

3RD REPORT OF THE
ANIMAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting held on February 6, 2014, commencing at 5:09 p.m.

PRESENT: V. Van Linden (Chair), C. Dutton, E. Gerrow, A. Papmehl, M. Puzanov, S. C. Rans, C. Schmidt and G. Sturm and B. Mercier (Secretary).

ALSO PRESENT: R. Oke.

REGRETS: J. Fawcett-Cornish, J. Lalonde and M. Warder.

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| Dog Park Sub-Committee | 1. (A) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) appointed C. Schmidt to its Dog Park Sub-committee. |
| Animal Care Strategy | 2. (2) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) reviewed and received a communication and heard a verbal delegation, from R. Oke, Animal Control and Welfare Coordinator, with respect to an Animal Care Strategy. The AWAC requested that the Animal Control and Welfare Coordinator, survey area rescue groups for their opinion on the maximum number of cats and/or dogs that should be allowed in foster homes, and formed a Working Group, consisting of C. Dutton, G. Sturm and V. Van Linden, to review the proposed amendments to the Animal Care Strategy and to report back at a future meeting of the AWAC with its comments and recommendations. |
| Letter of Thanks | 3. (3) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) drafted thank you letters to the Municipal Council for its unanimous vote to make London a “No-Kill” community and to the Civic Administration for recommending progressive service enhancements, a City-hired Veterinarian and a Cat Adoption Centre. The AWAC asked its Committee Secretary to forward the thank you letters to the Council Members and Civic Administration, on its behalf. |
| AWAC’s Work Plan for the Upcoming Months | 4. (4, 7) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) held a general discussion with respect to its work plan for the upcoming months; it being noted that the AWAC asked that the following matters be placed on the March agenda for further discussion:

a) review of retail pet sales;
b) the communication dated November 25, 2013, from A. Papmehl, relating to red-eared sliders; and,
c) Animal Services recommendation for Companion Animals. |
| Beaver Wildlife Management – Review and Update | 5. (5,6,B) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) reviewed and received a communication dated January 17, 2014, from V. Van Linden and held a general discussion with respect to the potential for a City-wide Humane Wildlife Policy and beaver wildlife management review and update.

6. That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) noted and filed the following: |
| 2nd Report of the AWAC | a) (1) the 2nd Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee from its meeting held on January 9, 2014; |
| Ban on Sale of Dogs and Cats in Pet Stores and Retail Establishments – City of Vaughan | b) (8) a communication dated January 23, 2014, from S. Rans, with respect to the ban on the sale of dogs and cats in pet stores and retail establishments in the City of Vaughan; and, |
| AWAC Resignation – W. Mackay | c) (9) a communication dated January 14, 2014, from W. Mackay, with respect to her resignation from the AWAC; it being noted that the AWAC expressed thanks to Ms. Mackay for her contribution on the AWAC. |

Next Meeting 7. That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) will hold its next meeting on March 6, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.