

Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

Report

6th Meeting of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee
June 7, 2018
Committee Room #4

Attendance PRESENT: W. Brown (Chair), A. Cheng, H. de Hoog , A.M. Evans, M. Gelinass, A. Hayes, P. Lystar, D. Simpson and M. Toplak and P. Shack (Secretary)

REGRETS: K. Ashe and M. Morris

ALSO PRESENT: H. Lysynski, J.P. McGonigle and R. Oke

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM.

1. Call to Order

1.1 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

2. Scheduled Items

2.1 Overview of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan

That it BE NOTED the Animal Welfare Animal Welfare Advisory Committee heard the attached presentation from JP McGonigle, Division Manager, Parks & Recreation, with respect to an update on Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

3. Consent

3.1 Municipal Council Resolution-4th Report of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee

That the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to advise the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee of the recommendations being implemented relating to the Green Standards for Light Pollution and Bird Friendly Development; it being noted that the Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on April 10, 2018 with respect to the 4th Report of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee from its meeting held on March 15, 2018, was received.

3.2 Municipal Council Resolution-4th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the Municipal Council Resolution adopted at its meeting held on May 8, 2018, with respect to the 4th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, was received.

4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

That it BE NOTED that Animal Welfare Advisory Committee heard a verbal update from W. Brown, Chair, Wildlife and Companion Animal Sub-Committee.

5. Items for Discussion

5.1 Animal Welfare Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee Terms of Reference were referred to the Wildlife and Companion Animal Committee for review and to report back at a future meeting.

5.2 2018 Animal Welfare Advisory Committee Work Plan

That consideration of the 2018 Animal Welfare Advisory Committee Work Plan BE POSTPONED to the next meeting.

5.3 Pets in Hot Cars

That representatives from the Newmarket OSPCA and London Police Services Board BE INVITED to attend a future meeting of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) to advise the AWAC of the following:

- a) whose responsibility it is to remove animals from hot cars; and,
- b) how to increase public awareness of which organization to contact.

5.4 Medway Valley Heritage Forest

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee held a general discussion with respect to Medway Valley Heritage Forest Environmentally Significant Area.

5.5 Summer Meeting Schedule

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee will meet on July 5, 2018 and August 2, 2018.

6. Deferred Matters/Additional Business

6.1 (ADDED) City of London Animal Services Webpage

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee reviewed and received the City of London Animal Services Webpage, as provided by R. Oke, Animal Control and Welfare Coordinator.

6.2 (ADDED) Ontario SPCA Webpage

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee reviewed and received the attached Ontario SPCA Webpage, as provided by R. Oke, Animal Control and Welfare Coordinator.

6.3 (ADDED) Cat Shelters

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee reviewed and received the attached Cat Shelter handout, as provided by R. Oke, Animal Control and Welfare Coordinator.

7. Adjournment

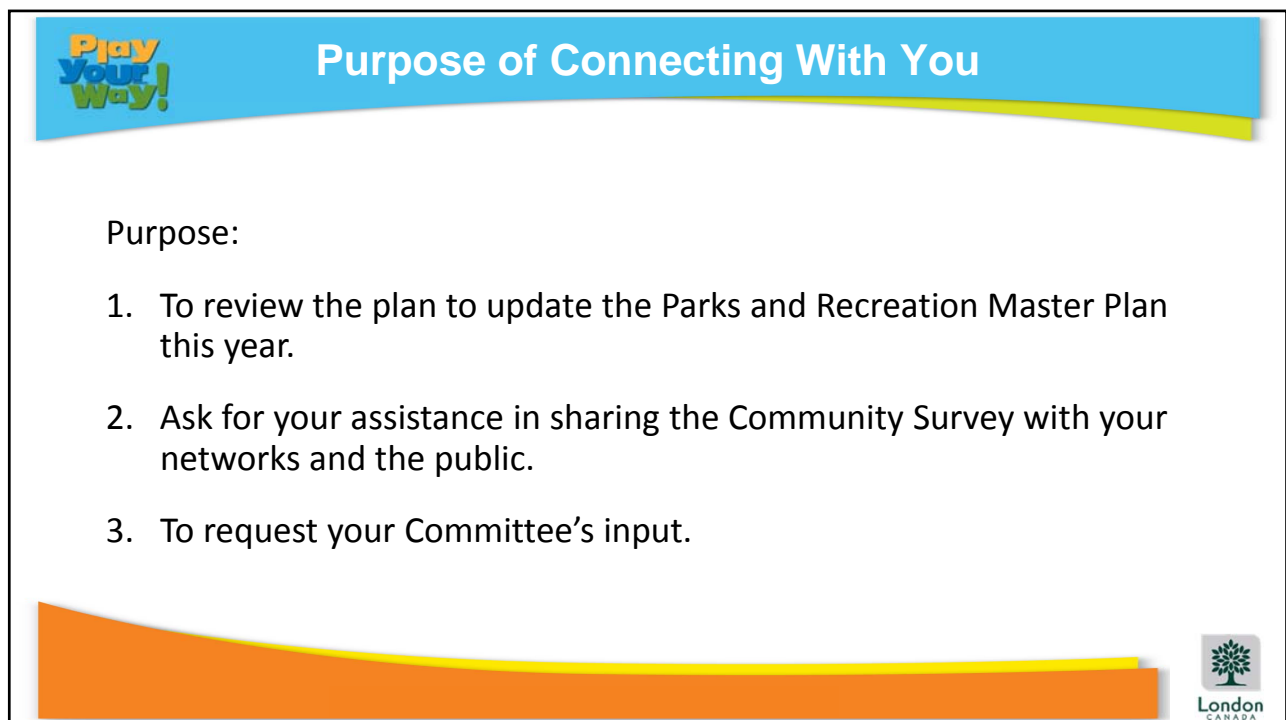
The meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM



Play Your Way! Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update

May / June 2018


Advisory Committees



Play Your Way! Purpose of Connecting With You

Purpose:

1. To review the plan to update the Parks and Recreation Master Plan this year.
2. Ask for your assistance in sharing the Community Survey with your networks and the public.
3. To request your Committee's input.



Play Your Way! **About the Master Plan**

Creating a “Game Plan” for Parks, Recreation Programs, Sport Services and Facilities

- The Master Plan provides an overall vision and direction for making decisions. It is a high level/policy directive document.
- It is based on public input, participation trends and usage, best practices, demographic changes and growth forecasts.
- The Plan will be used by the City to guide investment in parks, recreation programs, sport services and facilities over the next ten years and beyond.



Play Your Way! **Master Plan Overview**

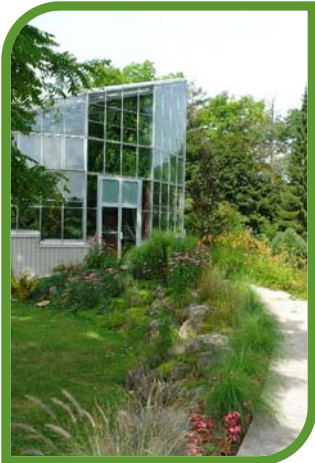
- The City has retained **Monteith Brown Planning Consultants**, **Tucker-Reid & Associates** and **Swerhun Facilitation** to assist in preparing the Update.




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Master Plan Building Blocks

1. Public and Stakeholder Input
2. Demographics and Growth
3. Trends and Usage Data
4. Existing Policies and Guidelines
5. Park, Program, and Facility Distribution
6. Facility Inventories and Asset Management Data






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Project Scope

Items within Scope:

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 - **Recreation Programming**, such as aquatic, sport, wellness, arts/crafts, dance/music, and general interest programs provided by the City and other sectors
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 - **Recreation and Sport Facilities**, such as community centres, pools, sports fields, playgrounds and more
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 - **Parks & Civic Spaces**, such as major parks, neighbourhood parks, gardens and civic squares
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 - **Investment in the Community**, such as neighbourhood opportunities, public engagement, sport tourism and more






Project Scope

Items out of Scope:

- **Parkland Dedication Policies** (London Plan)
- **Cycling** (London Plan, Transportation and Cycling Master Plans)
- **Natural Heritage and Trails** (London Plan, Conservation Master Plans, ESA Master Plans)
- **Arts, Culture and Heritage** (Cultural Prosperity Plan and related reports)

Although these items are addressed in other studies, the Master Plan will ensure alignment





Guiding and Supporting Documents

The Master Plan is a Strategy that guides the provision and management of parks, recreation programs, sport services and facilities. It is influenced by several Overarching Plans and informs several Technical Reports.



Key Overarching Plans	➔	Key Strategies	➔	Key Technical Reports
The London Plan Council's Strategic Plan Accessibility Plan Sector-specific guiding documents, such as the Framework for Recreation in Canada, Parks for All, and others		Age Friendly London Action Plan Child and Youth Agenda Strengthening Neighbourhoods Strategy Transportation and Cycling Master Plans Cultural Prosperity Plan Community Diversity and Inclusion Strategy SHIFT: Rapid Transit Initiative Back to the River / One River Thames Valley Corridor Plan		Development Charges Background Study Conservation Master Plans for Environmentally Sensitive Areas Park-specific Master Plans Business Cases and Feasibility Studies Various By-laws, Policies and Procedures





Deliverables and Timing

- **Background Research** March to June 2018
- **Engagement** May to July 2018
 - Community Survey (Opens May 23rd)
 - Stakeholder Sessions/Focus Groups/Interviews
- **Draft Plan #1** Sept / Oct 2018
- **Draft Plan #2** Oct / Nov
- **Final Plan** presented to the new Council January 2019

Community Survey

Purpose


- To establish a broad picture of usage, satisfaction, priorities, demographics

Timing

- Will be available May 23 until mid-July, hosted through getinvolved.london.ca

How can you help?

- Share the link to the survey with your networks
- Let us know if you would like posters or postcards to distribute





COMMUNITY SURVEY

Play Your Way!

Parks and Recreation


MASTER PLAN

Your input is important.
Tell us how you like to Play Your Way.
Complete the community survey:
getinvolved.london.ca

As London grows and changes, the recreation needs of residents also change. We want to ensure that the right parks, recreation and sport services, programs and facilities are in place to improve quality of life for all Londoners.

Help us plan for the next **10 years** and tell us what recreation, parks and sport services mean to you!




Advisory Committee Input


- Individuals can complete the Community Survey at getinvolved.london.ca
- Tell us about groups or organizations that we should invite to the Stakeholder sessions
- Committee can provide written responses to the Questions

AND / OR

- Committee can provide comments on the last Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan (2009) and Interim Update (Jan. 2017)

Email to: PlayYourWay@london.ca







Advisory Committee Input

Guiding Questions

1. What are the most pressing **issues and priorities** for your Advisory Committee?
2. How can the City of London's parks, recreation and sport **services and facilities** continue to support the needs of your Committee? Please be specific.
3. How can your Committee, the City and others **work together** to meet future needs?
4. Are there any initiatives that are being contemplated, planned or are being implemented that could tie into these or other priorities for parks, recreation and sport services and facilities?



Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update

Thank you!



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Report Animal Cruelty

The Ontario SPCA investigators provide frontline protection for animals across Ontario by responding to nearly 16,000 animal cruelty complaints each year and rescuing injured, abandoned and abused animals.

Empowered by the Ontario SPCA Act, Inspectors and Agents relieve animal suffering and distress by issuing orders, removing animals and laying charges under the Criminal Code of Canada and the Ontario SPCA Act where circumstances warrant. Under the Act, Inspectors and Agents have the same authority as police officers when enforcing animal-cruelty laws.

The Ontario SPCA operates on a complaints basis. This means that you can help animals by being aware of at-risk animals in your community and by reporting cases of suspected animal cruelty to your nearest Ontario SPCA Community, police, Crime Stoppers or police.

Help the investigating officer by providing as many details as possible, including the type of cruelty witnessed, the date of the incident, where it took place, and who was involved. All information remains confidential.

Who to Call

Report suspected animal abuse

To Report suspected animal abuse call the Ontario SPCA at 310-SPCA(7722) 1-888-688-7722 ext. 327, or email cruelty@ospc.ca, or contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), your local Ontario SPCA Animal Centre, Affiliated SPCA or Humane Society or police.



Ontario Farm Animal Care Helpline Services

Contact the Ontario Farm Animal Care Helpline to assist farmers who are unwilling or unable to maintain acceptable conditions for their farm animals (or if you are a farmer experiencing difficulties) and concerns will be relayed to the appropriate group. Phone: 519-837-1326.

Illegal Slaughter Hotline

If you have any information regarding meat-processing activities which you think may be illegal, please contact the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) 1-888-466-2372, <http://www.omnra.gov.on.ca/>.

Wildlife

If you have any information regarding concerns for wildlife, please contact the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) 1-877-847-7667, <http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/>.

Food Production and Humane Transport

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency plays an important role in providing protection for animals used in food production (CFIA). Contact at 1-800-442-2342, <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/mvce.shtml>

Public Health

Contact at 647-260-7100, <http://www.oshpp.ca/contact/index.html>

Dog Owners Liability Act (DOLA)

Contact your local municipality.

6.3

In January 2014, a campaign was launched by UC Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program and the University of Florida Maddie's Shelter Medicine Program to save the lives of 1 million cats in North American shelters over 5 years.

More than 1000 shelters in North America embraced the challenge including the London Animal Care Centre. In line with London Animal Care Centre's (LACC's) efforts to promote and increase animal welfare in the City of London, LACC embraced this opportunity.

At the end of each year, shelters were required to submit their data to the challenge organizers so that the nation-wide progress of the program could be tracked. In just two years, the initiative saw over 500,000 cats saved from euthanasia. In fact, LACC was notified by the challenge organizers and was named as one of the 131 top performers in the challenge because the number of cats euthanized was reduced by over 50%. In May 2018 the London Animal Care Centre attended the Humane Society of the United States Animal Care Expo. A celebration was held to mark 1 million lives saved in only 4 years. The exact numbers are 1,148,129 cats according to challenge organizer, Dr. Julie Levy from UC Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program.

Since the end of 2015, the London Animal Care Centre has consistently maintained an average live release rate over 90%, both for cats and dogs. This was achieved primarily through the establishment of transfer partnerships with rescue organizations, promotions and adoption campaigns.

The London Animal Care Centre expects their live release rate to remain strong. Last fall they implemented a shelter-neuter-return program (SNR), whereby healthy feral cats entering the shelter were spayed/neutered, vaccinated and eartipped prior to be returned to the location they were found at. Through this program, healthy non-adoptable cats are no longer at risk of euthanasia.

In July 2017, the City of London opened the Catty Shack, a 25 cage adoption centre located at the corner of Adelaide and Windermere. The adoption centre accepts the overflow of adoption ready cats from London Animal Care Centre, freeing up shelter space and resources for incoming animals.

The London Animal Care Centre provides animal control, dog licensing, cat identification, by-law enforcement and shelter services for lost and stray animals. They also pick up sick and injured wildlife, where they are medically assessed by a veterinarian and either humanely euthanized or transferred to wildlife rehabilitation centres depending on their condition.

For more information on the London Animal Care Centre, to see the list of animals available for adoption, and volunteer opportunities, please visit www.accpets.ca.