



**PUBLIC MINUTES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL CONTROL**

**June 25, 2015, 11:30 am
Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall**

PRESENT: Ms. D. Bentley, Chair
Ms. C. Stinn, Vice-Chair
Councillor Z. Jeffries
Dr. D. Hockley
Ms. A. Ziegler
Dr. M. Powell
Ms. M. Gieni
Ms. M. Sim

ABSENT: Mr. D. Truscott
Dr. E. Hudson

ALSO PRESENT: Open Space Consultant C. Schafer
Solicitor D. Kowalski
Pest Management Supervisor J. Boone
Ms. E. Alexandrovici, Saskatoon Animal Control Agency
Ms. P. Cameron, Executive Director, Saskatoon SPCA
Committee Assistant D. Sackmann

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: Ms. Gieni

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: Dr. Hockley

That the minutes of Regular meeting of the Advisory Committee on Animal Control held on May 28, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR (File CK. 225-9)

The Committee was informed that the subcommittee exploring the need of a bylaw to limit the number of pets continues to work on gathering information on the matter and will present an update to the Committee at its September meeting.

Moved By: Ms. Stinn

That the information be received.

CARRIED

6. COMMUNICATIONS

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

7.1 Report of Open Space Consultant (File CK. 151-18)

Open Space Consultant Schafer informed the Committee that at present there is nothing further to report on the Chief Whitecap Park matter.

Councillor Jeffries shared with the Committee that it has been brought to his attention that there is a significant amount of glass in some of the off-leash parks. Ms. Schafer stated that she was aware of this and the City of Saskatoon Parks Division has been out to the sites to perform clean ups.

The Committee also discussed the speed of bikes going through the Silverwood Off-leash Park and the concern that someone or some pet will get hurt if this continues. Ms. Schafer will contact the Meewasin Valley Authority and the City Police to investigate what action can be done to impede speed in the park.

Moved By: Ms. Bentley

That the information be received.

CARRIED

7.2 Court Report - Animal Control Bylaw Prosecutions (File CK. 435-17)

The Committee Assistant distributed Court Reports - Animal Control Bylaw Prosecutions for the month of May, 2015.

Solicitor Kowalski was in attendance and provided the Committee with an update. There have been a few dangerous animals' guilty pleas and a destruction order was recently issued. These are rare occurrences, but in this particular case, a dangerous animal order had been issued and the pet owner did not comply and the dog has recently attacked another animal only weeks after the order was issued.

Moved By: Ms. Ziegler

That the information be received.

CARRIED

8. BITE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN (File No. CK. 151-7)

The Committee watched the educational video developed by TAP Communication for the Bite Prevention Campaign entitled *Good Dogs Bite Too*. This video is posted on the City of Saskatoon website for public access.

Discussion followed revolving around the need to have public engagement in order to have a successful campaign and that the main message behind the video's message is that it is the pet owner's responsibility to prevent bites. The subcommittee will continue to further investigate the matter and report back to the Committee at a later date.

Moved By: Ms. Sim

That the information be received.

CARRIED

9. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES (File No. CK. 1704-5)

The Committee Assistant submitted a current Statement of Expenditures for the Committee's review.

Discussion followed and the Committee was reminded that a few expenses remain to be paid for 2015.

Moved By: Ms. Sim

That the information be received.

CARRIED

10. 2016 PROPOSED BUDGET (File No. CK. 1704-5)

The Advisory Committee on Animal Control is requested to put forward a proposed budget submission for 2016 for inclusion in the 2016 Operating Budget Review. The Committee Assistant submitted, for reference, this year's budget.

Discussion ensued regarding request for funding for the Committee for 2016. Also discussed was the availability of pet scoop bags and the funding for them. The bags are available only at the off-leash areas and to Community Associations if they ask for them.

Ms. Alexandrovici excused herself from the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

Moved By: Ms. Bentley

That the Committee put forward a proposed budget submission for 2016 of \$21,300 (identical to what was received in 2015), allocated as follows:

\$5,500 - Pet Wellness Brochure
\$6,000 - Pet Rewards Program
\$6,000 - Educational Campaigns
\$2,500 - Pet Scoop Bags
\$1,300 - Other Initiatives
Total: \$21,300

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Ms. D. Bentley, Chair