

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: By-law to remove exemption for rescue group fosters

Hello Maureen, and the Community and Protective Services Committee,

Further to Connie Hueston's letter, as an office of the Hueston Family Foundation, I also want express the same concerns raised by Connie and Sandra Leckie. The recommendation to eliminate the exemption for rescue groups appears to be a knee jerk reaction to one particular incident. The number of cats in the household is just a red herring.

If an issue arises (in any household) such as sanitation, safety, etc. like any other concern and with any resident of the city, it should be addressed by the appropriate by-law, be it health, safety, etc. One does not change a by-law because of one *perceived* situation.

Similarly a Londoner who does not have the space or financial resources to properly support 3 cats is not in contravention of the by-law and will probably go unnoticed even though the conditions for their pets may be deplorable. Yet hypothetically the foster caregiver who has the skills, resources, and physical space able to accommodate 3 nursing moms with up to 6 kittens each would be prohibited from providing a clean, safe, nurturing environment for these cats in distress.

I'm not sure how this regressive recommendation helps anyone in the community or makes any sense.

Please include me on your list of further updates.

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