

6TH REPORT OF THE
ANIMAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting held on May 2, 2013, commencing at 5:02 p.m.

PRESENT: S. C. Rans (Chair), J. Fawcett-Cornish, E. Gerrow, A. Pappmehl, M. Puzanov, B. Saylor, V. Van Linden and M. Warder and B. Mercier (Secretary).

ALSO PRESENT: R. Oke and F. Sekercioglu.

REGRETS: B. Barr, W. L. MacKay and M. Shepherd.

I YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

Animal Services - 2013 Business Plan

1. (9) That the Civic Administration **BE REQUESTED** to provide the actual number of cats and dogs destroyed rather than the number of cats and dogs euthanized per 1,000 residents, as noted in the attached Animal Services 2013 Business Plan Summary; it being noted that the number of animals destroyed increased to 1,647 in 2011, and the AWAC feel that the actual real number, as opposed to the number per 1,000 residents provides greater transparency.

II YOUR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Spay/Neuter Clinic

2. That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) heard the attached presentation from Dr.'s M. Harding and T. Satchell, with respect to a new non-profit Companion Animal Hospital and Shelter in London, Ontario.

Dog Park Sub-committee

3. (A) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) heard a verbal update from B. Saylor on behalf of the Dog Parks Sub-committee, with respect to off-leash dog parks.

Wildlife Sub-committee

4. (B,6,10) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) reviewed and received a communication dated April 14, 2013, from its Wildlife Sub-committee, with respect to a letter sent to the Managing Director, Environmental and Engineering Services and City Engineer, with respect to wildlife concerns; it being noted that the AWAC received the attached communication dated April 23, 2013, from the Director, Roads and Transportation, in response to the Wildlife Sub-committee's concerns.

Animal Control and Welfare Coordinator's Report

5. That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) heard a verbal report from R. Oke, Animal Control and Welfare Coordinator, with respect to the following:

- a) the Super Adoption Day registered 62 adoptions; and,
- b) the Spay/Neuter Program statistics:
 - 2010 – 603 spayed/neutered;
 - 2011 – 572 spayed/neutered;
 - 2012 – 998 spayed/neutered; and,
 - 2013 – 502 spayed/neutered (to-date).

Public Education Campaign

6. (5) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) held a general discussion with respect to a public education campaign related to where puppies and kittens and other companion animals come from; it being noted that the AWAC asked that the matter of banning animal sales in retail locations be placed on the next AWAC agenda for discussion.

New Policy on Advisory Committee Absences

7. (7) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) reviewed and received an excerpt from Schedule 'A', 5(16) General Policy for Advisory Committees, entitled "Attendance at Meetings" relating to advisory committee absences.

- Use of Social Media by Advisory Committees
8. (8) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) reviewed and received a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on April 30, 2013, related to the Advisory Committee Policy. The AWAC asked its Members bring back comments at its next meeting with respect to the use of social media by advisory committees.
- AWAC Resignation – L. Jackson
9. (11) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) reviewed and received a communication dated May 1, 2013, from L. Jackson, with respect to her resignation from the AWAC; it being noted that the AWAC expressed its thanks to Ms. Jackson for her contribution to the AWAC.
- AWAC – Deferred Matters
10. That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) deferred the following matters to its next meeting:
- a) (4) discussion – Feral Cat Day planning; and,
 - b) (12) discussion – 2013 AWAC Draft Work Plan.
11. That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) noted and filed the following:
- 5th Report of the AWAC
- a) (1) the 5th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee from its meeting held on April 4, 2013;
- 4th Report of the AWAC
- b) (2) a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on March 26, 2013, with respect to the 4th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee relating to pest, rodent and wildlife control; and,
- AWAC Appointment – Jennifer Fawcett-Cornish
- c) (3) a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on April 16, 2013, with respect to the appointment of Jennifer Fawcett-Cornish to the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee for the term ending February 28, 2015.
- Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest – B. Saylor
12. That B. Saylor disclosed a pecuniary interest in Clause 1 of this report having to do the Animal Services 2012 Business Plan, by indicating that she is affiliated with a group that has submitted an RFP for Animal Welfare Services.
- Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest – M. Warner
13. That M. Warner disclosed a pecuniary interest in Clause 1 of this report having to do the Animal Services 2012 Business Plan, by indicating that she is affiliated with a group that has submitted an RFP for Animal Welfare Services.
- Next Meeting
14. That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) will hold its next meeting on June 6, 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.