

1ST REPORT OF THE
ANIMAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting held on December 1, 2016, commencing at 5:02 PM, in Committee Room #4, Second Floor, London City Hall.

PRESENT: J. Sukhdeo (Acting Chair), K. Ashe, H. de Hoog, M. Gelinias, V. Lightfoot, P. Lystar and E. Nicholas and J. Martin (Secretary).

ABSENT: W. Brown, M. Puzanov, D. Simpson and M. Toplack.

ALSO PRESENT: A. Beaton, J. MacKay, R. Oke and F. Sekercioglu.

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for the Term Ending November 30, 2017

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee deferred the election of the Chair and Vice Chair to the January 2017 meeting of the AWAC; it being noted that the AWAC appointed J. Sukhdeo as Acting Chair for the December meeting.

III. SCHEDULED ITEMS

3. Humane Wildlife Conflict Policy: Forest Operations Wildlife Protocol

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) received a verbal update and the attached presentation from A. Beaton, Supervisor, Operations Forestry, with respect to the Humane Wildlife Conflict Policy: Forest Operations Wildlife Protocol.

IV. CONSENT ITEMS

4. 11th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 11th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on November 3, 2016, was received.

5. Letter of Resignation - A. Parsons

That it BE NOTED that a communication from A. Parsons with respect to her resignation from the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, was received.

V. SUB-COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

6. Animal Welfare Advisory Committee Working Group

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) received a verbal update from M. Gelinias, on behalf of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) Working Group.

VI. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

7. Animal Control By-law - Snakes

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) received a verbal update from the Committee Secretary, on behalf of D. Broden, indicating that he was withdrawing his request for consideration to have the Animal Control By-law revised.

VII. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

8. (ADDED) Amending Class 4 Animals To Be Included in By-Law Exemption For Recognized Rescue Organizations

That the Municipal Council BE REQUESTED to consider an amendment to the Animal Control By-law (PH-3) to include in its exemptions, eligible, recognized rescue organizations for the following:

- a) Class 4 animals;
- b) Class 5 animals;
- c) Class 6 animals; and,
- d) tortoises;

it being noted the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee received a communication dated November 10, 2016 from K. Ngo, with respect to this matter.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

NEXT MEETING DATE: January 5, 2017

HUMANE URBAN WILDLIFE CONFLICT POLICY: FORESTRY OPERATIONS WILDLIFE PROTOCOL

June 2016

City of London

Version: 1.0

Why have a protocol?

To successfully implement the City's Humane Urban Wildlife Conflict Policy. Specific protocols are required to address potential human wildlife conflicts. This protocol will allow for tree care and to mitigate risk to property, people and the environment while balancing the various needs of wildlife inhabitants in trees.



Primary Goals of the Protocol

The protocol attempts to balance the following goals:

- Respect and protect wildlife in their natural habitat;
- Protect critical infrastructure;
- Protect people and property and mitigate risk.

Protocol

After conducting a visual inspection of the tree is there a net negative impact on the "Primary Goals"?

If No: No direct action required – proceed with work.

If Yes:

- 1) In cases where wildlife is visually present following an inspection but the tree needs pruning or removal, staff will cease work until nesting period is over and the wildlife has left.
- 2) In cases where wildlife is visually present following an inspection but the tree is assessed as an immediate risk, staff will report the conditions to the Forestry Supervisor.
- 3) Following step 2 if the work cannot be delayed. Pre-stressing will be used to encourage wildlife to leave the site.

Governing Principle

Generally, the safest and most operationally feasible method for managing wildlife in trees is to leave a mixture of live and dead standing trees in clumped distribution. Tree health care depends on an active pruning cycle. Boulevard or 'Street trees' require additional attention because of their proximity to public and private infrastructure.

Commonly Encountered Species known to nest in trees

<u>TIME OF YEAR</u>	RISK OF ENCOUNTERING NESTING BIRDS	ACTION BY ARBORIST
September to March	LOW	Unlikely that nesting birds will be encountered, however, should this happen work to be stopped on the subject tree and Supervisor to be notified.
Mid April and Late August	MODERATE	Complete site specific risk assessment, work as normal but be aware of increased risk of nesting birds. If encountered, stop and notify Supervisor.
May -July	HIGH	Complete site specific risk assessment it should be anticipated that birds will be nesting during this period, be vigilant during operations and when nesting birds are encountered stop all works on the subject tree and notify Supervisor.

<u>TIME OF YEAR</u>	Risk of encountering nesting Squirrels	ACTION BY ARBORIST
January—February July-August	MODERATE	Complete site specific risk assessment, work as normal but be aware of increased risk of nesting squirrels. If encountered, stop and notify Supervisor.

Continuous Improvement

The protocol will be reconsidered and brought back to Council by the end of 2018 following implementation and training. Going forward, any significant changes to the protocol will be reported back to the various stakeholders and Council prior to implementation.

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