

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

Meeting held on January 5, 2017, commencing at 5:07 PM, in Committee Room #3, Second Floor, London City Hall.

**PRESENT:** W. Brown (Chair), Heather deHoog, M. Gelinas, P. Lystar, M. Puzanov, D. Simpson and M. Toplack and J. Martin (Secretary).

**ABSENT:** K. Ashe, V. Lightfoot, E. Nicholas and J. Sukhdeo.

**ALSO PRESENT:** 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. 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 elected W. Brown and D. Simpson as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, for the term ending November 30, 2017.

**III. SCHEDULED ITEMS**

None.

**IV. CONSENT ITEMS**

3. 1st Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 1st Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on December 1, 2016, was received.

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

4. Animal Welfare Advisory Committee Working Group

That it BE NOTED that no update was received.

**VI. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

5. Animal Welfare Advisory Committee Work Plan

That the following actions be taken with respect to the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee Workplan:

- a) the ~~attached~~ 2017 Work Plan for the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee BE FORWARDED to the Municipal Council for consideration; and,
- b) the ~~attached~~ 2016 Animal Welfare Advisory Committee Workplan Summary BE FORWARDED to the Municipal Council for their information.

6. Wildlife Education at London Libraries

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) held a general discussion with respect to an initiative to distribute wildlife education information at London Libraries; it being noted that the AWAC added the above-noted initiative to its 2017 Workplan.

**VII. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

None.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: February 2, 2017**

**Animal Welfare Advisory Committee Work Plan – 2017**

Date, January 2017

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> <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>	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, Class 5 Animals, Class 6 Animals and Tortoises 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, Class 5 and Class 6 animals and tortoises in authorized rescue groups. This consideration would allow authorized rescue groups to handle a larger number of class 4, 5, 6 animals and tortoises for adoption rather than euthanize, noting that this will support the no kill policy.</li> </ul>	AWAC Working Group	Recommendation to CPSC and Council January 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,</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>

	<p>promote licensing, return to owner, adoption etc. and provide updates to Civic Administration and Municipal Council to assist with possible new initiatives.</p>				
<p>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</p>	<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>	<p>AWAC Working Group</p>	<p>Spring 2017</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening Communities, Caring and Compassionate Services, 3.E</li> </ul>
<p>Living With Wildlife – Resources for the Community</p>	<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 awareness strategies and educational materials to provide the community.</li> </ul>	<p>AWAC Working Group</p>	<p>2016 to 2018</p>		<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>
<p>Living With Domestic Animals – Resources for the Community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop educational materials (in cooperation with Civic Administration) to provide the community with information about caring for domestic and companion animals. (eg choosing the right animal, care of pets, safety, etc)</li> </ul>	<p>AWAC Working Group</p>	<p>2018</p>		
<p>Development of a Communication Strategy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with the local Libraries and school boards to distribute wildlife and companion animal educational awareness strategies and materials.</li> <li>• Work with Civic Administration to distribute wildlife and companion animal educational awareness strategies and materials online and at city facilities.</li> </ul>	<p>AWAC Working Group</p>	<p>2018</p>		
<p>Wildlife Control Practices</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with Civic Administration to ensure that tenders be awarded to service providers based on</li> </ul>	<p>AWAC Working Group</p>	<p>2018</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening Communities, Health, Safe 3.E</li> </ul>

	their compliance with the City of London's Humane Urban Wildlife Conflict Policy.				
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>
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		

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

Date, January 2017

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Background</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Proposed Budget</b>	<b>Strategic Plan Alignment</b>
Pigs as Pets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>		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 (coyotes) and meet the challenges that occur in the community in the urban setting.</li></ul>	AWAC Working Group	Spring 2016		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Strengthening Communities, Health, Safe, 3.E, 5.F</li></ul>
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