

# Agenda

## Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

9th Meeting of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

October 3, 2019, 5:00 PM

Committee Room #4

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# **Animal Welfare Advisory Committee**

## **Report**

8th Meeting of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee  
September 5, 2019  
Committee Room #4

Attendance                   PRESENT: P. Lystar (Chair), M. Blosch, W. Brown, A. Hames,  
A. Hayes, M. Szabo, M. Toplak and H. Lysynski (Acting  
Secretary)

REGRETS: S. James

ALSO PRESENT: H. Chapman

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM

### **1. Call to Order**

#### 1.1 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

### **3. Consent**

#### 3.1 7th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 7th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on August 1, 2019, 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 AWAC Work Plan

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

#### 5.2 Humane Wildlife Policy

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee held a general discussion with respect to the Humane Wildlife Policy.

#### 5.3 You, Your Dog and ESAs

That, the following actions be taken with respect to the Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on August 27, 2019 with respect to the 8th Report of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee:

a) the proposed, revised "You, Your Dog and Environmentally Significant Areas" brochure BE PROVIDED to the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee for consideration; and,

b) the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee BE ADVISED that the current Animal Welfare Advisory Committee membership is unaware of any previous request for distribution of the "Is Your Cat Safe Outdoors?" brochure.

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.



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September 18, 2019

R. Oke  
Animal Control and Welfare Coordinator

I hereby certify that the Municipal Council, at its meeting held on September 17, 2019 resolved:

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 7th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on August 1, 2019:

- a) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to amend the public reporting of the London Animal Control Centre to include specific numbers on each species of animal intake and outcome; it being noted that the ~~attached~~ communication from R. Oke, Animal Welfare Coordinator, with respect to this matter, was received; and,
- b) clauses 1.1, 3.1, 3.2, 4.1, 5.1, 5.2 and 5.4, BE RECEIVED. (2.2/10/CPSC)

C. Saunders  
City Clerk  
/dt

cc: Chair and Members, Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

# 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	<b>LOW</b>	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	<b>MODERATE</b>	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	<b>HIGH</b>	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	<b>MODERATE</b>	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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