

Committee Room "E"  
City Hall, Saskatoon, SK  
Thursday, March 28, 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  
Ms. Cassandra Hovdestad  
Ms. Rebecca Wood  
Dr. Edward Hudson  
Dr. Michael Powell  
Councillor Z. Jeffries  
Ms. Andrea Ziegler  
Ms. Heather Newell, Open Space Consultant  
Solicitor Kowalski  
Solicitor Bodnarchuk  
Inspector Dale Solie, Saskatoon Police Services  
Ms. Tiffany Koback, Shelter Manager, Saskatoon S.P.C.A.  
Ms. Eva Alexandrovici, President, Saskatoon Animal Control  
Committee Secretary, Kathy O'Brien

1. Minutes - of meeting held on Thursday, January 24, 2013.
2. Introduction of New Members  
(File No. CK. 225-9)

Dr. Hudson and Ms. Ziegler were welcomed to the Committee after giving brief introductions.

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

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

The Chair had no report.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

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

Open Space Consultant Heather Newell advised the Committee that the South West Off-Leash area has been approved by City Council and was in the process of being added to the list of exempted parks where animals are allowed under bylaw.

Ms. Newell circulated copies of the 2013 edition of the Pet Wellness brochure which was included in the Star Phoenix earlier in the week. She further reported that the My Pet Matters initiative would continue into 2014 with minor changes being implemented.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

5. Bylaws 7860 and 8176 – Annual Review  
(File No. 151-1)

The Committee Secretary submitted copies of the above-noted bylaws.

Mr. Derek Kowalski of the City Solicitor's Office reported that changes were being made to both the Animal Control Bylaw and the Dangerous Animal Bylaw. The changes to the Dangerous Animal Bylaw were to address concerns after rulings from the Court of Queen's Bench indicated more specific definitions; including "owner" and "provocation" were warranted. Changes to the Animal Control Bylaw were more of a "housekeeping" nature to add the new South West off-leash area and to correct minor inconsistencies in the bylaw.

The Committee agreed it was not necessary to review the changes before they were put before City Council for approval.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

6. Court Reports – Animal Control Bylaw Prosecutions  
2012 Annual Court Report  
January 2013  
(File No. CK. 435-17)
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The Committee Secretary submitted the above-noted Court Reports, as provided by the Municipal Prosecutor.

Ms. Kim Bodnarchuk of the City Solicitor's Office provided a brief overview of the court reports before the Committee.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

7. Update – Animal Bite Awareness Campaign  
(File No. CK. 152-4)
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Ms. Maggie Sim reported on the campaign. Ms. Sim will provide a presentation on 2012 animal bite statistics at the next meeting of the Committee. The Committee would like to go ahead with finding a satisfactory product that can be used for a utility bill insert providing information on animal bite awareness and reporting.

The Committee agreed to fund the laminating of 25 of the animal bite awareness campaign posters to be hung in off-leash areas. (Approximate cost is \$25.00 total.)

Discussion ensued on rabies vaccination.

RESOLVED: that a subcommittee be struck to research other cities across Canada to see what programs are in effect to encourage rabies vaccination, including how they are administered and monitored. Dr. Edward Hudson and Ms. Maggie Sim agreed to perform this research and report back to the Committee at the Committee's meeting scheduled for June 27, 2013.

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8. Draft Annual Report  
(File No. CK. 430-63)

The Committee reviewed the 2012 Annual Report.

RESOLVED: that the report be sent to City Council through the Administration and Finance Committee.

The Meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

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Ms. Diane Bentley, Chair