

**9TH REPORT OF THE**

**ANIMAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting held on August 1, 2013, commencing at 5:05 P.M.

PRESENT: S.C. Rans (Chair), E. Gerrow, J. Lalonde, W. L. MacKay, A. Pappmehl, M. Puzanov, T. Satchell B. Sayler, G. Sturm and M. Warder and H. Lysynski (Acting Secretary).

ALSO PRESENT: F. Sekercioglu.

REGRETS: B. Barr.

**I YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:**

2013 AWAC  
Draft Work  
Plan

1. (2) That the following actions be taken with respect to the 2013 Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) Draft Work Plan:
  - a) under the "Feral Cat Day/Week" project, the following initiatives BE APPROVED:
    - i) "educational initiatives" for specific colony areas;
    - ii) participate with the City of London at the Western Fair Pet Show;
    - iii) promote donations to Rescue Groups for the Trap, Neuter, Release Program (TNR);
    - iv) promote the importance of managing feral colonies; and,
    - v) educate the public about TNR;
  - b) Animal Welfare Services BE REQUESTED to advise the AWAC of any available funding for printing brochures/flyers;
  - c) a Working Group BE ESTABLISHED consisting of B. Barr, G. Sturm and T. Satchell to develop a program and budget for the Feral Cat Day/Week and report back at the September meeting of the AWAC; and,
  - d) \$50.00 BE APPROVED from the AWAC Budget for the Working Group to gather feral cat information; it being noted that the AWAC has sufficient funds in its 2013 Budget for this expenditure.

it being noted that the AWAC added:

"monitoring the release of performance statistics by the Animal Care Centre"; and,

"monitoring the awarding of the Animal Services Request for Proposal" to the Work Plan.

AWAC  
Deferred  
Matters

2. (5) That the Manager, Licensing & Municipal Law Enforcement BE INVITED to attend the September 5, 2013 Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) to provide feedback on the AWAC deferred matters list as at August 1, 2013.

Banning of  
the Sale of  
Cats & Dogs  
in Retail  
Outlets

3. (7) That the Civic Administration BE ASKED to prepare a by-law to ban the sale of cats and dogs in retail outlets; it being noted at that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee will make a presentation to the Community and Protective Services Committee with respect to this matter;

it being further noted that the AWAC heard a verbal presentation from B. Sayler with respect to this matter.

Animal  
Services  
Reporting  
Model

4. (Add) That the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to provide an update to the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee with respect to when the Request for Proposal for Animal Services will be awarded.

**II YOUR COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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| Woodland Cemetery Deer   | 5. That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) did not hear a presentation from K. Campbell, Woodland Cemetery, with respect to the Woodland Cemetery deer, as Ms. Campbell was unable to attend the meeting.  |
| Dog Parks Sub-Committee  | 6. (A) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee was advised by B. Saylor that the proposed Dingman Dog Off-Leash area was adopted by the Municipal Council at its meeting held on July 30, 2013.   |
| Wildlife Sub-committee   | 7. (B) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee noted that J. Lalonde was appointed to the Wildlife Sub-committee.   |
| 8th Report of the AWAC   | 8. (1) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) noted and filed the 8th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee from its meeting held on July 4, 2013.  |
| Dogs Off-Leash Times in Regular Parks                                    | 9. (3) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) reviewed and received a communication from B. Saylor with respect to off-leash times and off-leash fenced parks. The AWAC thanked the London Dog Owners Association Executive for providing the AWAC with the off-leash times and off-leash fenced parks information.   |
| Social Media for Advisory Committees                                     | 10. (4) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) held a general discussion with respect to social media for Advisory Committees. The AWAC discussed the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Advisory Committees should not be expected to update information, but should be allowed to have access;</li> <li>• once the information is provided to a Standing Committee, the information should be able to be posted;</li> <li>• the policy, established by the Civic Administration should be clear, outlining what the Committee can say, what they cannot say, what the rules are, have a clear list of what the Advisory Committee can discuss and what cannot be discussed;</li> <li>• outline the role any marketing or Public Relations staff will have;</li> <li>• outline what role the City staff will have;</li> <li>• enquiring as to whether there will be two way access on their Facebook page;</li> <li>• enquiring as to whether or not the public will be able to post comments on their Facebook pages;</li> <li>• clarification on how to access the page; enquiring as to whether or not they will be the administrators;</li> <li>• enquiring as to whether or not it will be one AWAC person or everyone on the Committee who is in charge of the page; and,</li> <li>• enquiring as to what platforms they are able to use (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube).</li> </ul> |
| Animal Control By-law  | 11. (6) That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) reviewed and received a communication, dated June 27, 2013, from D. Hodges, Snake Pit Exotics, with respect to his request to amend sections 12.1, 12.2, 12.3 and 12.4 of the Animal Control By-law. The AWAC asked A. Pappmehl to draft a response to be discussed at the next meeting of the AWAC.   |
| Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest – T. Satchell, B. Saylor and M. Warner | 12. That T. Satchell, B. Saylor and M. Warner disclosed pecuniary interests in Clauses 1 and 4 of this Report having to do with the Animal Services RFP, by indicating that they are affiliated with a group that has submitted an RFP for Animal Welfare Services.  |
| Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest – B. Saylor                             | 13. That B. Saylor disclosed a pecuniary interest in Clause 1 of this report having to do with the 2013 Animal Welfare Advisory Committee Draft Work Plan and possibly having a booth at the Pet Show being held at the Western Fair, by indicating that she works for the Western Fair Association.   |

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Next Meeting 14. That the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) will hold its next meeting on September 5, 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 P.M.