

4TH REPORT OF THE
ANIMAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting held on November 1, 2012, commencing at 4:12 p.m.

PRESENT: B. Saylor (Chair), B. Barr, D. A. Fortney, L. Jackson, W. L. MacKay, A. Papmehl, M. Puzanov, S. C. Rans, M. Shepherd, V. Van Linden and M. Warder and B. Mercier (Acting Secretary).

ALSO PRESENT: D. Clarke and R. Oke.

REGRETS: E. Gerrow and J. McFadden.

I YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

AWAC
Wildlife
Subcommittee

1. (C, 8) That the following actions be taken with respect to wildlife and how it is considered and accommodated in municipal planning and decisions, where existing wildlife and/or habitat is potentially affected:

- (a) the Civic Administration **BE REQUESTED** to research, consider and discuss humane solutions from the simplest (e.g., install flow devices to allow water flow through beaver dams) to the more comprehensive (e.g., expropriating or purchasing land adjacent to rather than on natural heritage system land) so that appropriate measures are taken;
- (b) the Civic Administration **BE REQUESTED** to consult with the Environmental, Parks and Planning Departments, including the City Ecologist, to ensure all possible humane solutions are found; and,
- (c) the Civic Administration **BE REQUESTED** to advise the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) with respect to any actions arising from (a) or (b), above;

it being noted that the AWAC reviewed and received a report from its Wildlife Subcommittee dated November 1, 2012, with respect to this matter.

II YOUR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

3rd Report of
the AWAC

2. (1) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) reviewed and received the 3rd Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee from its meeting held on October 4, 2012, and heard a verbal delegation and was provided with a communication from D. Fortney, entitled, "The Pain Behind Foie Gras".

AWAC
Resignations
– Shannon
Belt and
Debbie
Lefebvre

3. (2, 3) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) reviewed and received Municipal Council resolutions from its meetings held on July 24 and 25, and September 18, 2012, respectively, with respect to the resignations of Shannon Belt and Debbie Lefebvre from the AWAC.

Gates Wildlife
Control

4. (4) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) reviewed and received a presentation from B. Saylor, with respect to Gates Wildlife Control; it being noted that the AWAC asked its Committee Secretary to provide the following items to the Members:

- (a) a list of companies the City of London uses for wildlife control;
- (b) the Request for Proposal 12-28 for Animal Welfare Services; and
- (c) the current City of London contract for Animal Control, Pound and Licensing Services.

- Red Rover Responder Workshop
5. (5) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) heard a verbal report from B. Sayler, with respect to the Red Rover Responder Workshop; it being noted that the AWAC was advised that the Workshop will be held on February 2, 2013 at the North London Optimist Community Centre.
- Animal Control By-law – Limitation of Pets Per Household
6. (6) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) heard a verbal report from V. Van Linden, with respect to the Animal Control By-law for the limitation of pets per household. The AWAC asked V. Van Linden and A. Papmehl to prepare a report with respect to this matter, for its next meeting.
- Chief of Police – Bill 69, *Elephant Protection Act, 2012*
7. (7) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) reviewed and received a communication dated August 13, 2012, from B. S. Duncan, Chief of Police, with respect to Criminal Code enforcement under Bill 69, *Elephant Protection Act, 2012*.
- AWAC Updates
8. (Added) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) heard the following updates:
- (a) Storybook Gardens - community members received information from the Manager of Storybook Gardens that the outdoor paddock area will get fencing in November;
 - (b) National Feral Cat Adoption Day – a display was placed at the Civic Plaza, there was no media response; and,
 - (c) Puppy Mill Sales – the AWAC was provided with a communication dated October 30, 2012, from S. Seltzer, with respect to Los Angeles becoming the largest city to ban pet shop puppy mill sales.
- AWAC Next Agenda
9. (Added) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) asked its Committee Secretary to place on its next agenda a discussion item entitled, “2013 Work Plan and Major Projects”.
- Next Meeting
10. That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) will hold its next meeting on December 6, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.