

**11TH REPORT OF THE**  
**ANIMAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting held on November 3, 2016, commencing at 5:00 PM, in Committee Room #3, Second Floor, London City Hall.

**PRESENT:** W. Brown (Chair), K. Ashe, H. de Hoog, M. Gelinas, V. Lightfoot, P. Lystar, E. Nicholas, M. Puzanov, D. Simpson, J. Sukadeo and M. Toplack and J. Martin (Secretary).

**ABSENT:** A. Parsons.

**ALSO PRESENT:** J. MacKay and R. Oke.

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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**

None.

**III. CONSENT ITEMS**

2. 10th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 10th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on October 6, 2016, was received.

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

3. Wildlife Sub-Committee

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) combined the Wildlife Sub-committee and the Companion Animal Sub-committee and renamed this committee to the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) Working Group.

4. Companion Animals Sub-Committee

None.

**V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

5. Dark Skies Update

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) heard a verbal update from W. Brown with respect to the Dark Skies.

6. Animal Control By-law

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) deferred discussion with respect to the Animal Control By-law as it relates to snakes, to a future meeting of the AWAC, when D. Borden is available initiative.

7. Urban Wildlife Conflict Resolution Strategies for Communities - Wildlife Response Strategy - Discussion

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) heard a verbal update from J. MacKay and held a general discussion with respect to the urban wildlife conflict resolution strategies for communities - wildlife response strategy.

8. 2016 AWAC Workplan

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee reviewed and updated the attached 2016 Work Plan.

9. London Animal Care Centre Tour

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) set November 28, 2016 as the date for the London Animal Care Centre Tour.

**VI. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

10. (ADDED) Letter of Resignation - P. Newbould

That it BE NOTED that a communication dated October 28, 2016 from P. Newbould with respect to his resignation from the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, was received.

11. (ADDED) Business Licensing of Pet Stores

That it BE NOTED that the Civic Administration requested that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee compile a list of allowable species and a list prohibitive species for pet store sales; it being noted that these lists will be used in the development of regulating pet stores through business licensing.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: December 1, 2016**

### Animal Welfare Advisory Committee Work Plan – 2016

Date, November 2016

Activity	Background	Responsibility	Timeline	Proposed Budget	Strategic Plan Alignment
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>	AWAC Working Group	Spring 2017		<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>	AWAC Working Group	2017		<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>	AWAC Working Group	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> </ul>	AWAC Working Group	Spring 2017		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthening Communities, Caring and Compassionate Services, 3.E</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with Civic Administration to develop a positive list of animals allowed in the City.</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>	AWAC Working Group	2016 to 2018		<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>	AWAC Working Group	2018		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening Communities, Health, Safe 3.E</li> </ul>
Bird Friendly Guidelines as it relates to urban design and development and light pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working with EEPAC and ACE to create recommendations for the development of a policy with respect to urban design and development and light pollution.</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>	AWAC Working Group	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> <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>	AWAC Working Group	2018		
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>	AWAC Working Group	Ongoing		

**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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
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>	AWAC Working Group	Completed August 2016 – Recommendations submitted for proposed by-law development to Orest/Scott Stafford		
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>	AWAC Working Group	Completed August 2016 – Recommendations submitted proposed by-law development Orest/Scott Stafford		
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>	AWAC Working Group	Completed August 2016 – Recommendations submitted for the staff report and policy – John Parsons		<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>
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>	AWAC Working Group	Completed – recommendations submitted Spring 2016		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthening Communities, Caring and Compassionate Services, 3.E</li> </ul>
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</li> </ul>	AWAC Working Group	Spring 2016		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthening Communities, Health, Safe, 3.E, 5.F</li> </ul>

	<p>(coyotes) and meet the challenges that occur in the community in the urban setting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><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></ul>				
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