

5TH REPORT OF THE
ANIMAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting held on April 4, 2013, commencing at 5:08 p.m.

PRESENT: S. C. Rans (Chair), E. Gerrow, L. Jackson, W. L. MacKay, A. Papmehl, M. Puzanov, M. Shepherd, G. Sturm and V. Van Linden and B. Mercier (Secretary).

REGRETS: B. Barr, B. Saylor and M. Warder.

I YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

Meadowlily
ESA –
Summary for
the AWAC

1. (B,2) That the Civic Administration **BE REQUESTED** to consider the rezoning of 168 Meadowlily Road to the same OS5 (Open Space) zoning designation as the Meadowlily Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA), for the following reasons:

- a) the larger area supports dozens of wildlife species, some of whom are endangered (“a wildlife species that is facing imminent extirpation or extinction”, as defined by the federal *Species at Risk Act*, such as the Round Pigtoe mussel) or threatened (“a wildlife species that is likely to become an endangered species if nothing is done to reverse the factors leading to its extirpation or extinction”, such as the Chimney Swift) and rely on the integrity of the area to survive and thrive;
- b) the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) does not support any of the options currently being considered by the Civic Administration, as they will be detrimental to the ESA, as noted in the attached communication;

it being noted that the AWAC reviewed and received a communication from E. Gerrow, on behalf of the Wildlife Sub-committee, with respect to this matter.

II YOUR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

4th Report of
the AWAC

2. (1) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) received and noted the 4th Report of the AWAC from its meeting held on March 7, 2013.

2013 AWAC
Work Plan

3. (3) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) held a general discussion with respect to its 2013 Work Plan; it being noted that the AWAC asked its Committee Secretary to:

- a) contact the appropriate Staff to determine an expected response timeframe to the following recommendations previously made by the AWAC:
 - i) by-law amendments to allow “Class 7” animals to be kept within the City; and,
 - ii) exemption of the number of animals allowed in foster homes;
- b) place the following on the AWAC’s May agenda:
 - i) feral cat day planning discussion; and,
 - ii) public education campaign discussion, with respect to where puppies and kittens and other companion animals come from; and,
- c) verify the appropriate steps for the AWAC to develop a poster, etc. for public education purposes.

The Yellow
Dog Project

4. (4) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) heard a verbal report from M. Shepherd, with respect to The Yellow Dog Project, a project created to bring awareness to the public about dogs who need space while training, recovering from surgery, or being rehabilitated.

- Resignation –
D. Fortney
5. (5) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) reviewed and received a communication dated April 3, 2013, from D. Fortney, with respect to her resignation from the AWAC; it being noted that the AWAC expressed its thanks to Ms. Fortney for her contribution, dedication and passion on the AWAC.
- Communication
to the Chairs of
ACE, EEPAC,
TFAC, CWC,
CPSC and
PEC
6. (Added) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) asked its Chair to contact (via email) the Chairs of the Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE), the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee (EEPAC), the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC), the Civic Works Committee (CWC), the Community and Protective Services Committee (CPSC) and the Planning and Environment Committee (PEC), to introduce the AWAC and its mandate, in an effort to improve the work of the AWAC by increasing its contact with other Committees that have mandates that may overlap with the AWAC.
- Emergency
Preparedness
7. (Added) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) heard a verbal update from A. Papmehl, with respect to an Emergency Preparedness Open House to be held on May 11, 2013 at the Byron Fire Hall, 275 Boler Road, London, ON.
- Next Meeting
8. That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) will hold its next meeting on May 2, 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.