

**7TH REPORT OF THE**  
**ANIMAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting held on June 2, 2016, commencing at 5:05 PM, in Committee Room #3, Second Floor, London City Hall.

**PRESENT:** W. Brown (Chair), K. Ashe, M. Gelinas, V. Lightfoot, M. Puzanov, D. Simpson, J. Sukhdeo and M. Toplack and J. Martin (Secretary).

**ABSENT:** K. MacIntosh, P. Newbould and F. Sekercioglu.

**ALSO PRESENT:** S. Stafford.

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

**II. SCHEDULED ITEMS**

2. Canada Geese in Springbank Park

That it BE NOTED that the Wildlife Sub-committee will work in conjunction with the Civic Administration to develop a strategy to address concerns with Canada Geese in Springbank Park and further that the development of the above-noted strategy BE ADDED to the 2016 AWAC work plan; it being noted that a verbal presentation from S. Stafford, Division Manager, Parks and Community Sports with respect to this matter, was received.

**III. CONSENT ITEMS**

3. 6th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 6th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on May 5, 2016, was received.

4. Municipal Council Resolution - 5th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held May 3, 2016, with respect to the 5th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, was received.

5. Municipal Council Resolution - 5th Report of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held May 19, 2016, with respect to the 5th Report of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee, was received.

6. Notice of Public Participation Meeting and Public Open House for the London Plan

That it BE NOTED that a Notice dated May 4, 2016, from J. Adema, Planner, with respect to a Public Participation Meeting and Public Open House for the London Plan was received.

7. Defining and Applying Diversity: "Gender Lens"

That it BE NOTED that the Municipal Council resolution from its session held on May 3, 2016, with respect to "Defining and Applying Diversity: 'Gender Lens'", and the related communication dated April 26, 2016, from N. Garrison, Western University, were received.

8. Education/Outreach Joint Discussion of Advisory Committees

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee appointed M. Gelinas and W. Brown as their representatives at the education/outreach joint discussion of advisory committees; it being noted that a communication dated April 25, 2016 from S. Ratz Advisory Committee on the Environment and A. Stratton, Transportation Advisory Committee, was received with respect to this matter.

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

9. Wild-life Sub-Committee

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) received a verbal update from W. Brown, on behalf of the AWAC Wildlife Sub-Committee.

10. Companion Animals Sub-Committee

None.

**V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

11. Springbank Dam

That the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to include the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) in all communications with respect to the Springbank Dam in order for the AWAC to prepare and provide input related to animal welfare and urban wildlife, and that this matter BE ADDED to the 2016 AWAC work plan for approval.

**VI. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

12. (ADDED) Feeding Wildlife Concern

That it BE NOTED that the Wildlife Sub-committee will work in conjunction with the Civic Administration in the development of a strategy, policy and/or by-law to address the feeding of wildlife and that this matter BE ADDED to the 2016 Animal Welfare Advisory Committee work plan; it being noted that a communication dated May 6, 2016, from S. Coppins with respect to this matter, was received.

13. (ADDED) 2016 Animal Welfare Advisory Committee Work Plan

That the attached revised 2016 Work Plan for the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee BE FORWARDED to the Municipal Council for consideration; it being noted that this revised plan includes the initiatives noted in clauses 2, 11 and 12.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: August 4, 2016**

**Animal Welfare Advisory Committee Work Plan – 2016**

Date, June 2016

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Background</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Proposed Budget</b>	<b>Strategic Plan Alignment</b>
Coyote Education Seminar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working with Coyote Canada - host an educational seminar to provide information to stakeholders and the community about how to coexist with wildlife (coyotes) and meet the challenges that occur in the community in the urban setting.</li> <li>• Provide the public and media with accurate coyote information, education and safety guidelines to effectively enhance a sustainable approach while minimizing human and wildlife conflict. Highlighting a Wildlife Strategy Framework (WSF). The four cornerstones of the WSF are Investigation, Education, Prevention and Enforcement. A WSF encourages and supports community wildlife resiliency and presents successful, non-lethal alternatives that are available to every community that are long term, cost effective and that promote safety for children, wildlife and family pets. Coexisting with wildlife and meeting the challenges that are occurring in a community warrant a commitment from all stakeholders.</li> <li>• Note this was originally scheduled for April 14, 2016 but will be rescheduled date to be confirmed.</li> </ul>	Wildlife Sub-Committee	Spring 2016		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening Communities, Health, Safe, 3.E, 5.F</li> </ul>
Municipal Coyote Resource	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate opportunities for Coyote Watch Canada to work with the Municipality and community stakeholders to develop a resource to support the community to effectively deal with coyote's in the urban community and to support the Humane Wildlife Conflict Policy.</li> </ul>	Wildlife Sub-Committee	Spring 2016		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening Communities, Health, Safe, 3.E, 5.F</li> </ul>

Exemption to the current by-law limit for Class 4 Companion Animals for Rescue Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research the feasibility of an exemption to the current by-law limit for Class 4 Companion Animals in authorized rescue groups. This consideration would allow authorized rescue groups to handle a larger number of class 4 companion animals for adoption rather than euthanize, noting that this will support the no kill policy.</li> </ul>	Companion Sub-Committee	2016		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening Communities, Caring and Compassionate Services, 3.E</li> </ul>
Tethering and outdoor living conditions for animals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The AWAC will work with Civic Administration to develop recommendations for the consideration of CPSC in order to communicate with the province (Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services) with respect to potential amendments to provincial legislation to strengthen protection of animals, tethering and outdoor living conditions.</li> </ul>	Companion Sub-Committee	2016		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening Communities, Caring and Compassionate Services, 3.E</li> </ul>
Animal Care Services - Potential Service Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The AWAC will research best practices in other municipalities including new initiatives, processes and products for enhanced service provision, promote licensing, return to owner, adoption etc. and provide updates to Civic Administration and Municipal Council to assist with possible new initiatives.</li> </ul>	Companion Sub-Committee	2016 to 2018		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening Communities, Caring and Compassionate Services, 3.E</li> <li>• Healthy, Safe, 5.F</li> </ul>
Creation of a list of allowable species in the City and a restriction on the sources and sales for specific species (domestic and exotic) from retail stores	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The AWAC will research the practices of other municipalities with respect to restrictions on the sales of specific species from retail stores. These actions would assist with minimizing the local ecological impacts of potential invasive species and the global ecological impact by sourcing species from other countries.</li> <li>• As well this would alleviate the pressure on rescue organizations and animal services.</li> <li>• Additionally these actions could improve the welfare of many animals.</li> <li>• Work with Civic Administration to develop a positive list of animals allowed in the City.</li> </ul>	Companion Sub-Committee	2016		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening Communities, Caring and Compassionate Services, 3.E</li> </ul>

Living With Wildlife – Resources for the Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research best practices to promote peaceful co-existence with wildlife and in accordance with the Humane Urban Wildlife Conflict Policy.</li> <li>• Develop educational materials to provide the community.</li> </ul>	Wildlife Sub-Committee	2016 to 2017		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening Communities, Health, Safe 3.E, 5.F</li> <li>• Building Sustainable City Strong Healthy Environment 3.C</li> </ul>
Wildlife Control Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with Civic Administration to ensure that tenders be awarded to service providers based on their compliance with the City of London’s Humane Urban Wildlife Conflict Policy.</li> </ul>	Wildlife Sub-Committee			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening Communities, Health, Safe 3.E</li> </ul>
Tree Trimming Protocols to Protect Wildlife	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The AWAC to continue working with the Civic Administration to develop protocols to further protect wildlife when tree trimming in accordance with the City of London’s Humane Urban Wildlife Conflict Policy.</li> </ul>	Wildlife Sub-Committee			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening Communities, Health, Safe 3.E</li> <li>• Building a Sustainable City Strong and Healthy Environment 3.C, 3.E</li> </ul>
FLAP Program Fatal Light Awareness Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working with EEPAC and ACE to create recommendations for the development of a policy with respect to design and construction guidelines to reduce bird strikes.</li> <li>• Provide research of current practices in other municipalities with respect to window treatments and lighting and dark skies initiatives</li> <li>• This will assist in reducing bird strikes and bird mortality and prevent disruption of migration.</li> </ul>	Wildlife Sub-Committee			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening Communities, Health, Safe 3.E 5.F</li> <li>• Building Sustainable City Strong Healthy Environment 3.C</li> <li>• Growing our Economy 2. Urban Regeneration, C</li> <li>• Building a Sustainable City, 4.C</li> </ul>
Living With Domestic Animals – Resources for the Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop educational materials (in cooperation with Civic Administration) to provide the community with information about caring for companion animals.</li> </ul>				
Springbank Dam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with Civic Administration throughout the EA process and beyond to make recommendations to protect Species At Risk, Habitat and Environment.</li> </ul>	Wildlife Sub-Committee	Ongoing		
Wildlife Feeding By-law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with Civic Administration to develop strategies, policies and/or by-laws to address the feeding of wildlife. (Signage, by-law, education)</li> </ul>	Wildlife Sub-Committee	2016		
Canada Geese in Springbank Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with Civic Administration to develop strategies, policies and/or by-laws to address geese in Springbank Park. (Naturalization, signage, by-law, education)</li> </ul>	Wildlife Sub-Committee	2016		

**COMPLETED**

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Pigs as Pets	At the request of Municipal Council the AWAC will review and the request to have pigs classified as pets in the City of London and report back.		COMPLETED May 2016		•