

Animal Welfare Advisory Committee Work Plan – 2018

June 2018

Activity	Background	Responsibility	Timeline	Proposed Budget	Strategic Plan Alignment
Municipal Coyote Resource	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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. 	AWAC Working Group	2018		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening Communities, Health, Safe, 3.E, 5.F
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"> • 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. 	AWAC Working Group	Recommendation to CPSC and Council January 2017		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening Communities, Caring and Compassionate Services, 3.E

<p>Animal Care Services - Potential Service Improvements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The AWAC will research best practices in other municipalities including new initiatives, processes and products for enhanced service provision, promote licensing, return to owner, adoption etc. and provide updates to Civic Administration and Municipal Council to assist with possible new initiatives. • The AWAC will research design strategies for reducing conflict and increase safety for dogs/owners using dog parks. AWAC will provide recommendations to civic administration and municipal council guided by research findings. 	<p>London Dog Owners Association</p>	<p>2016 to 2018</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening Communities, Caring and Compassionate Services, 3.E • Healthy, Safe, 5.F
<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"> • 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. (Completed) • As well this would alleviate the pressure on rescue organizations and animal services. (Completed) • Additionally these actions could improve the welfare of many animals.(Completed) • Work with Civic Administration to develop a positive list of animals allowed in the City. (Completed) • AWAC to be available to provide support, and input as needed as it relates to the Business Licensing of Pet Stores Bylaw recommendations endorsed by City Council. 	<p>AWAC Working Group</p>	<p>2018</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening Communities, Caring and Compassionate Services, 3.E
<p>Living With Wildlife – Resources for the Community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research best practices to promote peaceful co-existence with wildlife and in accordance with the Humane Urban Wildlife Conflict Policy. • Develop awareness strategies and educational materials to provide the community. • Host a booth for “Go Wild, Grow Wild” in 2019 to educate and disseminate educational materials. 	<p>AWAC Working Group</p>	<p>2016 to 2018</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening Communities, Health, Safe 3.E, 5.F • Building Sustainable City Strong Healthy Environment 3.C

Living With Domestic Animals – Resources for the Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) • Host a booth for “Go Wild, Grow Wild” in 2019 to educate and disseminate educational materials. 	AWAC Working Group	2018		
Development of a Communication Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the local Libraries and school boards to distribute wildlife and companion animal educational awareness strategies and materials. • Work with Civic Administration to distribute wildlife and companion animal educational awareness strategies and materials online and at city facilities. 	AWAC Working Group	2018		
Wildlife Control Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Civic Administration to ensure that tenders be awarded to service providers based on their compliance with the City of London’s Humane Urban Wildlife Conflict Policy. • Follow up with city staff regarding tree trimming protocols endorsed by the city to understand what outcomes have been implemented. AWAC to offer to provide input and support if needed. Provide education and incentives to London residents regarding strategies for reducing bird window strikes using a variety of media and public awareness platforms such as “Go Wild Grow Wild” expo. 	AWAC Working Group	2018		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening Communities, Health, Safe 3.E
Travelling Zoos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By-law recommendations regarding travelling zoos 				
Dog Influenza	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educating dog owners of the risks of their dogs contracting dog influenza 				
Animals in Cars During Summer Months – Public Awareness Campaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educating the public about not leaving animals in cars during the summer, even for a few minutes, including, but not limited to, a media blitz and getting information to all households; 	AWAC Working Group	Ongoing		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approaching the London Police Services Board, the OSPCA and the London Humane Society to determine their policies and practices; Approaching Councillors and rescue agencies with a request to put the information on Facebook and Twitter; and, Getting the message out that an animal only has minutes if left in a hot car and immediate action is required. 				
COMPLETED ITEMS:					
Bird Friendly Guidelines as it relates to urban design and development and light pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with EEPAC and ACE to create recommendations for the development of a policy with respect to urban design and development as it relates to glass applications and light pollution for reducing migratory bird deaths. Provide research of current practices in other municipalities with respect to window treatments and lighting and dark skies initiatives This will assist in reducing bird strikes and bird mortality and prevent disruption of migration. Continue to work with EEPAC and ACE to bring recommendations to Civic Administration and City Council. AWAC recommends assisting and supporting city staff and Civic Administration to effectively implement recommendations for urban design and development regarding light pollution and glass applications for reducing migratory bird deaths. 	AWAC Working Group	2018	COMPLETED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening Communities, Health, Safe 3.E 5.F Building Sustainable City Strong Healthy Environment 3.C Growing our Economy 2. Urban Regeneration, C Building a Sustainable City, 4.C
Springbank Dam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with Civic Administration throughout the EA process and beyond to make recommendations to protect Species at Risk, Habitat and Environment. 	AWAC Working Group	Ongoing	COMPLETED	
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