

# Animal Welfare Advisory Committee – 2020 Work Plan

Activity	Background	Responsibility	Timeline	Proposed Budget	Strategic Plan Alignment
Animal Care Services - Potential Service Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The AWAC will research best practices in other municipalities including new initiatives, processes and products for enhanced service provision, promote licensing, return to owner, adoption etc. and provide updates to Civic Administration and Municipal Council to assist with possible new initiatives.</li> <li>The AWAC will research design strategies for reducing conflict and increase safety for dogs/owners using dog parks. AWAC will provide recommendations to civic administration and municipal council guided by research findings.</li> <li>Develop educational materials (in cooperation with Civic Administration) to provide the community with information about caring for domestic and companion animals. (eg choosing the right animal, care of pets, safety, etc)</li> <li>Host a booth for “Go Wild, Grow Wild” in 2020 to educate and disseminate educational materials.</li> </ul>	<p>AWAC Working Group</p> <p>London Dog Owners’ Association</p>	Ongoing		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthening Communities, Caring and Compassionate Services, 3.E</li> <li>Healthy, Safe, 5.F</li> </ul>
Creation of a list of allowable species in the City and a restriction on the sources and sales for specific species (domestic and exotic) from retail stores	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The AWAC will research the practices of other municipalities with respect to restrictions on the sales of specific species from retail stores. These actions would assist with minimizing the local ecological impacts of potential invasive species and the global ecological impact of sourcing species from other countries. This would alleviate the pressure on rescue organizations and animal services.</li> <li>A positive list would improve animal welfare by increasing Licensing ability to assess requirements for species in pet stores.</li> </ul>	AWAC Working Group	Ongoing		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthening Communities, Caring and Compassionate Services, 3.E</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with Civic Administration to develop a positive list of animals allowed in the City.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>				
Living With Wildlife – Resources for the Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research best practices to promote peaceful co-existence with wildlife and in accordance with the Humane Urban Wildlife Conflict Policy.</li> <li>• Develop awareness strategies and educational materials to provide the community.</li> <li>• Host a booth for “Go Wild, Grow Wild” in 2020 to educate and disseminate educational materials.</li> </ul>	AWAC Working Group	Ongoing		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening Communities, Health, Safe 3.E, 5.F</li> <li>• Building Sustainable City Strong Healthy Environment 3.C</li> </ul>
Development of a Communication Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with the local Libraries and school boards to distribute wildlife and companion animal educational awareness strategies and materials.</li> <li>• Work with Civic Administration to distribute wildlife and companion animal educational awareness strategies and materials online and at city facilities.</li> </ul>	AWAC Working Group	Ongoing		
Wildlife Control Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	AWAC Working Group	Ongoing		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening Communities, Health, Safe 3.E</li> </ul>
Travelling Zoos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By-law recommendations regarding travelling zoos</li> </ul>		Ongoing		
Animals in Cars During Summer Months – Public Awareness Campaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educate the public regarding pets in hot cars.</li> <li>• Approaching the London Police Services Board, the OSPCA and the London Humane Society to determine their policies and practices.</li> <li>• Approaching Councillors and rescue agencies with a request to put the information on Facebook and Twitter.</li> <li>• Getting the message out that an animal only has minutes if left in a hot car and immediate action is required.</li> <li>• Work with local businesses to allow people to bring pets into the business.</li> </ul>	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"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Provide research of current practices in other municipalities with respect to window treatments and lighting and dark skies initiatives.</li> <li>• This will assist in reducing bird strikes and bird mortality and prevent disruption of migration.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	<p>AWAC Working Group</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening Communities, Health, Safe 3.E 5.F</li> <li>• Building Sustainable City Strong Healthy Environment 3.C</li> <li>• Growing our Economy, Urban Regeneration, 2.C</li> <li>• Building a Sustainable City, 4.C</li> </ul>
<p>Municipal Coyote Resource</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>	<p>AWAC Working Group</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening Communities, Health, Safe, 3.E, 5.F</li> </ul>

	<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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