

Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

Report

The 3rd Meeting of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee
February 6, 2020
Committee Room #4

Attendance PRESENT: W. Brown (Chair), M. Blosch, A. Hayes, P. Lystar, M. Toplak and D. Turner (Committee Clerk)

NOT PRESENT: A. Hames and M. Szabo

ALSO PRESENT: R. Oke and M. Stone

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM

1. Call to Order

1.1 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

None.

2. Scheduled Items

2.1 Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities (AODA) Orientation

That it BE NOTED that the presentation from M. Stone, Supervisor I, Municipal Policy (AODA), as appended to the agenda, with respect to 'Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities' customer service training, was received.

2.2 Approved Fostering Organizations/Rescue/Foster - Premise Capacity Discussion

That the Civic Administration BE ENCOURAGED to meet with representatives from the rescue organizations operating in London in order to determine what they require for the appropriate/safe operation of their facilities and for the proper fostering of their intake animals with respect to health, safety and well-being standards; it being noted that a verbal presentation from R. Oke, Animal Control and Welfare Coordinator, with respect to this matter, was received.

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 January 9, 2020, was received.

3.2 Municipal Council Resolution - 1st and 2nd Reports of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the Municipal Council resolution, from its meeting held on January 28, 2020, with respect to the 1st and 2nd Reports of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, was received.

3.3 Municipal Council Resolution - Advisory Committee Work Plans

That it BE NOTED that the Municipal Council resolution, from its meeting held on January 28, 2020, with respect to Advisory Committee work plans, was received.

4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

4.1 2020 Work Plan Sub-Committee Update

That the attached 2020 Animal Welfare Advisory Committee work plan BE FORWARDED to Council for its consideration and approval.

5. Items for Discussion

5.1 2020 Go Wild, Grow Wild

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 2020 Go Wild, Grow Wild event:

- a) the expenditure of up to \$100.00 from the 2020 Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) budget BE APPROVED for the printing of the 'Living with Urban Wildlife' infosheet to be distributed at the event;
- b) the AWAC BE PERMITTED to borrow Corporate accessibility equipment - including but not limited to an assistive hearing device - for public use at the event; and,
- c) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to provide AWAC with a display copy of the revised 'Be Coyote Aware' signage found in London's Environmentally Significant Areas.

5.2 You, Your Dog, and Nature in London

That the following actions be taken with respect to the *You, Your Dog and Nature in London* brochure:

- a) the expenditure of up to \$100.00 from the 2020 Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) budget BE APPROVED for the printing of a revised version of the above-noted brochure for distribution at the 2020 Go Wild, Grow Wild event;

it being noted that the AWAC encourages the Environmental and Ecological Planning Committee to destroy any remaining copies of the brochure containing outdated information and to have copies reprinted for distribution at the 2020 Go Wild, Grow Wild event; and,

- b) the Civic Administration BE ENCOURAGED to update the "Coyotes in the City of London" web page by replacing any instances of or references to the outdated, reactionary coyote signage with the new, educational coyote signage being installed in Environmentally Significant Areas.

5.3 Feeding of Water Fowl

That consideration of agenda item 5.3, 'Feeding of Water Fowl', BE DEFERRED to the next meeting of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Civic Administration to develop a positive list of animals allowed in the City. • AWAC to be available to provide support and input as needed as it relates to the Business Licensing of Pet Stores, and to provide Bylaw recommendations endorsed by City Council. 				
Living With Wildlife – Resources for the Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research best practices to promote peaceful co-existence with wildlife and in accordance with the Humane Urban Wildlife Conflict Policy. • Develop awareness strategies and educational materials to provide the community. • Host a booth for “Go Wild, Grow Wild” in 2020 to educate and disseminate educational materials. 	AWAC Working Group	Ongoing		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening Communities, Health, Safe 3.E, 5.F • Building Sustainable City Strong Healthy Environment 3.C
Development of a Communication Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the local Libraries and school boards to distribute wildlife and companion animal educational awareness strategies and materials. • Work with Civic Administration to distribute wildlife and companion animal educational awareness strategies and materials online and at city facilities. 	AWAC Working Group	Ongoing		
Wildlife Control Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Civic Administration to ensure that tenders be awarded to service providers based on their compliance with the City of London’s Humane Urban Wildlife Conflict Policy. 	AWAC Working Group	Ongoing		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening Communities, Health, Safe 3.E
Travelling Zoos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By-law recommendations regarding travelling zoos 		Ongoing		
Animals in Cars During Summer Months – Public Awareness Campaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate the public regarding pets in hot cars. • Approaching the London Police Services Board, the OSPCA and the London Humane Society to determine their policies and practices. • Approaching Councillors and rescue agencies with a request to put the information on Facebook and Twitter. • Getting the message out that an animal only has minutes if left in a hot car and immediate action is required. • Work with local businesses to allow people to bring pets into the business. 	AWAC Working Group	Ongoing		

<p>Bird Friendly Guidelines as it relates to urban design and development and light pollution</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with EEPAC and ACE to create recommendations for the development of a policy with respect to urban design and development as it relates to glass applications and light pollution for reducing migratory bird deaths. • Provide research of current practices in other municipalities with respect to window treatments and lighting and dark skies initiatives. • This will assist in reducing bird strikes and bird mortality and prevent disruption of migration. • Continue to work with EEPAC and ACE to bring recommendations to Civic Administration and City Council. AWAC recommends assisting and supporting city staff and Civic Administration to effectively implement recommendations for urban design and development regarding light pollution and glass applications for reducing migratory bird deaths. 	<p>AWAC Working Group</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening Communities, Health, Safe 3.E 5.F • Building Sustainable City Strong Healthy Environment 3.C • Growing our Economy, Urban Regeneration, 2.C • Building a Sustainable City, 4.C
<p>Municipal Coyote Resource</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate opportunities for Coyote Watch Canada to work with the Municipality and community stakeholders to develop resources to support the community that empower it's residents to use preventative strategies and wildlife safety practices that promote lasting and effective co-existence. Provide the City of London with the implementation of protocols that reflect the values outlined in the City of London's Humane Wildlife Conflict Policy. • Provide the public and media with accurate coyote information, education and safety guidelines to effectively enhance a sustainable approach while minimizing human and wildlife conflict. Highlighting a Wildlife Strategy Framework (WSF). The four cornerstones of the WSF are Investigation, Education, Prevention and Enforcement. A WSF encourages and supports community wildlife resiliency and presents successful, non-lethal alternatives that are 	<p>AWAC Working Group</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening Communities, Health, Safe, 3.E, 5.F

	<p>available to every community that are long term, cost effective and that promote safety for wildlife, pets and residents. Coexisting with wildlife and meeting the challenges that are occurring in a community warrant a commitment from all stakeholders.</p>				
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