

# **PUBLIC MINUTES**

# ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL CONTROL

# September 15, 2016, 11:30 a.m. Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall

- PRESENT: Ms. A. Ziegler, Chair Ms. M. Gieni, Vice-Chair Dr. E. Hudson Ms. K. Shymko Dr. K. Sheehan
- ABSENT: Councillor Z. Jeffries Dr. D. Hockley Ms. J. Thomson
- ALSO PRESENT: Solicitor J. Manastyrski Ms. E. Alexandrovici, Saskatoon Animal Control Agency Committee Assistant D. Sackmann

# 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

# 2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: E. Hudson

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

CARRIED

# 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

### Moved By: K. Shymko

That the minutes of Regular Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Animal Control held on June 23, 2016 be adopted.

#### CARRIED

## 4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

# 5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR (CK. 225-9)

The Committee welcomed Inspector Lisa Lafrienere, Saskatoon Police Service representative along with Staff Sargent Matt Ward who will serve as Inspector Lafrienere's back up. Introductions around the room were held.

#### Moved By: E. Hudson

That the information be received.

#### CARRIED

#### 6. COMMUNICATIONS

# 7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

#### 7.1 Report of Open Space Consultant (CK. 151-18)

Open Space Consultant Schafer was in attendance and provided the following updates:

- The Pierre Radisson Off-leash Dog Park has been very successful.
- Dog park clean-up is scheduled to occur at the end of October, a Public Service Announcement (PSA) will be sent out.

#### Moved By: M. Gieni

That the information be received.

#### CARRIED

#### 7.2 Court Report - Animal Control Bylaw Prosecutions (CK. 435-17)

Solicitor Manastyrski was in attendance and reviewed the submitted reports with the Committee, noting the various fee increases between June and July 2015 and 2016.

# Moved By: K. Shymko

That the information be received.

CARRIED

# 8. ANNUAL BYLAW REVIEW - BYLAW NO. 7860 - THE ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW, 1999 AND BYLAW NO. 8176 - THE DANGEROUS ANIMALS BYLAW, 2003 (CK. 151-1)

Ms. Alexandrovici, Saskatoon Animal Control Agency was in attendance and provided a brief background on the matter and reviewed the submitted proposed amendments with the Committee. Integrated Facility Supervisor Babyak was also in attendance and noted that best practices regarding the increase in sustenance fees has to be further researched. Increasing fees could have a negative impact on those animals that pet owners decide not to collect due to the fee.

Discussion followed and the Committee was in favor of the following suggestions be made to *The Dangerous Animals Bylaw, 2003* Section 8(4)(a) to identify requirements for the animal while it is on the owner's property, but not in the enclosure or dwelling; Section (5)(a) allowing owners to house the animal in the house/dwelling; Section 19 to add the definition of an enclosure as a free standing structure and require natural light and under "other changes raised by other committee members:, point 1 - Making it clear that parking lots are not part of the Off-Leash Park. The Committee encourages the SPCA to continue pursuing the review of sustenance fees related to dangerous animal (DA) seizures, pound services sustenance fees, and the SPCA's current holding period for impounded animals as previously discussed and provide an update on its findings at the appropriate time.

#### Moved By: M. Gieni

- 1. That the information be received; and
- 2. That the matter be placed on the November agenda for further discussion and action.

CARRIED

# 9. AGENCY REPRESENTATION - SASKATOON ACADEMY OF VETERINARY PRACTITIONERS (CK. 225-9)

The Committee Assistant reported that long time Committee member Dr. Michael Powell passed away in August. Dr. Powell served on the Committee as a representative of the Saskatoon Academy of Veterinary Practitioners; this agency has become defunct and the Committee is requested to put forth a recommendation for a replacement agency.

#### Moved By: E. Hudson

- 1. That the Advisory Committee on Animal Control recommend that the Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association (SVMA) be contacted for a list of practicing veterinarians; and
- 2. That preference be given to membership of a local veterinary practitioner.

# CARRIED

# 10. ANIMAL IMPOUNDING SERVICES - STATISTICS (CK. 435-6)

Ms. Cameron was absent from the meeting.

Moved By: E. Hudson

That the matter be deferred to the Committee's November meeting.

CARRIED

#### 11. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

The Committee Assistant submitted a current Statement of Expenditures for the Committee's review.

Moved By: M. Gieni

That the information be received.

CARRIED

#### 12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

Ms. A. Ziegler, Chair

Ms. D. Sackmann, Committee Assistant