

AWAC – Wildlife Subcommittee Report – We had a meeting on December 19 at 5pm at the Market. Environment, Parks, Planning was unable to host the meeting.

Present: S.Rans, E. Gerrow, M. Gelinas, D. Harris; regrets: V.VanLinden

1. We learned that there were actually 6 beaver at the Stanton Drain site, so one is missing (it may have been killed, died, or tried to move out of the area on its own. Sara will ask Florine Morrison for more details about the beavers that were moved to Aspen Valley.
2. Having reviewed the City's Contracts to Manage Wildlife, and noting that there are references to gassing groundhogs as well as trapping, relocating, and disposing of beaver, raccoons and skunks, we recommend that City Council request that Civic Administration review and change their contracts and practices to align with Council's June resolution for humane solutions to urban wildlife concerns. We would like this is ready to move forward on right away for AWAC's workplan. We recognize that the next issue – who the contracts are with and how business is conducted, requires some research, discussion, and decision-making at the AWAC level. We do not plan to take this on unless there is a request from AWAC.
3. We recommend that City Council request that Civic Administration review and correct its deer management strategy as it relates to the City referring private land owners to pest control companies for assistance in removing deer from property. We would also say that this is ready to move forward right away for the workplan.
4. We agreed that we need to recommend that the City exempt MNR approved authorized wildlife custodians from the bylaws pertaining to class 7 animals so that these injured animals in the city limits can be rehabilitated and released within the city. We would like this to be part of our workplan.
5. We agreed to send a letter expressing our disappointment in being unable to meet with Environment, Parks, Planning in December and look forward to hearing from them in the New Year. We commented that the City now had more than enough resources to prepare a beaver management strategy and other wildlife management strategies and that we would be available to the City Ecologist and her department as needed.
6. We agreed that we needed more detail and information about the Environmental Assessment Chart received from Tom Copeland. Consequently, we will request that Tom Copeland (our city contact for this information) present to us the following in writing and or through a delegation a legend for the chart as well as detail regarding the 'natural heritage systems issues' arising in all developments where this is mentioned. We also request to be updated whenever this chart is updated and we also request notice of all 30 day public review periods as well as the pertinent information being reviewed. In the meantime Elizabeth will go to city websites to see if she can investigate this chart further for our January meeting. We will make the request informally in January and formally at the Feb. Meeting – therefore this needs to be on the deferred list too!

Tentative dates for February Meeting: Wed. Or Thur. Jan. 30 or 31 at 5pm – location to be determined.



Volunteer Training Workshop



Saturday, February 2
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

N. London Optimist Community Centre
1345 Cheapside St.
London, ON N5V 3N9

Hosted by London Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

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London-area Residents Can Volunteer to Help Animals Displaced by Natural Disasters or Rescued From Cruelty

RedRover Responders Volunteers Save Animals' Lives Across the U.S. and Canada

January 3, 2013 – RedRover, a U.S.-based national nonprofit animal welfare organization, is offering a training workshop in London, Ontario, for people who want to shelter and care for animals rescued from large cruelty situations or displaced by floods, fires and other natural disasters. The London Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (London AWAC) is hosting the training.

The workshop trains RedRover Responders volunteers, who provide temporary sheltering for animals displaced by natural disasters or rescued from cruelty situations such as puppy mills and hoarding cases in the United States and Canada. RedRover Responders volunteers walk, feed and comfort animals until they can be reunited with their families, placed in foster care or adopted into new homes. After completing the training program, volunteers are eligible to deploy to situations throughout the United States and Canada.

WORKSHOP INFORMATION: Saturday, February 2
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
North London Optimist Community Centre
1345 Cheapside St.
London, ON N5V 3N9

COST: \$50 USD per person in advance. The training program fee includes a volunteer t-shirt, official photo ID badge, certificate of completion and volunteer handbook.

TO REGISTER: Advance registration is required. Attendees must be at least 18 years old. **Find more information and register online at www.redrover.org/responders.**

"We're excited to bring this training to London," said Beth Saylor, Chair of the London AWAC. "We hope that preparing more volunteers in this area will provide essential support to law enforcement and emergency response agencies in times of crisis."

With more than 3,000 active volunteers in the U.S. and Canada, RedRover can respond when communities become overburdened by a crisis involving a large number of animals. In the past five years alone, RedRover has deployed to 68 emergencies and provided shelter to thousands of animals.

"RedRover Responders volunteers provide critical sheltering assistance to save animals' lives and help a community in need," said RedRover President and CEO Nicole Forsyth. "These services can only be provided because of dedicated and compassionate animal lovers who train at workshops like this one."

Founded in 1987, RedRover focuses on bringing animals out of crisis and strengthening the bond between people and animals through a variety of programs, including emergency sheltering, disaster relief services, financial assistance and education. Learn more at www.redrover.org.

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