Meeting held on September 27, 2011, commencing at 4:08 p.m.


ALSO PRESENT: R. Oke and L. Pompilii.


I YOUR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AWAC Resignations
1. (7) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) received the attached resignation, dated September 27, 2011, from J. Symons.

RAPS No Kill Animal Shelter Model
2. That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) received the attached presentation with respect to the Richmond BC Animal Protection Society (RAPS) No Kill Animal Shelter Model, from S. Kamp, former Manager (RAPS).

The Welfare of Service Dogs in Canada
3. That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) was advised that J. Robertson was unavailable to present at this time, the AWAC deferred this delegation to a later date.

Dog Parks Sub-committee
4. (A) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) heard a verbal presentation and received the attached report dated September 27, 2011, from J. LaLonde, on behalf of the Dog Parks Sub-committee, advising of the following:
   (a) the Pooch Plunge was a huge success and the proceeds of $2,500.00 will be presented to Canfix;
   (b) D. Brown has requested delegation status at Community and Neighbourhoods Committee to address a noise concern at the Greenway dog park; and,
   (c) the AWAC has received concerns with respect to safety and maintenance issues at dog parks; it being noted that the AWAC requested that A. Macpherson provide an update to the AWAC with respect to the status of the safety and maintenance issues at the dog parks.

Wildlife Sub-committee
5. (C,6) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) heard a verbal presentation and received the attached report dated September 27, 2011, from D. Harris, on behalf of the Wildlife Sub-committee, with respect to the Living with Wildlife 2011 Conference.

Deer Sub-committee
6. (D) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) held a general discussion with respect to the following:
   (a) the current deer count; noting that the AWAC has requested that their committee secretary contact the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority for the current deer count; and,
   (b) the deer crossing signage and its effectiveness.

City Conference
7. (4) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) held a general discussion with respect to hosting a community event; noting that the AWAC will not host an event this year and will review this matter in January, for 2012.
8. (5) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) reviewed and received a communication from M. Shepherd, with respect to hosting an Adoption Options seminar. The AWAC held a general discussion with respect to this matter and asked V. VanLinden to contact pet finder for additional information. The AWAC asked that this matter be placed on its next agenda for further discussion.

9. (Added) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) held a general discussion with respect to providing funds to purchase community cat shelters. The AWAC deferred further discussion of this matter to the next meeting.

10. That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) noted and filed the following:

(a) (1) the 8th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee from its meeting held on August 23, 2011; it being noted that clause 5 of the report was amended to read the “AWAC”, not “A. Papmehl”, submitted a communication to the Community and Neighbourhoods Committee with respect to the backyard chicken PPM, and noting that this submission was reviewed and received at the AWAC meeting held September 27, 2011.

(b) (2) a communication dated September 15, 2011, from S. Rans, London Animal Welfare Association, with respect to transforming current pounds into no-kill shelters;

(c) (3) a communication presented to the City Clerk from the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, with respect to the new structuring of Committees and City functions;

11. That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) will hold its next meeting on October 19, 2011.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.