

Agenda Including Addeds

Animal Welfare Community Advisory Committee

The 4th Meeting of the Animal Welfare Community Advisory Committee

April 6, 2023, 3:00 PM

Advisory Committee Virtual Meeting - Please check the City website for current details

The City of London is situated on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabek (AUh-nish-in-ah-bek), Haudenosaunee (Ho-den-no-show-nee), Lūnaapéewak (Len-ah-pay-wuk) and Attawandaron (Add-a-won-da-run).

We honour and respect the history, languages and culture of the diverse Indigenous people who call this territory home. The City of London is currently home to many First Nations, Metis and Inuit people today.

As representatives of the people of the City of London, we are grateful to have the opportunity to work and live in this territory.

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5.1 Bird Friendly Initiative - Library Program

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5.4 Opportunities for Collaboration with other Advisory Committees on Similar Initiatives

5.5 *(ADDED) Goldfish Brochure*

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6. Adjournment

Animal Welfare Community Advisory Committee

Report

The 3rd Meeting of the Animal Welfare Community Advisory Committee
February 2, 2023

Attendance PRESENT: W. Brown (Chair), M. Blosch, K. Coulter, G. Leckie
and M. Toplack and H. Lysynski (Acting Committee Clerk)

ABSENT: H. Duhamel and A. Hames

ALSO PRESENT: J. Adema, M. Campbell, W. Jeffery, M.
McBride and B. Westlake-Power

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 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 ReThink Zoning Update

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Community Advisory
Committee received the presentation appended to the Agenda, with
respect to ReThink Zoning.

3. Consent

3.1 2nd Report of the Animal Welfare Community Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 2nd Report of the Animal Welfare Community
Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on January 5, 2023, was
received.

4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

4.1 Future Meeting Dates and Times Confirmation

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Community Advisory
Committee held a general discussion with respect to future meeting dates
and times of the Sub-Committee.

5. Items for Discussion

5.1 Animal Welfare Community Advisory Committees Recommendation Regarding Private and Mobile Zoos

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Community Advisory
Committee (AWCAC) held a general discussion with respect to the
AWCAC recommendation regarding private and mobile zoos and the
Reptilia discussion held at the January 31, 2023 Community and
Protective Services Committee meeting.

5.2 Educational and Promotional Bird Friendly Initiatives

That Animal Welfare Community Advisory Committee (AWCAC) Members BE REQUESTED to provide information on library programs that are being undertaken with respect to bird friendly initiatives at the next meeting; it being noted that the AWCAC held a general discussion with respect to this matter.

5.3 2023 Planning of Budget Expenditures

That consideration of the 2023 Animal Welfare Community Advisory Committee (AWCAC) Budget BE DEFERRED to the next AWCAC meeting; it being noted that the AWCAC held a general discussion with respect to this matter.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:54 PM

What's the problem?

You may bring a Goldfish into your home with the best intentions and then find yourself in the future with a need to find somewhere else for it to live. Goldfish are an invasive species, and bring with them a variety of problems:

- can grow to be 30-35 cm (12-14 in) and weigh several pounds
- can live for 30-40 years
- are messy and should not be kept in small containers
- need large containers as adults with water filtration, oxygen circulation and regular water changes.



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I don't want to, or can't, take care of my Goldfish anymore. Can I just flush or release it outside?

A: Pet fish (alive or dead) should never be released outside or flushed down the drain. Released fish can become invasive and/or transmit diseases. Dead fish can also transmit diseases to wild fish. Live fish may survive being flushed and end up in the wild.

Q: What should I do instead?

A: To find a new home for live fish, submit a classified ad or post on social media, offer your fish to a local school, look for a rescue, or ask pet stores if they will take it.

Q: Where can I find more information?

Learn more at these websites:
www.invasivespeciescentre.ca/goldfishw
ww.thamesriver.on.ca



Protecting our waterways

The problem with Goldfish – what you should know about this invasive species

Prepared by the City of London
Ecological Community
Advisory Committee

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Why are Goldfish considered an invasive species?

Goldfish are from East Asia and do not belong in nature in North America

Dumping Goldfish creates a bigger problem

Dumped or flushed Goldfish harm native species by:

- growing and multiplying quickly
- eating other fish species' eggs and young
- eating plants and animals native species feed on
- stirring up mud, causing cloudy water that disturbs native fish and destroys their habitat.

Infestation: a growing problem

Goldfish infestations currently occur in London in the Thames River, Westminster Ponds, Sifton Bog, The Coves and other waterways.

Before you buy, consider alternatives to Goldfish

Other types of fish or amphibians are easier to keep as aquarium pets:



Betta fish

- Live 2-5 years
- Remain small, low-mess
- Solitary
(easier to keep alone)



Freshwater tropical fish like Guppy, Danio, Tetra, Platy

- Live 1-5 years
- Most remain small in size
- Thrive in most water conditions
- May require a water heater
- Social (best kept in groups)



African dwarf frogs

- Live up to 5 years
- Remain small
- Breathe air from water's surface
- Social
(best kept in groups)