

**4TH REPORT OF THE**  
**ANIMAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting held on March 7, 2013, commencing at 5:08 p.m.

PRESENT: S. C. Rans (Chair), B. Barr, E. Gerrow, W. L. MacKay, A. Papmehl, M. Puzanov, B. Saylor, G. Sturm and M. Warder and B. Mercier (Secretary).

ALSO PRESENT: R. Oke and F. Sekercioglu.

REGRETS: D. A. Fortney, L. Jackson, M. Shepherd and V. Van Linden.

**I YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:**

Pest, Rodent  
and Wildlife  
Control

1. (5) That the Civic Administration **BE REQUESTED** to adopt practises for pest, rodent and wildlife control that are consistent with the Municipal Council's June 26, 2012 resolution "to support and implement a progressive and humane response program related to human-wildlife conflicts in the municipality"; it being noted that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) reviewed and received the attached communication dated March 7, 2013, from A. Papmehl, with respect to this matter.

**II YOUR COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Wildlife Sub-  
Committee

2. (B) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) heard a verbal update from S. Rans on behalf of the Wildlife Sub-Committee, the following matters were noted:
  - a) the AWAC expressed concern that the wildlife will be affected by proposed construction in the Meadowlily area; it being noted that the Wildlife Sub-Committee will provide a summary of its concerns regarding this matter at the next AWAC meeting; and,
  - b) the AWAC asked its Chair to contact the Managing Director of Environmental and Engineering Services and City Engineer and the Manager of Parks Planning and Design, to request a staff member to attend a future Wildlife Sub-Committee meeting to speak on the Environmental Assessments dated November 2012.

Emergency  
Planning and  
Evacuation  
for Pets

3. (4) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) heard a verbal report and received the attached presentation dated March 7, 2013, from A. Papmehl, with respect to emergency planning and evacuation for pets; it being noted that the attached written material on emergency survival kits from the City of London and the Province of Ontario was also provided.

Meeting with  
Licensing and  
Municipal By-  
law  
Enforcement  
Services

4. (6) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) reviewed and received a communication dated February 22, 2013, from S. Rans, with respect to a proposed meeting with the Manager of Licensing and Municipal By-law Enforcement Services, to speak on animal welfare issues in the community. The AWAC asked its Chair and Vice Chair to arrange the above-noted meeting, and further asked that the Animal Control and Welfare Coordinator be placed on the AWAC agenda for each meeting, to provide updates on initiatives and key issues regarding animal welfare in London.

Middlesex-  
London  
Health Unit -  
Animal Bites  
and  
Scratches in  
2012

5. (7) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) heard a verbal update from F. Sekercioglu, Middlesex-London Health Unit (MLHU), with respect to animal bites and scratches in 2012; it being noted that the AWAC was advised that there were 777 animal bites documented by the MLHU in 2012.

- Civic Works Committee, TFAC and ACE agendas and Reports 6. (8) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) held a general discussion with respect to the Civic Works Committee, Trees and Forests Advisory Committee and the Advisory Committee on the Environment agendas and reports. The AWAC asked its Chair to draft a communication related to this matter, directed to the Chairs of the three committees noted-above, for consideration at its next AWAC meeting.
- 2013 Work Plan Ideas 7. (9) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) postponed discussion of its Work Plan ideas for 2013, to its next meeting.
- Initiating a Ban on the Sale of Pets in Retail Stores and Markets in London 8. (10) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) reviewed and received a communication dated February 19, 2013, from J. Robertson, with respect to banning the sale of pets in retail stores and markets in London, Ontario. The AWAC advised Ms. Robertson that this matter is on its Work Plan for 2013.
- Pet Limit By-law 9. (11) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) reviewed and received a communication dated February 25, 2013, from K. Gilday, with respect to the pet limit by-law. The AWAC was advised that the Animal Welfare and Control Coordinator has responded to Ms. Gilday regarding this matter; it being noted that the AWAC asked that it be provided with the Staff's response, for its information.
- Dog, Cat Foster Homes should "Come into the Light" says AWAC 10. (13) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) reviewed and received the attached communication from the London Community News, with respect to the AWAC's response to allowing families that foster dogs and cats to be exempted from a municipal by-law that limits the number of pets in a household.
- The Last Beaver Captured from the Stanton Drain has Passed Away 11. (14) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) reviewed and received the attached communication from the Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, with respect to the last beaver captured from the Stanton Drain.
12. That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) noted and filed the following:
- 3rd Report of the AWAC a) (1) the 3rd Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee from its meeting held on February 7, 2013;
- 1st and 2nd Reports of the AWAC b) (2) a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on January 29, 2013 with respect to the 1st and 2nd Reports of the AWAC from its meetings held on December 6, 2012 and January 3, 2013, respectively;
- AWAC Resignation – J. McFadden c) (3) a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on February 12, 2013 with respect to the resignation of J. McFadden from the AWAC; and,
- New Feral Cat Program in Toronto d) (12) a communication dated February 24, 2013, from C. Vecchio, Organization for the Rescue of Animals (ORA), with respect to the new Feral Cat Program in Toronto.
- Next Meeting 13. That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) will hold its next meeting on April 4, 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.