are excluded from outcomes.

	Bird	Fowl	Other	Rabbit	Reptile	Rodent	Swine	Total
Adoption	9	0	0	30	2	9	0	50
Claim	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	5
Died	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	3
Euth-Cond Sever	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Euth-III Severe	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Euth-Inj Severe	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	3
Missing	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Release	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
RTO	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Transfer-Res Inlo	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Transfer-Res Outlo	0	3	0	4	4	0	1	12
Total	13	10	1	40	7	10	1	82

Other Domestic Animal Intake and Outcome Report from 01/01/19 to 07/31/19

Shelter Inventory as of 01/01/2019

Bird	Fowl	Goat/She	Rabbit	Reptile	Rodent	Total
0	0	0	5	0	0	5

Shelter Inventory as of 07/31/2019

Bird	Fowl	Goat/She	Rabbit	Reptile	Rodent	Total
1	0	0	3	0	0	4

Intakes From 1/1/2019 to 7/31/2019

	Bird	Fowl	Goat/She	Rabbit	Reptile	Rodent	Total
Stray and Confined Animals	9	4	1	67	1	29	111
Total Intake	9	4	1	67	1	29	111

Outcomes from 01/01/19 to 07/31/19

Animals already deceased before coming into LACC care are excluded from outcomes.

	Bird	Fowl	Goat/She	Rabbit	Reptile	Rodent	Total
Adoption	5	0	0	45	0	18	68
Claim	1	1	0	2	0	0	4
Died	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Euth-III Severe	0	0	0	4	0	0	4
Euth-Inj Severe	1	1	0	4	0	0	6
Euth-Time/Space	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
Euth-Undrage/Wt	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Transfer-LHS	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
Transfer-Res Inlo	0	1	0	1	1	0	3
Transfer-Res Outlo	0	0	1	12	0	0	13
Total	8	4	1	69	1	29	112

Activity	Background	Responsibility	Timeline	Proposed Budget	Strategic Plan Alignment
Animal Care Services - Potential Service Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The AWAC will research best practices in other municipalities including new initiatives, processes and products for enhanced service provision, promote licensing, return to owner, adoption etc. and provide updates to Civic Administration and Municipal Council to assist with possible new initiatives. The AWAC will research design strategies for reducing conflict and increase safety for dogs/owners using dog parks. AWAC will provide recommendations to civic administration and municipal council guided by research findings. Develop educational materials (in cooperation with Civic Administration) to provide the community with information about caring for domestic and companion animals. (eg choosing the right animal, care of pets, safety, etc) Host a booth for “Go Wild, Grow Wild” in 2019 to educate and disseminate educational materials. 	<p>AWAC Working Group</p> <p>London Dog Owners Association</p>	Ongoing		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening Communities, Caring and Compassionate Services, 3.E Healthy, Safe, 5.F
Creation of a list of allowable species in the City and a restriction on the sources and sales for specific species (domestic and exotic) from retail stores	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The AWAC will research the practices of other municipalities with respect to restrictions on the sales of specific species from retail stores. These actions would assist with minimizing the local ecological impacts of potential invasive species and the global ecological impact by sourcing species from other countries. (Completed) As well this would alleviate the pressure on rescue organizations and animal services. (Completed) Additionally these actions could improve the welfare of many animals.(Completed) 	AWAC Working Group	Ongoing		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening Communities, Caring and Compassionate Services, 3.E

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Civic Administration to develop a positive list of animals allowed in the City. (Completed) • AWAC to be available to provide support, and input as needed as it relates to the Business Licensing of Pet Stores Bylaw recommendations endorsed by City Council. 				
Living With Wildlife – Resources for the Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research best practices to promote peaceful co-existence with wildlife and in accordance with the Humane Urban Wildlife Conflict Policy. • Develop awareness strategies and educational materials to provide the community. • Host a booth for “Go Wild, Grow Wild” in 2019 to educate and disseminate educational materials. 	AWAC Working Group	Ongoing		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening Communities, Health, Safe 3.E, 5.F • Building Sustainable City Strong Healthy Environment 3.C
Living With Domestic Animals – Resources for the Community	MOVED TO ANIMAL CARE SERVICES – POTENTIAL SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS	AWAC Working Group	2018		
Development of a Communication Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the local Libraries and school boards to distribute wildlife and companion animal educational awareness strategies and materials. • Work with Civic Administration to distribute wildlife and companion animal educational awareness strategies and materials online and at city facilities. 	AWAC Working Group	Ongoing		
Wildlife Control Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Civic Administration to ensure that tenders be awarded to service providers based on their compliance with the City of London’s Humane Urban Wildlife Conflict Policy. • Follow up with city staff regarding tree trimming protocols endorsed by the city to understand what outcomes have been implemented. AWAC to offer to provide input and support if needed. Provide education and incentives to London residents regarding strategies for reducing bird window strikes using a variety of media and public awareness platforms such as “Go Wild Grow Wild” expo. 	AWAC Working Group	Ongoing		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening Communities, Health, Safe 3.E

Travelling Zoos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By-law recommendations regarding travelling zoos 		Ongoing		
Animals in Cars During Summer Months – Public Awareness Campaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Work with local businesses to allow people to bring pets into the business. 	AWAC Working Group	Ongoing		
Bird Friendly Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up with any ongoing work. • Potentially partner with other Advisory Committees. 				
COMPLETED ITEMS:					
Bird Friendly Guidelines as it relates to urban design and development and light pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with EEPAC and ACE to create recommendations for the development of a policy with respect to urban design and development as it relates to glass applications and light pollution for reducing migratory bird deaths. • Provide research of current practices in other municipalities with respect to window treatments and lighting and dark skies initiatives • This will assist in reducing bird strikes and bird mortality and prevent disruption of migration. • Continue to work with EEPAC and ACE to bring recommendations to Civic Administration and City Council. AWAC recommends assisting and supporting city staff and Civic Administration to effectively implement recommendations for urban design and development regarding light 	AWAC Working Group	2018	COMPLETED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening Communities, Health, Safe 3.E 5.F • Building Sustainable City Strong Healthy Environment 3.C • Growing our Economy 2. Urban Regeneration, C Building a Sustainable City, 4.C

	pollution and glass applications for reducing migratory bird deaths.				
Springbank Dam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Civic Administration throughout the EA process and beyond to make recommendations to protect Species at Risk, Habitat and Environment. 	AWAC Working Group	Ongoing	COMPLETED	
Municipal Coyote Resource	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate opportunities for Coyote Watch Canada to work with the Municipality and community stakeholders to develop a resource to support the community to effectively deal with coyote's in the urban community and to support the Humane Wildlife Conflict Policy. • Provide the public and media with accurate coyote information, education and safety guidelines to effectively enhance a sustainable approach while minimizing human and wildlife conflict. Highlighting a Wildlife Strategy Framework (WSF). The four cornerstones of the WSF are Investigation, Education, Prevention and Enforcement. A WSF encourages and supports community wildlife resiliency and presents successful, non-lethal alternatives that are available to every community that are long term, cost effective and that promote safety for children, wildlife and family pets. Coexisting with wildlife and meeting the challenges that are occurring in a community warrant a commitment from all stakeholders. 	AWAC Working Group	2018		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening Communities, Health, Safe, 3.E, 5.F
Exemption to the current by-law limit for Class 4 Companion Animals, Class 5 Animals, Class 6 Animals and Tortoises for Rescue Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research the feasibility of an exemption to the current by-law limit for Class 4 companion animals, Class 5 and Class 6 animals and tortoises in authorized rescue groups. This consideration would allow authorized rescue groups to handle a larger number of class 4, 5, 6 animals and tortoises for adoption rather than euthanize, noting that this will support the no kill policy. 	AWAC Working Group	Recommendation to CPSC and Council January 2017		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening Communities, Caring and Compassionate Services, 3.E

Dog Influenza	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Educating dog owners of the risks of their dogs contracting dog influenza				
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