

Committee Room "E"
City Hall, Saskatoon, SK
Thursday, March 27, 2014
at 11:50 a.m.

MINUTES

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL CONTROL

PRESENT: Ms. Diane Bentley, Chair
Ms. Maggie Sim, Vice Chair
Dr. Edward Hudson
Dr. Michael Powell
Dr. Duncan Hockley
Ms. Andrea Ziegler
Ms. Eva Alexandrovici, President, Saskatoon Animal Control Agency
Ms. Tiffany Koback, Shelter Manager, Saskatoon S.P.C.A.
Staff Sergeant Brett Maki
Solicitor Kowalski
Pest Management Supervisor Boone
Committee Secretary O'Brien

1. Introduction/Report of Open Space Consultant
(File No. CK. 225-9)

Ms. Chelsie Schafer introduced herself as the Open Space Consultant charged with Animal Services.

Ms. Schafer advised that the Pet Wellness brochure had been completed and distributed. Discussion ensued regarding an article contained within the document regarding the appropriate age of an animal for spaying/neutering.

Ms. Schafer provided further updates including the opening of two new off-leash recreation areas which will now be referred to as "dog parks."

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

2. Minutes

RESOLVED: that the minutes of meeting held on January 23, 2014, be approved.

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

The Chair expressed disappointment that many owners are not picking up after their pets at dog parks. Discussion followed.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

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

The Secretary had previously distributed the Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee on Animal Control. During discussion on the matter, it was noted that with the changing governance of City Council, this Committee will no longer report to Administration and Finance Committee. Other possible changes to the Terms of Reference were discussed. The Committee may choose to recommend some further changes to the Terms of Reference in due course when the new governance model is in place.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

5. Court Reports
(File No. CK. 435-17)

The above-noted Court Reports had been distributed previously.

Solicitor Kowalski gave a brief explanation of the reports and answered questions put forth by Committee members.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

6. Annual Report – Advisory Committee on Animal Control
(File No. CK. 430-63)

Report of the Secretary:

“Attached is a draft report of the above. With the approval of the Committee, the report will be forwarded to the Administration and Finance Committee then to City Council.”

Discussion was held regarding the wording of the draft report. It was resolved that the word “potential” be inserted before “negative effect on licensing compliance.” in paragraph 2 under the heading 2013 Initiatives on page 3 of the report.

RESOLVED: that the annual report, with the above-noted amendment, be forwarded to the Administration and Finance Committee to place before City Council

7. 2014 Advisory Committee on Animal Control Budget
(File No. CK. 1704-5)

Report of Secretary

“Attached, for the Committee’s information, are spreadsheets showing 2013 expenditures and 2014 budget. (This item was deferred from the January 23, 2014 meeting due to time constraints).”

Allocation of the 2014 funds was discussed. Amendments were made as follows:

\$5,500 – Pet Wellness Brochure
\$5,800 – My Pet Matters
\$3,000 – Research/Advertising
\$4,000 – Pet Scoop Bags
\$3,000 – Educational Brochures

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

8. Annual Bylaw Review – Section 21.1 Beekeeping
(File No. CK. 151-1)

Pest Management Supervisor Boone reported regarding this issue. It was recommended that the matter of swarming be handled through guidelines as opposed to changes to the bylaw.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Ms. Diane Bentley, Chair