

# Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

## Report

9th Meeting of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee  
October 3, 2019  
Committee Room #4

Attendance                   PRESENT: P. Lystar (Chair), M. Blosh, W. Brown, A. Hames,  
A. Hayes, M. Szabo, M. Toplak and D. Turner (Secretary)

REGRETS: S. James

ALSO PRESENT: H. Lysynski and R. Oke

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 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 8th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 8th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on September 5, 2019, was received.

#### 3.2 Municipal Council Resolution - 7th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the Municipal Council resolution, from its meeting held on September 17, 2019, with respect to the 7th Report of 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 Dog Park Management

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee held a general discussion with respect to the management of dog parks in the City of London.

#### 5.2 You, Your Dog and ESA's Brochure

That the attached, revised "You, Your Dog and Environmentally Significant Areas" brochure BE PROVIDED to the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee for consideration at its next meeting.

#### 5.3 Humane Urban Wildlife Conflict Policy - Forestry Operations Brochure

That it BE NOTED that a general discussion was held with respect to the "Humane Urban Wildlife Conflict Policy: Forestry Operations Wildlife Protocol" brochure.

5.4 LACC Small Animal Statistics

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee held a general discussion with respect to the London Animal Care Centre (LACC) and its reporting on small animal statistics, including information about the transfer of small animals out of the LACC.

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

# **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. Blosh, 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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CANADA

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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

# You, Your Dog, and Nature in London



**Natural areas, including Environmentally Significant Areas (ESAs), need to be protected by minimizing human and pet disturbance.**

**For the safety of wildlife, visitors and your pet:**

- Keep your dog on a leash at all times.
- Stay on marked trails.
- Dispose of all pet waste in garbage bins or carry it out.
- Be aware of dangers such as vehicles, other animals, ill-willed individuals, traps and snares, toxic products, algae blooms, poisons, sick animals, parasites, rabies, distemper and other diseases.

## Ticks and Lyme Disease

There is a possibility of encountering infected ticks in almost all wooded or brushy areas in Ontario, including London.



## Wild Animals

- A wide variety of mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians call our urban neighbourhoods and ESA's home. Almost all conflict situations between wildlife and dogs occur when dogs are off-leash.
- Coyotes and other wildlife are highly protective of family members and perceive dogs as a threat, especially near their nesting/den sites or established territory.
- Coyotes may 'escort' or 'shadow' a dog walker out of an area when pups or a den are nearby.
- Birds of prey may perceive small dogs as a potential food source.
- Off leash dogs may injure, orphan or separate wildlife offspring from their family.
- The mere presence of your dog can disrupt the feeding, foraging, mating, denning, and nesting of rare and endangered birds and animals.
- Wildlife expend vital energy reserved for survival when chased by dogs.

## Plants

- Dogs may run, roll, or dig through natural areas. Your dog may damage or destroy rare and endangered plant species. Many plants can also seriously harm or kill your dog. Some include:  
Poison Oak                      Poison Ivy  
Poison Sumac                  Giant Hogweed

A guide to help you and your dog enjoy and protect nature in London

**Your dog must be on a leash (max. 1.8m/6ft) at all times.**

Parks and Recreation Area By-law PR-2,  
and the Dog Licensing and Control By-law  
PH-4

## Safety Tips

- Always obey by-laws or ordinances that apply to the wild spaces you visit.
- Be aware of the wildlife in areas where you walk your family pets.
- Keep a respectful distance from wildlife.
- Never feed wildlife; this includes indirect feeding, such as leaving food waste in wild spaces. Feeding wildlife disrupts natural foraging behaviors and encourages an unnatural proximity tolerance to people.
- If a coyote is nearby, small dogs can be lifted and carried for safety. Never run; leave the area slowly, keeping your dog close to you.



Contact Emily Williamson City of London Ecologist/Planner to obtain the new signage: "Advocating Positive Human & Wildlife Experiences Be Coyote Aware" signage replacement in ESAs and Parks.

## There are 5 off-leash dog parks in London:

- Campbell Memorial Park
- Pottersburg Park
- Stoney Creek Park
- Greenway Park
- Caesar Park

## Need More Information?

City of London  
519-661-2489  
[www.london.ca](http://www.london.ca)

- City Planning
- Feeding of Wildlife Regulations Public Nuisance By-law PH-18
- Coyotes In The City of London

Middlesex London Health Unit  
(519) 663-5317  
<https://www.healthunit.com/lyme-disease>

Upper Thames River Conservation Authority  
519-451-2800 ext. 281  
[www.thamesriver.on.ca](http://www.thamesriver.on.ca)

London Animal Care Centre  
(PH-4 By-law Enforcement)  
519-685-1330  
[www.accpets.ca](http://www.accpets.ca)

London Dog Owners' Association  
[www.ldoa.ca](http://www.ldoa.ca)

London Humane Society  
519-451-0630



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# 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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