

**12TH REPORT OF THE**  
**ANIMAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting held on November 6, 2014, commencing at 5:10 PM, in Committee Room #4, Second Floor, London City Hall.

**PRESENT:** V. Van Linden (Chair), C. Dutton, E. Gerrow, J. Lalonde, K. Macintosh, A. Pappmehl, M. Puzanov and S. C. Rans and B. Mercier (Secretary).

**ABSENT:** F. Sekercioglu and G. Sturm.

**ALSO PRESENT:** J. MacKay.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

Recommendation: That it **BE NOTED** that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

**II. SCHEDULED ITEMS**

2. Urban Wildlife

Recommendation: That it **BE NOTED** that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee reviewed and received a communication dated October 20, 2014, and heard a verbal delegation from A.M. Valastro, with respect to urban wildlife.

3. Draft Wildlife Policy

Recommendation: That the following actions be taken with respect to the Draft City of London Humane Urban Wildlife Conflict Policy:

- a) the Municipal Council **BE ADVISED** that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) reviewed the Draft Humane Urban Wildlife Conflict Policy on October 22, 2014, and endorses the following key points:
  - i) “the City will strive to protect the welfare of wild animals by using humane solutions to resolve conflicts”;
  - ii) “trapping devices that are known to cause physical injury to animals, such as body or limb gripping traps and snares, will not be used to trap animals”; and,
  - iii) “the City will make all reasonable efforts to avoid displacing, injuring or killing wild animals, and humane lethal measures will be used as a last resort”;
- b) the definition of “animal” in the above-noted draft Policy **BE BROADENED** to include the class “Aves” (birds);
- c) the Civic Administration **BE URGED** to develop appropriate species-specific protocols based on the above-noted Draft Policy, in the coming year; and,
- d) the Chair of AWAC, on behalf of the AWAC, **BE DIRECTED** to seek delegation status at the November 17, 2014 meeting of the Community and Protective Services Committee, with respect to this matter;

it being noted that the AWAC heard a verbal delegation from F. Morrison, and reviewed a communication dated November 5, 2014, from V. Van Linden, with respect to this matter.

**III. CONSENT ITEMS**

4. 11th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

Recommendation: That it **BE NOTED** that the 11th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on October 2, 2014, was received.

5. 10th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

Recommendation: That it **BE NOTED** that the Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on September 30, 2014, with respect to the 10th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee from its meeting held on September 4, 2014, was received.

**IV. SUB-COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS**

None.

**IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

6. Year End Review of AWAC's Work for 2014

Recommendation: That it **BE NOTED** the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee members were requested to provide the Chair with suggestions of projects engaged in and accomplished by the AWAC in 2014, specific to its mandate on wildlife and companion animals; it being noted that the Chair will compile the communications received and place it on the next AWAC agenda for review.

7. Association for the Protection of Fur Bearing Animals - 4th Annual Conference

Recommendation: That it **BE NOTED** the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee reviewed and received a communication dated October 21, 2014, from V. Van Linden and D. Harris, with respect to three members of the Wildlife Sub-Committee's attendance at the 4th Annual Conference of the Association for the Protection of Fur Bearing Animals, held on October 17, 2014.

8. City-run Animal Services Model for London

Recommendation: That it **BE NOTED** that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) reviewed and received a communication dated October 20, 2014 from V. Van Linden with respect to a city-run animal services model for London and asked that this matter be placed on the 2015 Work Plan for the AWAC; it being further noted that the AWAC heard a verbal update from V. Van Linden with respect to the City's new contract with the London Animal Care Centre (LACC).

9. Statistics Regarding Shelter Deaths in London

Recommendation: That the Civic Administration **BE ADVISED** that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) expressed concerns that healthy animals or those with behavioral issues at the London Animal Care Centre (LACC), are being killed instead of being offered for transfer to every rescue group willing to take such animals; it being noted that the AWAC reviewed and received a communication dated October 20, 2014, from V. Van Linden with respect to this matter.

**V. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

None.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Next Meeting Date: December 4, 2014 at 5:00 PM
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