

Animal Welfare Community Advisory Committee

Report

The 11th Meeting of the Animal Welfare Community Advisory Committee
November 2, 2023

Attendance PRESENT: W. Brown (Chair), M. Blosch, A. Hames, G. Leckie, M. Toplack and J. Bunn (Acting Committee Clerk)

ABSENT: K. Coulter, H. Duhamel, N. Karsch and S. Ryall

ALSO PRESENT: M. McBride, W. Jeffery, J. Raycroft

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 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 10th Report of the Animal Welfare Community Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 10th Report of the Animal Welfare Community Advisory Committee, from the meeting held on October 5, 2023, was received.

4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

None.

5. Items for Discussion

5.1 Clear Your Gear

That Paul Yeoman, Patrick Donnelly and a member of Civic Administration with knowledge of Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs) BE INVITED to the December 2023 meeting of the Animal Welfare Community Advisory Committee to give an update on the status of the Clear Your Gear initiative.

5.2 Displays for Libraries

That a member of Civic Administration from the Communications division BE REQUESTED to assist the Animal Welfare Community Advisory Committee (AWCAC) in producing library displays related to how to safeguard windows for birds; it being noted that the AWCAC will finalize the information for the display for approval at the next meeting of the AWCAC.

5.3 2023 Budget Planning

That a budget expenditure BE APPROVED, as outlined on the attached document, from the 2023 Animal Welfare Community Advisory Committee to pay for three displays for libraries related to ways to safeguard windows for birds, including carrying cases for the displays; it being noted that, if

there are funds left after the above-noted purchase, said funds will be used to purchase bird-friendly window collision tape.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.

The Animal Welfare Community Advisory Committee (AWCAC)

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Recommendation: Use part of the Advisory Committee's available funds to produce three presentation boards on how to prevent bird-window collisions. The presentation boards will consist of one 2' x 3' poster and two 1' x 3' side posters to be fitted into a folding board that can be opened for display. Use any remaining funds to purchase bird-friendly window tape for distribution to residents.

Purpose: To build on last year's effort to increase awareness about how to prevent birds from colliding with windows and to promote London's certification by Nature Canada as a "Bird Friendly City".

Partner: The London Public Library has agreed to set up our presentation board at the various branches. We anticipate the display will be augmented with books, a pamphlet and other materials on the subject. One presentation board will be available to be set up at appropriate events.

How the funds will be used: Purchase of foam presentation boards, printing, carrying cases, and payment for graphic art assistance with the layout of the posters if city staff is unavailable. Boxes of window collision tape will be purchased for display and distribution in locations where the presentation boards are set up.

Background:

Nature Canada certified London as a "Bird Friendly City" in 2021. The Animal Welfare Advisory Committee participated in the certification process. As part of the requirement to actively engage the community through education and outreach, the City maintains a dedicated webpage on "Bird-friendly skies" and has printed an informational pamphlet.

To complement these efforts, the AWCAC used our budget last year to purchase bird-friendly window collision tape for distribution to residents.

This year, the AWCAC would like to continue that project, plus focus on education by using presentation boards that can be on display for a longer period of time and reach a bigger audience. In addition to information about window tape, the display will provide information on the effect of lights at night.