

Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

Report

The 9th Meeting of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee
October 7, 2021
Advisory Committee Virtual Meeting - during the COVID-19 Emergency

Attendance PRESENT: M. Blosch (Acting Chair), A. Hames, and M. Toplack;
A. Pascual (Committee Clerk).

ABSENT: W. Brown and P. Lystar.

ALSO PRESENT: O. Katolyk, M. McBride, and B. Westlake-Power.

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM; it being noted that the following members were in remote attendance: M. Blosch, A. Hames, and M. Toplack.

1. Call to Order

1.1 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

2. Scheduled Items

None.

3. Consent

3.1 8th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 8th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on September 2, 2021, was received.

4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

4.1 Sub-Committee Update

That it BE NOTED that M. Blosch provided a verbal presentation with respect to the Sub-Committee Update.

5. Items for Discussion

5.1 Removal of Deceased Animals from Streets and City Property - M. McBride

That it BE NOTED that M. McBride, Animal Welfare Coordinator, provided a verbal update with respect to the removal of deceased animals from streets and City property.

5.2 Recycling Depots and Fishing Line

That the following actions be taken with respect to the recycling depots and fishing line:

- a) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to obtain recycling receptacles for used fishing lines and hooks and install signage related to the proper disposal of these items and the proper use of the recycling receptacles; and,

b) a member of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee BE GRANTED delegation status at the Community and Protective Services Committee, when the above-mentioned matter goes before the Committee, to provide additional information related to the recommendation;

it being noted that the attached information, with respect to this matter, was received.

5.3 Budget Expenditure Requests

That the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to review the coyote signage in City park amenities, in comparison to the related signage posted in Environmentally Significant Areas, with an aim to providing consistent educational signage with respect to coyotes to the public;

it being noted that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee would be interested in funding any changed or additional signage;

it being further noted that the attached information, with respect to this matter, was received.

5.4 Fireworks and Impacts on Wildlife and Pets

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) held a general discussion with respect to fireworks and the impacts on wildlife and pets; it being further noted that the Sub-Committee will report back to AWAC about possible recommendations for awareness and education materials for pet owners.

5.5 Zoos and Mobile Zoos

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee held a general discussion with respect to zoos and mobile zoos.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:39 PM.