

Animal Welfare Advisory Committee Work Plan – 2016

Date, September 2016

Activity	Background	Responsibility	Timeline	Proposed Budget	Strategic Plan Alignment
Coyote Education Seminar	- 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. - 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. - Note this was originally scheduled for April 14, 2016 but will be rescheduled date to be confirmed.	Wildlife Sub-Committee	Spring 2016		Strengthening Communities, Health, Safe, 3.E, 5.F
Municipal Coyote Resource	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.	Wildlife Sub-Committee	Spring 2016		Strengthening Communities, Health, Safe, 3.E, 5.F

Exemption to the current by-law limit for Class 4 Companion Animals for Rescue Groups	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.	Companion Sub-Committee	2016		Strengthening Communities, Caring and Compassionate Services, 3.E
Animal Care Services - Potential Service Improvements	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.	Companion Sub-Committee	2016 to 2018		- Strengthening Communities, Caring and Compassionate Services, 3.E - Healthy, Safe, 5.F
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	- 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. - As well this would alleviate the pressure on rescue organizations and animal services. - Additionally these actions could improve the welfare of many animals. - Work with Civic Administration to develop a positive list of animals allowed in the City.	Companion Sub-Committee	2016		Strengthening Communities, Caring and Compassionate Services, 3.E
Living With Wildlife – Resources for the Community	- Research best practices to promote peaceful co-existence with wildlife and in accordance with the Humane Urban Wildlife Conflict Policy. - Develop educational materials to provide the community.	Wildlife Sub-Committee	2016 to 2017		- Strengthening Communities, Health, Safe 3.E, 5.F - Building Sustainable City Strong Healthy Environment 3.C
Wildlife Control Practices	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.	Wildlife Sub-Committee			Strengthening Communities, Health, Safe 3.E

FLAP Program Fatal Light Awareness Program	• 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. • Provide research of current practices in other municipalities with respect to window treatments and lighting and dark skies initiatives • This will assist in reducing bird strikes and bird mortality and prevent disruption of migration.	Wildlife Sub-Committee			• Strengthening Communities, Health, Safe 3.E 5.F • Building Sustainable City Strong Healthy Environment 3.C • Growing our Economy 2. Urban Regeneration, C • Building a Sustainable City, 4.C
Living With Domestic Animals – Resources for the Community	• Develop educational materials (in cooperation with Civic Administration) to provide the community with information about caring for companion animals.				
Springbank Dam	• Work with Civic Administration throughout the EA process and beyond to make recommendations to protect Species At Risk, Habitat and Environment.	Wildlife Sub-Committee	Ongoing		

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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		
Wildlife Feeding By-law	Work with Civic Administration to develop strategies, policies and/or by-laws to address the feeding of wildlife. (Signage, by-law, education)	Wildlife Sub-Committee	Completed August 2016 – Recommendations submitted for proposed by-law development to Orest/Scott Stafford		
Canada Geese in Springbank Park	Work with Civic Administration to develop strategies, policies and/or by-laws to address geese in Springbank Park. (Naturalization, signage, by-law, education)	Wildlife Sub-Committee	Completed August 2016 – Recommendations submitted proposed by-law development Orest/Scott Stafford		
Tree Trimming Protocols to Protect Wildlife	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.	Wildlife Sub-Committee	Completed August 2016 – Recommendations submitted for the staff report and policy – John Parsons		- Strengthening Communities, Health, Safe 3.E - Building a Sustainable City Strong and Healthy Environment 3.C, 3.E
Tethering and outdoor living conditions for animals	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.	Companion Sub-Committee	Completed – recommendations submitted Spring 2016		Strengthening Communities, Caring and Compassionate Services, 3.E