

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

Hello Maureen and the Community and Protective Services Committee:

I am an officer and director of Hueston Family Foundation, a CRA registered charity. One of our charitable purposes is animal welfare projects, and in this regard we currently have foster cats in and outside the City. We also assist Animal Outreach with its cat foster care program.

As of 2021, we are not an approved rescue group as we do not maintain a website given the relatively small number of cats that are offered for adoption in our system. Most of our cats are senior needing medical attention and supervision and unadoptable for this reason.

A comprehensive letter from Sandra Leckie of Animal Outreach is attached. I confirm all of her comments and arguments and see no need to repeat them for you.

I will be following this matter closely as the elimination of the exemption will seriously impact the approved rescue groups and will not be a step in the right direction. I expect that you will be seeking input from all interested parties, and would like to remain on the list for further notices.

Thank you,  
Constance H. Hueston