

Committee Room "E"
City Hall, Saskatoon, SK
Thursday, June 27, 2013
at 11:30 a.m.

MINUTES

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL CONTROL

PRESENT: Ms. Diane Bentley, Chair
Ms. Shirley Ross
Ms. Maggie Sim, Vice Chair
Dr. Peter Gilbert
Ms. Cassandra Hovdestad
Dr. Michael Powell
Councillor Z. Jeffries
Dr. Edward Hudson
Ms. Andrea Ziegler
Solicitor Kowalski
Municipal Prosecutor, Debbie Patterson
Open Space Consultant, Mark Campbell
Ms. Eva Alexandrovici, President, Saskatoon Animal Control
Pest Management Supervisor, Jeff Boone
Committee Secretary, Kathy O'Brien

1. Minutes

RESOLVED: that the minutes of meeting held on May 23, 2013 be approved.

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

The Chair had no report.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

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

Mark Campbell gave a brief update to the Committee on animal control matters he is working on, including:

- Review of how barking dog complaints are handled
- Animal control as it relates to future growth of the city
- Southwest off-leash park
- Signage review in all off-leash parks
- User-group meetings commencing in the fall
- Marketing plan to be received in the fall and forwarded to the Committee.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

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

Ms. Maggie Sim gave a brief review of the above.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

5. Interim Rabies Vaccination Report
(File No. CK. 151-17)

The Committee Secretary submitted for the Committee's information, a copy of a report prepared by Dr. Hudson and Maggie Sim – Advisory Committee on Animal Control Rabies Vaccination Subcommittee.

Dr. Hudson gave a review of the report and answered questions and concerns from the Committee.

Concerns were raised regarding the cost of mandatory rabies vaccination and the negative effect it might have on the percentage of people who license their pets.

It was noted that this challenge had been before the Committee before without much success.

RESOLVED: that the subcommittee on rabies vaccination report further on the matter in fall of 2013.

6. Transport of Dogs in Truck Beds
(Files CK. 152-1 x 5000-1)

The Committee Secretary submitted a copy of a follow-up report on the above-noted matter as submitted by Advisory Committee on Animal Control Committee member Cassandra Hovdestad.

Ms. Cassandra Hovdestad gave a brief outline of the report and answered questions from the Committee. Discussion ensued regarding enforcement and appropriate fine amounts.

RESOLVED: that the report be forwarded to the Administration and Finance Committee that they may consider the implementation or amendment of a bylaw to prohibit the unrestrained transport of dogs in truck beds and open-top cargo areas. The Committee recommended a minimum fine of \$100 be imposed on violators.

7. 2014 Budget
(File No. CK. 1704-5)

The Committee Secretary submitted spreadsheets showing last year's expenditures and this year's expenditures thus far. The Committee was asked to submit 2014 budget requests to Administration and Finance Committee for consideration. The Committee's budget for 2012 and 2013 was \$21,000.

RESOLVED: that the Committee submit a budget request, through the Administration and Finance Committee, of \$21,000 for 2014.

Dr. Hudson left the meeting at 12:50 p.m. and reentered at 12:55 p.m., during discussion of this matter.

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8. Court Reports - Animal Control Bylaw Prosecutions
April and May 2013
(File No. CK. 435-17)

The Committee Secretary submitted copies of the above-noted Court Reports, as provided by the Municipal Prosecutor.

The Bylaw Prosecutor gave a brief overview of the above-noted reports.

The meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

Ms. Diane Bentley, Chair