

Committee Room "E"
City Hall, Saskatoon, SK
Thursday, May 23, 2013
at 11:30 a.m.

MINUTES

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL CONTROL

PRESENT: Ms. Diane Bentley, Chair
Ms. Maggie Sim, Vice Chair
Dr. Michael Powell
Ms. Rebecca Wood
Ms. Cassandra Hovdestad
Councillor Z. Jeffries
Dr. Edward Hudson
Ms. Shirley Ross
Ms. Andrea Ziegler
Solicitor Kowalski
Municipal Prosecutor, Debbie Patterson
Open Space Consultant, Mark Campbell
Ms. Eva Alexandrovici, President, Saskatoon Animal Control
Ms. Tiffany Koback, Shelter Manager, Saskatoon S.P.C.A.
Superintendent, Urban Forestry, Geoff McLeod
Committee Secretary, Kathy O'Brien

1. Minutes

RESOLVED: that the minutes of meeting held on April 25, 2013 be approved.

2. Report of Chair
(File No. CK. 225-9)

The Chair had no report.

3. Report of Open Space Consultant
(File No. CK. 151-18)

Mr. Mark Campbell, Open Space Consultant, was introduced to the Committee. He advised that he had just taken over the position.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

4. Update – Animal Bite Awareness campaign
(File No. CK. 152-4)

Ms. Maggie Sim gave a brief update on the campaign stating that posters were up in many doctors' offices and that the Health Department was seeing an increase in reporting of animal bites from doctors not previously heard from. The stuffers for utility bills are set to go out in July 2013.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

5. Animals in Truck Beds
(File No. CK. 225-9)

Ms. Cassandra Hovdestad distributed a report entitled Transportation of Dogs in Truck Beds/Open-Top Cargo areas.

Discussion ensued regarding the danger to animals, other motorists and pedestrians when dogs are transported in truck beds without being harnessed or kenneled. The question was put forward as to whether this practice should be prohibited. It was determined more review is required as to where this contravention would fit best (animal control or traffic enforcement) and who would enforce the bylaw.

Ms. Hovdestad agreed to do further research and consult with legal and police representatives on the matter and report back at a later meeting.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

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6. Animal People – March 2013 Edition
(File No. CK. 225-9)

This publication was available for perusal at the meeting.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

7. Court Reports - Animal Control Bylaw Prosecutions
March 2013
(File No. CK. 435-17)

The Committee Secretary submitted a copy of the above-noted Court Report, as provided by the Municipal Prosecutor.

Ms. Debbie Patterson, Municipal Prosecutor, provided an overview of the report for the benefit of new members and answered questions from the Committee regarding the report.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

8. Wildlife Management in the City
(File No. CK. 151-1)

Mr. Geoff McLeod advised that a tender process for wildlife management had resulted in no satisfactory bids. The issue will go before the Administration and Finance Committee to determine how to proceed.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Ms. Diane Bentley, Chair