

Animal Welfare Community Advisory Committee

Report

6th Meeting of the Animal Welfare Community Advisory Committee
June 6, 2024

Attendance W. Brown (Chair), L. Armstrong, A. Hames, A. Hayes, N. Karsch and M. Rist and H. Lysynski (Acting Clerk)

ABSENT: M. Blosh, K. Coulter and M. Toplack

ALSO PRESENT: E. Hunt, W. Jeffery and M. McBride

The meeting commenced at 3:03 PM; it being noted that W. Brown, L. Armstrong and N. Karsch were in remote attendance.

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 5th Report of the Animal Welfare Community Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 5th Report of the Animal Welfare Community Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on May 2, 2024, was received.

4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

None.

5. Items for Discussion

5.1 Avenues to Maximize Public Awareness Education on Bird Friendly Glass and Light Impacts – Update

That the following actions be taken with respect to the public awareness education on bird friendly glass and light impacts:

a) the attached list of events prepared by N. Karsch and M. Rist BE FORWARDED to the Animal Welfare Community Advisory Committee Sub-Committee for review and to report back at the next meeting; it being noted that once a recommendation has been prepared, the Civic Administration will be invited to the meeting; and,

b) M. Rist BE DIRECTED to contact Pawlooza to book a table for the AWCAC.

5.2 Humane Co-existence Strategies for Canada Geese and Human Interface in Parks

That the attached Habitat Modification and Restoration strategies BE FORWARDED to the Animal Welfare Community Advisory Committee Sub-Committee for review and report back at the next meeting.

5.3 Wildlife Harms and Rodenticide Use – Update

That the following actions be taken with respect to Rodenticide use in City facilities:

- a) the Senior Manager of Facilities BE INVITED to attend a future Animal Welfare Community Advisory Committee meeting prior to the City renewing its contract for pest control service in 2025 to review the scope of the contract and discuss alternative strategies to use of poison at municipal facilities; and,
- b) a Working Group BE ESTABLISHED to prepare recommendations for print and online communications to support public education about best practices to prevent rodent infestations and apply rodent exclusion methods at residential buildings;

it being noted that the Animal Welfare Community Advisory Committee received a communication from the Animal Welfare Community Advisory Committee and the Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee and held a general discussion with respect to these matters.

5.4 AWCAC Banner – Update

That the discussion of the Animal Welfare Community Advisory Committee banner BE POSTPONED to the next Animal Welfare Community Advisory Committee meeting.

5.5 Bird-Friendly Displays – Update

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Community Advisory Committee held a general discussion with respect to the bird friendly displays.

5.6 Budget Expense Goals for 2024

That a Working Group BE ESTABLISHED consisting of A. Haynes, A. Hames and M. Rist, to provide recommendations for the expenditure of the 2024 Budget; it being noted that the Animal Welfare Community Advisory Committee held a general discussion with respect to these matters.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 PM.