

Committee Room "E"
City Hall, Saskatoon, SK
Thursday, September 26, 2013
at 11:30 a.m.

MINUTES

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL CONTROL

PRESENT: Ms. Diane Bentley, Chair
Ms. Shirley Ross
Ms. Maggie Sim, Vice Chair
Dr. Duncan Hockley
Ms. Cassandra Hovdestad
Councillor Z. Jeffries
Dr. Edward Hudson
Ms. Eva Alexandrovici, President, Saskatoon Animal Control
Agency
Inspector Dale Solie, Saskatoon Police Service
Open Space Consultant, Leisure Services Branch, Community
Services Department Campbell
Committee Secretary, O'Brien

1. Minutes

RESOLVED: that the minutes of meeting held on June 27, 2013 be approved.

2. Introduction of Dr. Duncan Hockley
(File No. CK. 225-9)

Dr. Hockley was introduced to the Committee and gave a brief introduction of his history in veterinary medicine.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

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

Ms. Diane Bentley reported on a summer trip to British Columbia where cities were very pet friendly. Not only were pets welcomed at many establishments, they went as far as providing fresh water for patrons' pets. She noted that while Saskatoon was certainly moving forward in this regard, that "extra step" wasn't taken.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

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

Mr. Mark Campbell gave various updates regarding programs underway:

- a marketing plan was being developed that should be ready for sharing with the Committee later this year
- 2014 licensing strategies were being discussed
- Reports to Administration and Finance Committee were forthcoming including the issue of animals in truck beds

He answered questions of Committee members.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

5. Transport of Dogs in Truck Beds
(File No. CK. 1704-5)

The Committee Secretary submitted a copy of an excerpt from the minutes of meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee (Open to the Public) held on July 16, 2013.

A brief discussion was held regarding the meeting noted above. Those present at the meeting indicated that the report from the Committee was well received.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

6. Designation of South West Off Leash Recreation Area and Amendments to the Animal Control Bylaw 7860
(File No. CK. 4205-1)
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The Committee Secretary submitted a copy of Clause B1, Legislative Report No. 10-2013, which was ADOPTED by City Council at its meeting held on August 14, 2013.

A copy of Bylaw No. 9121 passed by City Council at the same meeting was attached.

Mr. Campbell indicated the Area is now operation and is being used. It is not 100% complete as work is still being done on fencing.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

7. Court Reports - Animal Control Bylaw Prosecutions
June, July and August 2013
(File No. CK. 435-17)
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The Committee Secretary submitted copies of the above-noted Court Reports, as provided by the Municipal Prosecutor.

No one from the City Solicitor's Department was present to speak to the reports.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

8. Animal People – April 2013 Edition and
July/August Edition
(File No. CK. 225-9)
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The Committee Secretary submitted the above noted publications which were available for perusal at the meeting.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

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

Ms. Maggie Sim, representative of the Saskatoon Health Region, provided an update of animal bite statistics indicating that the number of reported bites are still increasing.

Results from January to June of 2012 show that there were 228 bites as compared to 246 for the same months this year. July and August of 2012 recorded 120 bites compared to 131 in 2013.

Since reporting began in 2008, 2,336 bites have been reported.

Discussion ensued regarding strategies for effective public awareness campaigns to prevent animal bites.

RESOLVED: that, at the next meeting (October 24, 2013), the Committee review the 2013 budget to ascertain what funding may be available in 2014 to be used toward education for animal bite awareness.

10. Signage at Off Leash Recreational Areas
(File No. CK. 4205-1)

Councillor Jeffries requested that a brief summary of signage regulations as far as visibility, size and amount of signs be presented.

Mr. Campbell agreed to speak to that issue at the next meeting.

RESOLVED: that the matter be brought forward for discussion at the meeting to be held on October 24, 2013.

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11. Other Matters
(File No. CK. 225-9-3)

Dr. Edward Hudson, Committee Member, circulated a copy of an article from The StarPhoenix, dated September 23, 2013, entitled "Off-Leash Park Good for Caswell."

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

Ms. Diane Bentley, Chair