

2ND REPORT OF THE
ANIMAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting held on January 3, 2013, commencing at 5:08 p.m.

PRESENT: M. Puzanov (Acting Chair), D. A. Fortney, E. Gerrow, W. L. MacKay, B. Sayler, M. Shepherd, V. Van Linden and M. Warder and B. Mercier (Secretary).

REGRETS: B. Barr, L. Jackson, J. McFadden, A. Papmehl and S. C. Rans.

I YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

- Wildlife Sub-committee
1. (C) That the following actions be taken with respect to the Animal Control By-law, PH-3:
 - a) the Civic Administration **BE REQUESTED** to bring forward the necessary by-law amendments to allow "Class 7" animals to be kept within the City as follows:
 - i) by Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) approved authorized wildlife custodians;
 - ii) for the purpose of rehabilitation;
 - iii) to facilitate the re-introduction of the animal into the natural environment within the City;
 - b) the above-noted proposed amendments **BE ENACTED** prior to March 1, 2013, in order to be prepared for the need for rehabilitation that traditionally arises with the change of seasons;

it being noted that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee reviewed and received the attached report dated December 19, 2012, from its Wildlife Sub-committee, with respect to this matter.

- AWAC Terms of Reference
2. (Added) That the following actions be taken with respect to the terms of reference and the composition of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC):
 - a) the three (3) vacant categories as listed below, **BE AMENDED** as follows:
 - (i) **Veterinarian or Veterinarian Technician** – be eliminated and a member-at-large be added in its place;
 - (ii) **London Veterinary Association** – be eliminated and a member-at-large be added in its place; and,
 - (iii) **London Humane Society** – be eliminated and a member-at-large be added in its place;
 - b) an additional four (4) members-at-large, with related experience, **BE ADDED** for an increase to its voting members-at-large composition;

it being noted that several attempts to recruit members under the existing definitions have been unsuccessful and these positions have consistently been vacant throughout the entire history of the AWAC; it being further noted that the additional four extra members-at-large will provide much needed support for the AWAC.

II YOUR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 2013 Work Plan and Major Projects
3. (1) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) held a general discussion with respect to its work plan and major projects for 2013; it being noted that M. Puzanov will compile the suggestions provided and send it out to the Members, for their information.

Companies under Contract with the City of London for Animal Control

4. (2) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) reviewed and received a communication with respect to companies under contract with the City of London for animal control; it being noted that the AWAC asked its Committee Secretary to:

- a) to invite City Staff to a future meeting of the AWAC to explain the history of the policies and guidelines used in quotations/tenders with respect to pest control; and,
- b) to invite a representative from Wild Things, Wildlife Control, to a future meeting of the AWAC to speak on non-lethal wildlife control.

Fois Gras Ban Issue

5. (3) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) heard a verbal update from M. Puzanov, with respect to the fois gras ban issue.

RedRover Responders Workshop

6. (4) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) heard a verbal update and received the attached communications from B. Saylor, with respect to the RedRover Responders volunteer training workshop to be held on February 2, 2013 at the North London Optimist Community Centre. Subject to the approval of the City's 2013 Budget, the AWAC approved the expenditure of up to \$500 from its 2013 budget allocation to cover the Trainer's travel expenses and the purchase of food and refreshments for the above-noted workshop.

Next Meeting

7. That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) will hold its next meeting on February 7, 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.