

Community and Protective Services Committee

Report

The 10th Meeting of the Community and Protective Services Committee
June 13, 2023

PRESENT: D. Ferreira (Acting Chair), Councillors E. Pelozza, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, C. Rahman, Mayor J. Morgan

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors S. Franke, A. Hopkins, S. Lewis and S. Trosow; L. Livingstone; D. Baxter, J. Bunn, M. Butlin, C. Cooper, K. Dickins, C. Dooling, D. Escobar, M. Feldberg, O. Katolyk, D. Kramer, P. Ladouceur, C. McCreery, P. McGonigle, R. Morris, K. Pawelec, C. Smith, J. Tansley, J. Taylor, B. Westlake-Power

Remote Attendance: Councillor S. Hillier; E. Bennett, A. Dunbar, R. Hayes, M. Hefferton, M. Hepdtich, E. Ling, N. Musicco, S. Oldham, T. Pollitt, K. Scherr

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

None.

2. Consent

Moved by: E. Pelozza

Seconded by: C. Rahman

That Items 2.1 to 2.3 and 2.5 to 2.10 BE APPROVED.

Yeas: (6): D. Ferreira, E. Pelozza, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, C. Rahman, and Mayor J. Morgan

Motion Passed (6 to 0)

2.1 6th Report of the Animal Welfare Community Advisory Committee

Moved by: E. Pelozza

Seconded by: C. Rahman

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 6th Report of the Animal Welfare Community Advisory Committee, from the meeting held on June 1, 2023:

a) the following actions be taken with respect to the attached report from the Animal Welfare Community Advisory Committee Sub-Committee:

i) the above-noted report BE FORWARDED to the Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee (ESACAC); and,

ii) the ESACAC BE REQUESTED to consider the following actions from the above-noted report:

A) the recommendations;

B) the proposed language for the brochure;

C) the image from the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority signage; and,

D) the example from the Province of Alberta's Don't Let it Loose Campaign;

it being noted that the above-noted report from the Animal Welfare Community Advisory Committee Sub-Committee was received;

b) clauses 1.1, 3.1, 3.2, 5.1, 5.3 and 5.4 BE RECEIVED.

Motion Passed

2.2 London's Newcomer Strategy - Choose London –Innovative, Vibrant and Global

Moved by: E. Pelosa
Seconded by: C. Rahman

That, on the recommendation of the City Manager, the staff report dated June 13, 2023, with respect to London's Newcomer Strategy: Choose London – Innovative, Vibrant and Global, BE RECEIVED. (2023-L08)

Motion Passed

2.3 Completion of Downtown Camera Program and Code of Practice Information Report

Moved by: E. Pelosa
Seconded by: C. Rahman

That, on the recommendation of the City Manager, the following actions be taken with respect to the staff report dated June 13, 2023, related to the Completion of the Downtown Camera Program and Code of Practice Information Report:

- a) the information, as appended to the above-noted staff report, with respect to the Civic Administration's approach for the completion of the Downtown Camera Program, BE RECEIVED; and,
- b) the revised London Downtown Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) Program Code of Practice, as appended to the above-noted staff report, BE APPROVED. (2023-C08/P15A)

Motion Passed

2.5 Neighbourhood Decision Making Program Fairness and Equity Review

Moved by: E. Pelosa
Seconded by: C. Rahman

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Neighbourhood and Community-Wide Services, the staff report dated June 13, 2023, with respect to the Neighbourhood Decision Making Program Fairness and Equity Review, BE RECEIVED. (2023-S12)

Motion Passed

2.6 London Fire Department Single Source Traffic Management System Vehicle Monitoring Units

Moved by: E. Pelosa
Seconded by: C. Rahman

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Neighbourhood and Community-Wide Services, the following actions be taken with respect to the staff report, dated June 13, 2023, related to London Fire

Department Single Source Traffic Management System Vehicle Monitoring Units:

- a) in accordance with Section 14.4(d) of the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy, Fire Administration BE AUTHORIZED to enter into negotiations with Applied Information Inc. of 510-4411 Suwanee Dam Road, Suwanee, Georgia, 30024, USA for pricing for a single source contract for one (1) year with three (3) option years for the provision of vehicle monitoring units to the London Fire Department;
- b) the approval in a), above, BE CONDITIONAL upon The Corporation of the City of London negotiating satisfactory prices, terms, conditions, and entering into a contract with Applied Information Inc. to provide vehicle monitoring units to the London Fire Department; and,
- c) the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to undertake all the administrative acts that are necessary in connection with the above-noted authorizations. (2023-L04)

Motion Passed

2.7 London Fire Department Single Source Request for Fire Apparatus - SS-2023-172

Moved by: E. Pelosa
Seconded by: C. Rahman

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Neighbourhood and Community-Wide Services, the following actions be taken with respect to the staff report, dated June 13, 2023, related to London Fire Department Single Source Request for Fire Apparatus (SS-2023-172):

- a) in accordance with Section 14.4(g) of the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy, Fire Administration BE AUTHORIZED to enter into negotiations with City View Specialty Vehicles, 1213 Lorimar Drive, Mississauga, ON, L5S 1M9, for pricing for a single source contract for one (1) year (2023) with four (4) option years (2024-2027) for the provision of Fire Apparatus to the London Fire Department;
- b) the London Fire Department BE AUTHORIZED to procure four (4) Fire Apparatus: 1 Pumper Rescue, 1 Tanker Pumper, 1 Heavy Rescue, and 1 Decontamination Response Vehicle from City View Specialty Vehicles, for \$7,895,136 (excluding HST), including a contingency for currency exchange rate; and,
- c) the funding for this 2023 procurement BE APPROVED as set out in the Source of Financing Report, as appended to the above-noted staff report. (2023-V01)

Motion Passed

2.8 London Fire Department Single Source Request for a Decontamination Pod Report - SS-2023-171

Moved by: E. Pelosa
Seconded by: C. Rahman

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Neighbourhood and Community-Wide Services, the following actions be taken with respect to the staff report, dated June 13, 2023, related to London Fire Department Single Source Request for a Decontamination Pod Report (SS-2023-171):

- a) in accordance with Section 14.4(e) of the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy, Fire Administration BE AUTHORIZED to enter into negotiations with Advanced Containment Systems Inc, (ACSI) 8720 Lambright Rd., Houston, TX, 77075, for the purchase of one (1) Decontamination Pod;
- b) the London Fire Department BE AUTHORIZED to procure one (1) Decontamination Pod that will replace the current Decontamination Trailer; it being noted that the Decontamination Pod will be procured from Advanced Containment Systems Inc, for \$362,731 CAD (\$251,168 USD at current exchange rate) (excluding HST), including a contingency for currency exchange rate, and with a minimum 50% downpayment at time of order; and,
- c) the funding for this procurement BE APPROVED as set out in the Source of Finance Report, as appended to the above-noted staff report. (2023-V01)

Motion Passed

2.9 Recreation Activity Management System Contract Extension

Moved by: E. Pelosa
 Seconded by: C. Rahman

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Neighbourhood and Community-Wide Services, the proposed by-law, as appended to the staff report dated June 13, 2023, BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting on June 27, 2023, to:

- a) approve the terms within the original 2018 PerfectMind Agreement, as appended to the above-noted by-law, between PerfectMind Inc. and The Corporation of the City of London for two additional five-year renewal periods;
- b) approve the PerfectMind Contract Extension Agreement between PerfectMind Inc. and The Corporation of the City of London, substantially in the form appended to the above-noted by-law;
- c) delegate authority to the Deputy City Manager, Neighbourhood and Community-Wide Services to execute the above-noted Contract Extension Agreement;
- d) delegate authority to the Deputy City Manager, Neighbourhood and Community-Wide Services, or written delegate, to execute further amending agreements;
- e) delegate authority to the Deputy City Manager, Neighbourhood and Community-Wide Services, or written delegate, to undertake all administrative acts that are necessary in regards to the above-noted Contract Extension Agreement. (2023-R06/L04)

Motion Passed

2.10 2019-2023 Multi-Sector Service Accountability Agreement - Dearness Home Adult Day Program and Ontario Health West - Declaration of Compliance – April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023

Moved by: E. Pelosa
 Seconded by: C. Rahman

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Social and Health Development, the Deputy City Manager, Social and Health

Development BE AUTHORIZED to execute the Declaration of Compliance with respect to compliance with the terms of the 2019-2023 Multi-Sector Service Accountability Agreement Dearness Home Adult Day Program and Ontario Health West for the reporting period of April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023, as appended to the staff report dated June 13, 2023. (2023-S03)

Motion Passed

2.4 Delegation of Authority for Municipal Contribution Agreements for Affordable Housing

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Planning and Economic Development the following action be taken with respect to the staff report, dated June 13, 2023, related to the Delegation of Authority for Municipal Contribution Agreements for Affordable Housing:

a) the proposed by-law, as appended to the above-noted staff report, BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting on June 27, 2023, to:

- i) authorize the Deputy City Manager, Planning and Economic Development, or their written designate, to approve and execute an agreement of assignment and assumption related to a Contribution Agreement between an affordable housing provider and The Corporation of the City of London;
- ii) authorize the Deputy City Manager, Planning and Economic Development, or their written designate, to approve and execute an amending agreement related to a Contribution Agreement between an affordable housing provider and The Corporation of the City of London to approve a rent increase for operations in financial difficulty; it being noted that no rent for affordable units in a building to which a Contribution Agreement between an affordable housing provider and The Corporation of the City of London applies shall exceed 80% of Average Market Rent or Median Market Rent for a rental unit, by unit type, as determined by the Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation;
- iii) authorize the Deputy City Manager, Planning and Economic Development, or their written designate, to approve and execute an amendment to the Contribution Agreement to provide for additional permitted encumbrances, to consent to postponements of the City's security under a Contribution Agreement and to approve and execute priority, standstill and subordination agreements satisfactory to the City Solicitor's Office;
- iv) authorize the Deputy City Manager, Planning and Economic Development, or their written designate, to amend a Contribution Agreement between an affordable housing provider and The Corporation of the City of London to add requirements related to the affordable housing units, to add further affordable housing units, to address approved changes to the development schedule, project information form or increases to the equity contribution made by the affordable housing provider;
- v) authorize the Deputy City Manager, Planning and Economic Development, or their written designate, to amend a Contribution Agreement between an affordable housing provider and The Corporation of the City of London to attaching or detaching a property from/to the Contribution Agreement as long as it is not in the detriment or loss of the total number of affordable units;

b) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to report, semi-annually, outlining the actions taken by the Deputy City Manager, Planning and Economic Development, under the delegations under the by-law along with an update on equity retention discussion; it being noted that this report will be included as an appendix to the semi-annual Roadmap 3000 update;

it being noted that the communication, as appended to the Added Agenda, and the verbal delegation, from G. Playford, Devonshire Consulting, with respect to this matter, were received. (2023-S11)

Motion Passed

Additional Votes:

Moved by: S. Stevenson

Seconded by: E. Pelozza

Motion to approve the delegation request, as appended to the Added Agenda, from G. Playford, with respect to this matter, to be heard at this time.

Yeas: (6): D. Ferreira, E. Pelozza, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, C. Rahman, and Mayor J. Morgan

Motion Passed (6 to 0)

Moved by: E. Pelozza

Seconded by: J. Pribil

Motion to approve part a) of the clause.

Yeas: (6): D. Ferreira, E. Pelozza, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, C. Rahman, and Mayor J. Morgan

Motion Passed (6 to 0)

Moved by: S. Stevenson

Seconded by: J. Pribil

Motion to approve part b) of the clause.

Yeas: (6): D. Ferreira, E. Pelozza, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, C. Rahman, and Mayor J. Morgan

Motion Passed (6 to 0)

3. Scheduled Items

3.1 Housekeeping Amendments - Administrative Monetary Penalty Systems and Business Licensing By-law

Moved by: E. Pelozza

Seconded by: C. Rahman

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Planning and Economic Development, the following actions be taken with respect to the staff report dated June 13, 2023, related to Housekeeping Amendments to the Administrative Monetary Penalty Systems and Business Licensing By-law:

a) the proposed by-law, as appended to the above-noted staff report, BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on June 27, 2023, to amend By-law No. A-54, as amended, being "A by-law to implement an Administrative Monetary Penalty System in London" to repeal and replace Schedules "A-2" through to "A-22" and "A-26" through to "A-27";

b) the revised proposed by-law, as appended to the Added Agenda, BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on June 27, 2023, to amend By-law No. L.-131-16, being “A by-law to provide for the Licensing and Regulation of Various Businesses” in order to update processes and definitions, clean up grammar throughout, save and except for amendments to remove the Adult Entertainment Body Rub Parlour location at 609 Clarke Road (formerly operating as Sweet City) for which a public participation meeting be held in the future to provide for public comments for the removal of this location from the by-law; and,

c) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to provide a Draft Terms of Reference in the fall of 2023 related to a thorough review of the Business Licensing By-law, which will outline the detail of public outreach and participation to occur throughout 2024. (2023-C01A)

Yeas: (6): D. Ferreira, E. Pelozza, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, C. Rahman, and Mayor J. Morgan

Motion Passed (6 to 0)

4. Items for Direction

4.1 Occupant Noise Enforcement - Partnered Pilot Project Update

Moved by: E. Pelozza

Seconded by: S. Stevenson

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Planning and Economic Development, the following actions be taken with respect to the staff report, dated June 13, 2023, related to the Occupant Noise Enforcement Partnered Pilot Project:

a) the above-noted staff report BE RECEIVED;

b) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to continue the partnered Occupant Noise Enforcement program; and,

c) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to bring forward as part of a multi-year budget, a business case that provides funding to continue and improve the intake of the partnered Occupant Noise Enforcement program or other service improvements. (2023-P01)

Yeas: (6): D. Ferreira, E. Pelozza, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, C. Rahman, and Mayor J. Morgan

Motion Passed (6 to 0)

Additional Votes:

Moved by: S. Stevenson

Seconded by: C. Rahman

Motion to amend part c) of the staff recommendation to read:

c) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to bring forward as part of a multi-year budget a business case that provides funding to continue and improve the intake of the partnered Occupant Noise Enforcement program or other service improvements.

Yeas: (6): D. Ferreira, E. Pelozza, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, C. Rahman, and Mayor J. Morgan

Motion Passed (6 to 0)

4.2 Fireworks By-Law Options Report

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Neighbourhood and Community-Wide Services, the following actions be taken with respect to the staff report dated June 13, 2023, related to Fireworks By-law Options:

- a) the Civic administration BE DIRECTED to hold a public participation meeting at a future of the Community and Protective Services Committee (CPSC) in order to receive comments on proposed changes to the Fireworks By-law PW-11; it being noted that additional direction to the Civic Administration will be provided, following the consideration of comments and submissions at the public participation meeting;
- b) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to report back at a future meeting of the CPSC summarizing public comments including the submission of a draft by-law amendment; and,
- c) the requests for delegation, as appended to the Agenda and the Added Agenda, from V.R. Anber and A. Kanji BE DEFERRED to the above-noted future public participation meeting with respect to this matter;

it being noted that the communications, as appended to the Agenda and the Added Agenda, from the following individuals, with respect to this matter, were received:

- V.R. Anber;
- A. Kanji;
- M. Luce;
- Brandy;
- D. Ronson and B. Amendola; and,
- J. Morton and A. Haase. (2023-P01)

Motion Passed

Additional Votes:

Moved by: C. Rahman

Seconded by: S. Stevenson

Motion to approve parts a) and b) of the clause.

Yeas: (6): D. Ferreira, E. Pelozza, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, C. Rahman, and Mayor J. Morgan

Motion Passed (6 to 0)

Moved by: E. Pelozza

Seconded by: J. Pribil

Motion to approve part c) of the clause.

Yeas: (5): E. Pelozza, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, C. Rahman, and Mayor J. Morgan

Nays: (1): D. Ferreira

Motion Passed (5 to 1)

4.3 Encampment Response Update

Moved by: C. Rahman

Seconded by: J. Pribil

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Social and Health Development, the following actions be taken with respect to the staff report, dated June 13, 2023, related to the Encampment Response Update:

- a) the funding allocation, from the Social Services Reserve Fund, for the total municipal allocation amount of up to \$255,000.00 BE APPROVED to support a portion of the costs of the Phase 1 Encampment Response on a temporary basis as outlined in the above-noted report;
- b) a one-time contract amendment of existing agreements, in the total estimated cost of \$100,000, BE AUTHORIZED and BE APPROVED to support London Cares and Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA);
- c) the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to undertake all administrative acts which are necessary in relation to this project;
- d) the approval given, herein, BE CONDITIONAL upon the Corporation amending a Purchase of Service Agreement, and;
- e) the Deputy City Manager, Social and Health Development, or written designate, BE DELEGATED authority to take all necessary action to implement Phase 1 of the Encampment Response. (2023-F11A)

Yeas: (4): D. Ferreira, J. Pribil, C. Rahman, and Mayor J. Morgan

Nays: (1): S. Stevenson

Absent: (1): E. Peloza

Motion Passed (4 to 1)

4.4 (ADDED) Councillor J. Pribil - Winter Response Program

Moved by: J. Pribil

Seconded by: S. Stevenson

That the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to include a year over year comparison, for the past three years (2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023), on the number of bed days available/occupied, number of bed nights available/occupied, number of hours service bed facility, number of hours service non-bed facility and total expenses, with the Winter Response Program Outcome Report at the August meeting of the Community and Protective Services Committee. (2023-C04)

Yeas: (4): D. Ferreira, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, and C. Rahman

Nays: (1): Mayor J. Morgan

Absent: (1): E. Peloza

Motion Passed (4 to 1)

5. Deferred Matters/Additional Business

5.1 Deferred Matters List

Moved by: C. Rahman

Seconded by: S. Stevenson

That the Deferred Matters List for the Community and Protective Services Committee, as at May 16, 2023, BE RECEIVED.

Yeas: (5): D. Ferreira, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, C. Rahman, and Mayor J. Morgan

Absent: (1): E. Pelozza

Motion Passed (5 to 0)

6. Confidential

Moved by: C. Rahman

Seconded by: S. Stevenson

That the Community and Protective Services Committee convene In Closed Session for the purpose of considering the following:

6.1 Litigation/Potential Litigation

A matter pertaining to litigation or potential litigation and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

6.2 Solicitor-Client Privilege/Position, Plan, Procedure, Criteria or Instruction for Negotiation Purposes

A matter pertaining to advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, and for the purpose of providing instructions and directions to officers and employees or the Corporation and a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

Yeas: (5): D. Ferreira, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, C. Rahman, and Mayor J. Morgan

Absent: (1): E. Pelozza

Motion Passed (5 to 0)

The Community and Protective Services Committee convened In Closed Session from 8:03 PM to 9:15 PM.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM.

Report from Sub-Committee to AWCAC Meeting June 1, 2023

Comments on Proposed Goldfish Brochure

Background

At the April AWCAC meeting, a draft brochure titled “Protecting our waterways” was discussed. The brochure was prepared by the City’s Ecological Community Advisory Committee and submitted to AWCAC for comments. AWCAC members made some editorial comments and raised two issues. The editorial comments were:

1. The title “Protecting our waterways” does not indicate that the information is about goldfish.
2. The sign in the photo is too small to read.
3. The photo of the goldfish needs some text to explain that these fish can grow very large. A reader might assume they are different types of fish.
4. Include stormwater ponds as a place where infestations currently occur. These ponds are near homes and are an attractive place to release a pet fish because the kids can “visit” their fish. Goldfish are routinely captured and killed when these ponds are drained for maintenance or cleaning.
5. The three references to fish as “it” should be deleted because fish are not inanimate objects. Using plurals allows “it” to be changed to “them”.

The two issues discussed by AWCAC members focused on whether the brochure should include a list of alternative fish to purchase instead of goldfish, and a proposal by a member of the Ecological Community Advisory Committee to include information about euthanizing unwanted goldfish. These issues were referred to the AWCAC Sub-Committee. Brendan Samuels, Chair of the Ecological Community Advisory Committee, attended the May AWCAC meeting as a delegation to discuss these issues.

Recommendation

The AWCAC Sub-Committee has two recommendations:

- Delete the suggestion to purchase other types of fish.

Like goldfish, these other species should not be released into waterways as they also cause problems and will likely die.

The suggestion to purchase African Dwarf Frogs is particularly troublesome as they are often sold in inhumanely small plastic containers inaccurately described as “biospheres” or “frogospheres”.

Instead of suggesting alternative species to buy, more information about the lifespan of a goldfish and the difficulty of re-homing should be included to encourage people to think about the consequences of acquiring a fish as a pet.

- Omit information on euthanasia.

The AWCAC Sub-Committee looked at materials used in other jurisdictions and is including those used in Alberta as a good example because they are informative and easy to read.

The AWCAC Sub-Committee feels strongly that it is beyond the role and scope of advisory committees to recommend euthanizing an unwanted pet. Further, advising someone on how to “humanely” euthanize a pet is fraught with problems if performed by pet owners. It may result in unintended suffering for the animal, is considered cruel, and must be performed by trained veterinarians.

Rather, we recommend a preventative approach such as highlighting the consequences of acquiring goldfish. Information on how to re-home them if necessary and other considerations that should be given careful thought before purchasing a goldfish should be included in the brochure.

Proposed Language for Brochure

Is a Goldfish the Right Pet for You?

Goldfish might seem like inexpensive, easy to keep, and fun starter pets for kids. But they are not for everyone.

- A goldfish is not a temporary pet. They need proper care for their entire lifespan of five, ten or even more years.
- A bowl is not an appropriate container. It costs money to set up an aquarium and buy essential equipment like a gravel vacuum, filter, heater and air pump, all of which run on electricity.
- Caring for goldfish is more than just feeding. You must regularly clean the aquarium and test the water chemistry. Sick goldfish need special care.
- Aquariums are not portable. Someone will have to come to your house to take care of your goldfish while you are away.
- It may be difficult to find a new home for your goldfish if you cannot care for them. Goldfish should never be flushed or released in a pond or waterway. Killing a pet for convenience is never right.

Signage

Upper Thames River Conservation Authority and the City of London have posted signs saying do not release goldfish. This was posted at Sifton Bog:



Alberta's "Don't Let It Loose" Campaign

In 2015, in response to large numbers of goldfish in stormwater ponds, Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) launched a "Don't Let It Loose" campaign. Educational materials included a poster and leaflets on several species. A screen capture of the poster, general brochure, and specific brochure about goldfish are included in this report for reference. In addition to a catchy slogan (we would prefer "Don't Let Them Loose"), they have interesting graphics and a fair amount of information. There is no mention of alternative species to buy or euthanasia.



DON'T LET IT LOOSE

Never release aquarium or domestic pond water, plants, dead or live animals into waterbodies. Common aquarium and pond plants and animals can become invasive when released in the wild, potentially causing both ecologic and economic harm.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON INVASIVE SPECIES, CALL:
1-855-336-BOAT (2628)





Never release aquarium or domestic pond water, plants, dead or live animals into waterbodies. Common aquarium and pond plants and animals can become invasive when released in the wild, altering habitat, increasing competition for limited resources and spreading disease to native species.

- Releasing fish or other aquatic species is illegal and can result in large fines, or even jail time!
- Goldfish populations have been found throughout Alberta. They are surviving the winter, altering water quality, and reproducing rapidly.
- Pour unwanted aquarium water over dry land and freeze aquarium plants before throwing them in the garbage.
- Unwanted pets can be disposed of humanely by returning them to pet stores, donating to schools or community organizations or given away.
- Make sure to bury your fish after it passes away – flushing it down the toilet can lead to the spread of unwanted diseases.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REPORT INVASIVE SPECIES, CALL:

1-855-336-BOAT (2628)

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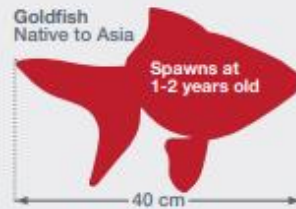
(CARASSIUS AURATUS)



Bull Trout
Native to Alberta



Goldfish
Native to Asia



100+ LOCATIONS
across Alberta where goldfish
have been **illegally dumped**

45,000

Number of goldfish removed
in 2017 from storm water
ponds in St. Albert

Goldfish in the wild:

- ↑ increase water cloudiness, blocking light
- ↑ increase the growth rate of blue-green algae
- ↓ reduce native plants that produce oxygen
- ☠ carry exotic diseases and parasites

Average number of eggs
laid by a single female
in a spawning period

500-1000



What to do with unwanted goldfish?

- Donate to a friend or school
- Return them to the pet store



Don't flush your fish!
Goldfish carry diseases
that could harm native fish
Bury them instead



**DON'T
LET IT
LOOSE**

Help us protect Alberta's
waters by never releasing
aquarium water, plants and
animals into the environment.

Alberta