

**2ND REPORT OF THE**  
**ANIMAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting held on February 5, 2015, commencing at 5:00 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 P. Wright and B. Mercier (Secretary).

**ABSENT:** N. Rowlandson.

**ALSO PRESENT:** J. MacKay, A. Macpherson, S. Mathers, L. McNiven and F. Sekercioglu.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

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

**II. SCHEDULED ITEMS**

2. Dog Parks Update

Recommendation: That the attached presentation from A. Macpherson, Manager, Environmental and Parks Planning and L. McNiven, Parks Project Coordinator, with respect to an update on the City's dog parks, **BE RECEIVED**.

3. Draft Humane Urban Wildlife Conflict Policy: Beaver Protocol

Recommendation: That the Civic Administration **BE ADVISED** that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) endorses the draft protocol for beavers, subject to the inclusion that feeder trees be planted and maintained in areas where flow devices are installed; it being noted that the AWAC received the attached presentation and Humane Urban Wildlife Conflict Policy draft Beaver Protocol, from S. Mathers, Division Manager, Stormwater and J. McKay, Ecologist.

**III. CONSENT ITEMS**

4. 1st Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

Recommendation: That it **BE NOTED** that the 1st Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee from its meeting held on December 4, 2014, was received.

5. Veterinary Services

Recommendation: That it **BE NOTED** that the Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on December 18, 2014 with respect to veterinary services, was received.

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

None.

**IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

6. Tethering/Chaining of Animals and Regulation of Outdoor Housing

Recommendation: That the matter of a proposed by-law related to tethering/chaining of animals and regulation of outdoor housing **BE REFERRED** to the new term of Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC), for further review; it being noted that the AWAC received a communication dated January 27, 2015, from V. Van Linden, with respect to this matter.

7. Coyote Death and Species-Specific Wildlife Protocols

Recommendation: That the Civic Administration **BE REQUESTED** to work with the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) and service providers to continue to develop protocols, in concert with the Humane Wildlife Conflict Policy, to create preventative and pro-active protocols to avoid the necessity of lethal actions; it being noted that the AWAC received a communication dated January 27, 2015, from V. Van Linden, with respect to coyote death and species-specific wildlife protocols.

8. Open Dialogue – AWAC and Local Agencies Involved with Animals

Recommendation: That it **BE NOTED** that the communication dated January 27, 2015, from V. Van Linden, with respect to the AWAC engaging in an open dialogue with local agencies involved with animals, was received.

9. 2015 Budget – Public Participation Meeting

Recommendation: That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) Chair **BE DIRECTED** to present the recommendation, on the AWAC's behalf, at the February 19, 2015 Strategic Priorities and Policies Committee 2015 Budget Public Participation Meeting: "the Community Programs, including Spay/Neuter Program, **BE INCREASED** an additional \$150,000 for a total of \$300,000 per year";

it being noted that the AWAC received a communication dated January 19, 2015, from V. Van Linden, with respect to this matter.

**V. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

10. AWAC Resignation

Recommendation: That the communication dated February 3, 2015, from S. Rans, with respect to her resignation from the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, **BE RECEIVED**.

11. Storybook Gardens – Farm Animals and Rabbits

Recommendation: That the Civic Administration **BE REQUESTED** to consider the following with respect to the animals at Storybook Gardens:

- a) the discontinuation all live animal displays at Storybook Gardens, with the zoo portion being permanently closed;
- b) ensure that no new animal housing be built at Storybook Gardens; and,
- c) seek permanent sanctuary homes for the remaining animals;

it being noted that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee received a communication dated February 3, 2015 from V. Van Linden, with respect to this matter.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Next Meeting Date: April 2, 2015 at 5:00 PM
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