Next Steps – Addressing Public Comments and Direction - Expanding the Scope of Animal Welfare Initiatives

Community & Neighbourhoods Committee
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Part A  Expanding the Scope of Animal Welfare Initiatives as Part of the City’s Animal Welfare Program

Part B  Overview of Animal Welfare Activities for 2009 & 2010

Part C  Statistics & Performance Indicators for 2009 & 2010
Guidance Document

1. Animal Services Delivery Models
2. Animal Welfare Programs
3. Financing and Implementation
4. Other Animal Services

14 Discussion Guides created to assist decision-making
CNC June 14 Discussion & Council Recommendations

• Timetable approved in principle
• Hold a PPM on July 19
• More immediate work:
  – Spay/neuter
  – Community-based adoption programs
  – Animal foster and adoption facility/facilities
CNC July 19 Discussion & Council Recommendations

- Review public input and determine how it can be incorporated
- Develop a Work Plan
Overview of Major Themes Expressed at PPM

How input has been received:

- Ongoing (e.g., AWAC), other public comments
- December 2010 survey
- PPM on July 19, 2011
- Our report highlights 13 theme areas
Overview of Major Themes
Expressed at PPM

Our report and comments designed to:

• fill information gaps where we can
• provide additional clarity
• determine “fit” with current direction for animal services
Overview of Major Themes Expressed at PPM

Some key items from staff report include:

• “Contract” versus “contractor”

• Collaboration – the key to success – the challenges and opportunities ahead

• Calgary – lessons learned and the road (still) ahead

• “No Kill Community” versus No More Homeless Pets
Humane Societies’ Canadian Shelters - Comparators

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<td>Total Euthanized</td>
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How satisfied are you with the performance of the City in looking after the following animal services, if you can say?

- very satisfied
- somewhat satisfied
- not so satisfied
- not satisfied at all
- don’t know

- dog & cat licensing fees
- off-leash dog parks
- picking up strays
- city shelter for strays
Overview of Major Themes Expressed at PPM and How They Line Up with Direction

Staff Opinion – “General” to mostly “Good” alignment exists with direction
Purpose – to identify interested and qualified organizations that may be able to provide services and/or partnerships for animal services

- **Traditional Services** such as by-law enforcement, patrols, licensing

- **Newer Animal Welfare Services** such as adoption programs, volunteers, spay/neuter, community cats
Additional Research - Shelters

1. publicly owned and operated by a private or non-for-profit service provider
2. publicly owned and operated by a public service provider
3. privately owned and privately operated
4. public/private partnerships with specified operational strategies, and
5. public/not-for-profit partnerships with specified operational strategies
Additional Research – Community-based Models

• Exist in London now:
  • Community funded
  • Handling many cats and dogs

• Other London examples have proven successful:
  • London Arts Council; Heritage Council
  • Health partnerships
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Phase 1 Work Plan

1. Adoptions
2. Spay/neuter
3. REOI
4. Shelter research
5. Community-based models
6. AMO/FCM details
7. Financing/licensing
8. Responsible Pet Purchasing
Updates – Other Municipalities - Calgary

Highlights:

• Licensing – dogs & cats
• Public attitude for dogs
• Collaboration with partners
• Adoption services
• Modern facilities
• Stable finances

Dental surgery areas at Calgary Animal Services Facility
A display board with adoptable animals greets you inside Calgary Animal Services Facility

A pilot project – an electronic kiosk for lost, found and adoptions
Over 140 off leash areas serve Calgary. Only a few are “officially” fenced.
A “shared” neighbourhood park with some fencing
Updates – Other Municipalities - Calgary

Highlights – MEOW Foundation:

- Registered charity
- No direct City funds
- Budget of $450,000
- No kill shelter
- 600 cats per year
Challenges:

- Cats – too many being sheltered
- CHS handles 5,200 cats; City handles 870 cats
- Claim rate for cats (13%) is very low
Lessons Learned (for now) - The Challenges Ahead for London

- Meeting expectations for services in a timely manner
- Growing animal welfare funds through licensing and donations
- Changing the community culture for pets
- Achieving affordable, high volume spay/neuter
- Achieving a collaborative environment
Vision:
London, a city where all pets have a caring, respectful & responsible home
Recommendations

a) Prepare and release REOI
b) Further research – shelters
c) Further research – community based models
d) Phase 1 Work Plan
e) Remainder for information
f) Send to AWAC for information