

# **Animal Welfare Advisory Committee**

## **Report**

2nd Meeting of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

March 3, 2022

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. Blosh, A. Hames, P. Lystar,  
and M. Toplack; A. Pascual (Committee Clerk)

ALSO PRESENT: O. Katolyk, R. Laidlaw, M. McBride, and J.  
Woodyer

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM; it being noted that  
the following members were in remote attendance: M. Blosh, W.  
Brown, A. Hames, P. Lystar, and M. Toplack.

### **1. Call to Order**

#### 1.1 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

### **2. Consent**

#### 2.1 1st Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 1st Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory  
Committee, from its meeting held on December 9, 2021, was received.

#### 2.2 Municipal Council resolution with respect to the 1st Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the Municipal Council resolution from its meeting  
held on January 25, 2022, with respect to the 1st Report of the Animal  
Welfare Advisory Committee, was received.

### **3. Sub-Committees and Working Groups**

#### 3.1 Sub-Committee Update

That it BE NOTED that the verbal presentation from W. Brown, with  
respect to the Sub-Committee Update, was received.

### **4. Items for Discussion**

#### 4.1 R. Laidlaw - Delegation

That the following actions be taken with respect to the request for  
delegation status from R. Laidlaw, Executive Director, Zoocheck Inc.:

- a) the above-noted request BE APPROVED; and,
- b) the verbal presentation from R. Laidlaw and J. Woodyer, with  
respect to wildlife and reptilian welfare issues, BE RECEIVED.

#### 4.2 Private and Mobile Zoos

That the following actions be taken with respect to private and mobile  
zoos:

- a) the Municipal Council BE REQUESTED to affirm that the exemption in the City of London's Animal Control By-law for animals licensed by the Province of Ontario is limited to species listed as protected or game animals under the Ontario Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act;
- b) the Municipal Council BE REQUESTED to direct Civic Administration to clarify the above-noted exemption limitation with Reptilia Zoo;
- c) the ~~attached~~ document, with respect to this matter, BE FORWARDED to the Community and Protective Services Committee (CPSC) for their review and consideration; and,
- d) W. Brown, Chair, BE GRANTED delegation status at the CPSC meeting on March 29, 2022, to present the above-noted document.

#### 4.3 Recommendations to the Fireworks By-law

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) will compile their recommendations regarding potential amendments to the Fireworks By-law to be presented at the next AWAC meeting.

#### 4.4 Canid Signage Update

That Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to attend the next Animal Welfare Advisory Committee meeting to provide an update with respect to potential education and awareness initiatives related to canid and wildlife presence in the community.

### 5. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 PM.