

Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

Report

3rd Meeting of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee
March 7, 2019
Committee Room #4

Attendance PRESENT: W. Brown (Chair), K. Ashe, H. de Hoog, A-M. Evans, A. Hayes, P. Lystar, D. Simpson and M. Toplak and H. Lysynski (Acting Secretary)

ABSENT: M. Morris

ALSO PRESENT: 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

None.

3. Consent

3.1 2nd Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 2nd Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on February 7, 2019, was received.

4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

4.1 (ADDED) Sub-Committee Update

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee heard a verbal update from W. Brown with respect to the Sub-Committee meeting; it being noted that progress was made on a number of items including mobile and private zoos.

5. Items for Discussion

5.1 Chaining/Tethering of Dogs

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee held a general discussion and established an online working group using Google docs, with respect to the chaining/tethering of dogs.

5.2 2019 Work Plan

That the following actions be taken with respect to the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee Work Plan:

- a) the ~~attached~~ 2019 Work Plan for the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee BE FORWARDED to the Municipal Council for consideration; and,
- b) the ~~attached~~ 2018 Animal Welfare Advisory Committee Work Plan Summary BE FORWARDED to the Municipal Council for information.

5.3 Animal Welfare Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

That the following amendments to the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee Terms of Reference BE REFERRED to the comprehensive Advisory Committee review that is currently being undertaken:

- a) amending the Voting Resource Group to read:
 - i) One representative from each of the following three specific organizations:
 - A) deleting “Animal Rescue Group”;
 - B) deleting “Wildlife Rehabilitation Naturalist”; and
 - C) adding “Pound Service Provider”;
 - ii) under One representative from each of the following general categories:
 - A) deleting “Wildlife rehabilitation including naturalists with either educational credentials or active involvement with wildlife through an organization”; and,
 - B) deleting “Pet Shop Owner”;
 - C) increasing the “Members at Large” from 10 to 12;
 - D) adding “Prior and/or current experience related to wildlife rehabilitation, conservation and wildlife biology”

- b) amending “Qualifications” as follows:

Members shall be chosen for their special expertise, experience, dedication and commitment to the mandate of the Committee. Interested candidates will have the necessary membership, experience, credentials and interest relative to the organization or category that they represent, including, but not limited to:

- a range of background experience ~~operating a domestic animal kennel, a veterinarian clinic, animal rescue program, breeding operation or pet supply store;~~
- ~~regard for the interest of all citizens, respecting that there are very diverse views on animal welfare;~~

6. Deferred Matters/Additional Business

None.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM.