

Committee Room "E"  
City Hall, Saskatoon, SK  
Thursday, April 25, 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  
Councillor Z. Jeffries  
Dr. Edward Hudson  
Ms. Andrea Ziegler  
Solicitor Kowalski  
Inspector Dale Solie, Saskatoon Police Services  
Ms. Eva Alexandrovici, President, Saskatoon Animal Control  
Committee Secretary, Kathy O'Brien

1. **Minutes**

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of meeting held on March 28, 2013 be approved.

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

The Chair reported regarding the Advisory Committee on Animal Control Annual Report. She was in attendance when the report was before Administration and Finance Committee, but was unaware there had been questions from the Administration and Finance Committee. Councillor Jeffries indicated that, at the appropriate time, he would be relaying the questions asked and would report back to Administration and Finance Committee.

**RESOLVED:** that the information be received.

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

The Open Space Consultant was not in attendance.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

4. Terms of Reference  
(File No. 225-9)

The Committee Secretary submitted, for the Committee's information, a copy of the Advisory Committee on Animal Control Terms of Reference.

The Committee briefly discussed the Terms of Reference for this Committee. Discussion about changing some wording ensued with the majority of the Committee being of the opinion that the present wording was satisfactory.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

5. Budget  
(File No. CK. 1704-5)

The Deputy City Clerk submitted, for the Committee's information, a spreadsheet showing the Committee's budget for 2013.

The budget was circulated and briefly discussed.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

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

Ms. Maggie Sim presented a PowerPoint presentation highlighting animal bite statistics and answered questions from members. Distribution of posters and tear-off pads is ongoing; the utility bill stuffer is scheduled to be distributed in the July cycle. Discussion ensued about the message the Committee is trying to convey and ways to do this using social media.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

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

The Committee Secretary submitted a copy of the above-noted publication, which was available for perusal at the meeting.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

8. Questions from Administration and Finance Committee  
(File No. CK. 151-1)

Councillor Jeffries, on behalf of Administration and Finance Committee, enquired about the number of dog barking complaints versus tickets issued. The representative from the Animal Control Agency outlined the process. A complainant must keep a five-day log of the barking. At that point, a warning would be issued. If the complainant was not satisfied, the next step was to keep a log for seven days, after which time a ticket was issued. It was assumed that many complaints were dropped during the process because of the time and effort involved.

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Councillor Jeffries further enquired why the cost of a dog license was higher than that of a cat. The response given was that dog owners enjoyed services from the City such as off-leash areas, whereas cat owners did not. It was also noted that cats weren't required to be licensed until very recently.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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Ms. Diane Bentley, Chair