



**PUBLIC MINUTES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL CONTROL
October 23, 2014, at 11:48 a.m.
Committee Room "E"**

PRESENT: Ms. D. Bentley, Chair
Ms. M. Sim, Vice-Chair
Councillor Z. Jeffries
Dr. E. Hudson
Dr. M. Powell
Mr. D. Truscott

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. E. Alexandrovici President, Saskatoon Animal Control Agency
Pest Management Supervisor J. Boone
Integrated Facility Supervisor B. Babyak
Committee Assistant D. Sackmann

ABSENT: Ms. S. Ross
Dr. D. Hockley
Ms. C. Stinn
Ms. A. Ziegler

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: Dr. Hudson

1. That the agenda be amended by adding the discussion on the Ebola virus as item 9 and;
2. That the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes

Moved By: Ms. Sim

That the minutes of the Advisory Committee on Animal Control held on September 25, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. REPORT OF CHAIR

4.1 Verbal Update – D. Bentley (File No. CK. 225-9)

The Chair passed along a compliment she received from a visitor to Saskatoon about the great off-leash areas the city has to offer.

The Committee discussed the concern over insufficient quantities of garbage cans located at some of the off-leash areas. The Administration informed the Committee that this would be reviewed.

Moved By: Dr. Powell

That the information be received.

CARRIED

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

6. COMMUNICATIONS *(requiring the direction of the Committee)*

The Committee inquired into the status of the report on Transport of Dogs and Cats in Truck Beds from the Administration. The Administration informed the Committee that a further Administration Report needs to go to City Council.

Moved By: Dr. Hudson

That the Committee be kept apprised of the status on any future communications dealing with the above mentioned matter.

CARRIED

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

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

Integrated Facility Supervisor Babyak informed the Committee that he would be sitting in for Open Space Consultant Schafer who was away. Mr. Babyk informed the Committee he had nothing further to report to the Committee.

Moved By: Ms. Bentley

That the information be received.

CARRIED

**7.2 Court Reports – Animal Control Bylaw Prosecutions
June - August, 2014 and Verbal Update – D. Kowalski
(File No. CK. 435-17)**

Solicitor Kowalski provided the Committee with an update on Animal Control Bylaw, 1999, No. 7860 in regards to restricting the transport of dogs and cats in truck Beds. The police will have the authority to ticket violators. Under this section in the bylaw an identification tag is to be displayed at all times on the animal and failure to display a tag will result in a fine.

Discussion ensued regarding micro-chipping pets and animal licensing. In addition, it was suggested that the My Pet Matters program include in its PSA's, a reminder to pet owners to license or microchip their pets. The Administration continues to work with Communications and Marketing on advertising.

Moved By: Mr. Truscott

That the information be received.

CARRIED

8. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

8.1 Statement of Expenditures as of September 30, 2014 (File No. CK. 151-7)

The Committee requested that the Committee Assistant purchase a card to send to Ms. Shirley Ross, Committee member on their behalf.

Moved By: Ms. Bentley

That the Committee purchase from its 2014 budget a card for Ms. Ross.

CARRIED

9. EBOLA VIRUS/DISEASES AFFECTING ANIMALS

Ms. Maggie Sim, the Saskatoon Health Region's representative on the Committee, shared a current news release about a dog in Texas being quarantined after his owner became infected with the Ebola virus. Discussion ensued regarding what the best approach is when dealing with systemic diseases and how a pet would be cared for with these conditions.

The Committee was informed by the Administration that Saskatoon has an Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) centre that operates out of Fire Hall #9.

The Committee was also updated on the Animal Bite Awareness campaign. Three agencies have expressed interest in participating. The subcommittee will report back to the Committee when appropriate.

Moved By:

1. That Dr. Powell report back to the Saskatoon Health Region representative Ms. Sim as soon as possible on zoonotic diseases; and
2. That Dr. Powell report to the Committee at its next meeting his findings.

CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By: Dr. Powell

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Ms. D. Bentley, Chair