

Agenda

Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

The 2nd Meeting of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

March 4, 2021, 5:00 PM

Advisory Committee Virtual Meeting - during the COVID-19 Emergency

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Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

Report

The 1st Meeting of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee
February 4, 2021
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Attendance PRESENT: W. Brown (Chair), M. Blosch, A. Hames, P. Lystar,
M. Szabo and M. Toplak and H. Lysynski (Acting Committee
Clerk)

ALSO PRESENT: H. Chapman, O. Katolyk, M. McBride, J.-A.
Spence and B. Westlake-Power

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 PM

1. Call to Order

1.1 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

1.2 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for the remainder of the current term

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee elected
W. Brown and M. Blosch as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, until the
end of the current term.

2. Scheduled Items

None.

3. Consent

3.1 4th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 4th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory
Committee, from the meeting held on March 5, 2020, was received.

3.2 Letter of Resignation - A. Hayes

That it BE NOTED that the resignation of A. Hayes from the Animal
Welfare Advisory Committee was received.

4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

None.

5. Items for Discussion

5.1 Respectful Workplace Policy

That it BE NOTED that the Respectful Workplace Policy document, as
appended to the agenda, was received.

5.2 AWAC Terms of Reference

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC)
held a general discussion with respect to the AWAC Terms of Reference
document, as appended to the agenda.

5.3 Advisory Committee Review

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee held a general discussion with respect to the ongoing Advisory Committee Review; it being noted that a verbal update from B. Westlake-Power, Deputy City Clerk, was received with respect to this matter.

5.4 Service Area Work Plan for 2021

That it BE NOTED that the Service Area Work Plan for 2021 verbal presentation from H. Chapman, Manager, Municipal Law Enforcement Services, was received; it being further noted that a Sub-Committee, consisting of the entire AWAC was established to consider potential updates to the Trap, Neuter, Release program.

5.5 2020 Work Plan - Final

That it BE NOTED that the 2020 Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) Work Plan was received.

5.6 Urban Forestry European Gypsy Moth Strategy

That it BE NOTED that a verbal presentation from J.-A. Spence, Manager, Urban Forestry, with respect to the proposed actions to be undertaken with respect to the European Gypsy Moth Strategy, was received.

6. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 PM.

Monday March 1, 2021

RE: Recommendations to promote the Trap, Spay, Neuter and Release Program

City of London

From: Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

Good Afternoon Heather,

Thank you for bringing your request for suggestions to enhance the Trap, Spay, Neuter, and Release Program with the City of London. The following suggestions were gathered at our recent AWAC Subcommittee meeting as follows:

Increase awareness for Londoners via-various media platforms to raise public awareness regarding the program, benefits, issue and impacts for cats, their welfare, and the environment.

- City of London social media page
- City of London website
- Print media
- CTV London, CBC Radio 1 London public awareness campaign

Create a “catchy” slogan for the program that could be used and embedded into various written formats such as brochures, poster, web pages and media platforms.

Create a poster and brochure that could be downloaded and printed out from the City of London-Animal Services page to provide an overview of the program, “what is a feral cat”, how to access the program. The AWAC Committee would be pleased to assist to develop a comprehensive brochure with the goal to promote the program in mind.

Provide the brochures to:

- London Public Libraries
- London Public Libraries
- London Business Associations
- Neighborhood/community groups
- Universities and College Sites
- Nature London
- Urban League London (an umbrella group whose members consist of neighborhood associations, community groups, and individuals across London)
- London Veterinarian Clinics

Posters could be provided to local businesses for the purpose of display.

Gather data regarding location of feral colonies and create a formal volunteer program through LACC that could be trained and deployed to assist residents and locate feral colonies that need to be addressed through the program.

Invite the public as well as cat rescue groups to a Presentation/Workshop-awareness, education, impacts for cats, the environmental implications, benefits, trapping, the program, how it works...

On behalf of AWAC Committee members, we look forward to discuss further and to make inquires to you to help us better understand how this program has been promoted in the past, availability re: hours of operation, fee to borrow traps, how many traps are available, process when trapping kittens that are adoptable.

Warm Regards,
Wendy Brown
Animal Welfare Advisory Committee Chair
City of London