

Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

Report

1st Meeting of Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

December 9, 2021

Advisory Committee Virtual Meeting - during the COVID-19 Emergency

Please check the City website for current details of COVID-19 service impacts.

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

ABSENT: P. Lystar

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM; it being noted that the following members were in remote attendance: M. Blosch, W. Brown, 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 10th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 10th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on November 18, 2021, was received.

4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

4.1 Sub-Committee Update

That it BE NOTED that W. Brown provided a verbal presentation with respect to the Sub-Committee update.

5. Items for Discussion

5.1 Coyote Signage

That the following actions be taken with respect to the Budget Request - Coyote Signage:

a) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to issue a Public Service Announcement with respect to the placement of the updated coyote signs on City parks;

b) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to issue a Public Service Announcement during the spring and fall seasons as part of an awareness campaign to inform residents of the seasonal milestones for canids.

5.2 Clear Your Gear

That the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to undertake an awareness campaign following the installation of the recycling receptacles for the Clear Your Gear program;

it being noted that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee will continue to engage with Civic Administration with respect to the placement of the recycling receptacles.

5.3 Fireworks and Impacts on Wildlife and Pets

That Civic Administration BE ADVISED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) will compile and provide information with respect to pet safety tips for inclusion on the Fireworks By-law brochure;

it being further noted that AWAC will continue to conduct research on the effects of fireworks on wildlife and pets in order to provide a formal recommendation to Council with respect to potential changes to the Fireworks By-law.

5.4 Review of Animal Welfare Advisory Committee Initiatives and Accomplishments

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) held a general discussion with respect to the review of AWAC's Initiatives and Accomplishments.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.