

## **Attention: Animal Welfare Advisory Committee**

**Topic** - Educating the public about the harms of feeding bread to ducks

**History** - Time and again, I see people enjoying their afternoon in our parks, feeding ducks! Most of these people are feeding them bread and although this 'tradition' has been going on for decades - it doesn't mean that it's right or healthy for the birds!!!

Here is a great article about this subject from a British website

<https://www.mnn.com/earth-matters/animals/blogs/why-you-shouldnt-feed-ducks-bread>

Two years ago, I sent similar information to all the City Councillors and I only received one reply... and the reply wasn't of any help. It simply informed me that London has a by-law about overfeeding ducks. I'm not sure why this was sent to me and I can't imagine a By-law officer sitting around counting the number of bread crumbs that someone fed to a duck!

Anyway.... nothing was done about this issue and so, the problem remains!

**Discussion** - I would love AWAC members to discuss this issue for the purpose of recommending that solutions be found so that all London ducks can enjoy a healthier lifestyle and cleaner environment while in our city.

I would suggest that one solution be the creation of signs that are installed in parks where duck feeding is common, to educate the public about the harms of feeding ducks.... especially feeding them bread!

Another solution could be an outreach program where local media gets involved to share this story with the public.

Please let me know if any motions are made on this matter and please keep me informed if these motions are successful and solutions are realized!

Thanks

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