



**PUBLIC MINUTES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL CONTROL**

**Thursday, May 28, 2015, at 11:45 a.m.
Committee Room "E", Ground Floor**

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

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

ABSENT: Ms. M. Sim
Dr. D. Hockley
Mr. D. Truscott

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

Moved By: Ms. Ziegler

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved By: Ms. Gieni

That the minutes of meeting of the Advisory Committee on Animal Control held on April 23, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED

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

The Committee was informed that its annual report will be presented to the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development & Community Services (SPC on PD&CS) at its meeting on June 1, 2015 with the recommendation that the information be received and forwarded to City Council. Ms. Bentley will be in attendance to answer any questions of the SPC on PD&CS.

Moved By: Ms. Ziegler

That the information be received.

CARRIED

5. Reports from Administration

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

Open Space Consultant Schafer informed the Committee that City Council at its May meeting approved the designation of Pierre Radisson Off-Leash Area, and the tender process will start shortly. TAP Communications was contracted to do the Pet + Me Rewards Program and The Bites Prevention Campaign but have gone out of business. City Solicitors is currently in the process of resolving matters with TAP.

Moved By: Dr. Hudson

That the information be received.

CARRIED

5.2 Court Report – Animal Control Bylaw Prosecutions (File No. CK. 435-17)

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

Solicitor Kowalski was in attendance and noted that the court reports were mostly self-explanatory.

Moved By: Ms. Bentley

That the information be received.

CARRIED

6. Process of Handling Barking Dog Complaints (File No. CK.152-1)

The Committee Assistant submitted for the Committee's information a report on the above-noted matter.

Solicitor Kowalski previously provided an update on this matter at the Committee's April meeting. The report discusses the two major proposed amendments to *The Animal Control Bylaw, 1999*, which are criteria specifying what constitutes a "nuisance" and deemed violations/provisions.

Discussion followed.

Moved By: Dr. Powell

That the information be received.

CARRIED

7. Annual Bylaw Review – *Bylaw No. 7860 The Animal Control Bylaw, 1999 and Bylaw No. 8176 The Dangerous Animals Bylaw, 2003* (File No. CK. 151-1)

Integrated Facility Supervisor Babyak was in attendance and provided an update to the Committee. The City is working with the Meewasin Valley Authority and hope to provide a detail design of Chief Whitecap Park by 2015. Discussions around the discretionary use of the park with the RM of Corman Park are expected to occur in 2016. The Master plan for parks is proposed to be submitted to City Council in July. Currently, the City of Saskatoon is unable to enforce properties within the RM of Corman Park. Updates to the status of any changes can be provided to the Committee at a later date.

Discussion followed.

Moved By: Ms. Ziegler

That the information be received.

CARRIED

8. Bite Prevention Campaign (File No. CK. 151-7)

The Committee was informed that TAP Communications has ceased to exist as a business. The subcommittee will meet to discuss what course of action can be taken to deal with this matter. City Solicitors are also currently working on dealing with this situation.

Moved By: Ms. Gieni

That the information be received.

CARRIED

9. Puppy Mills (File No. CK. 152-1)

Ms. Eva Alexandrovici, representing the Saskatoon Animal Control Agency, was in attendance. Ms. Alexandrovici circulated to the Committee a handout regarding the number of cats and dogs pet owners are allowed in other Canadian jurisdictions. Ms. Alexandrovici shared with the Committee a complaint from a concerned citizen in regards to a neighbor housing a large number of animals and the concern over the health condition of the animals. The definition of a “puppy mill” is not well defined and often as long as a pet owner is not actively selling or advertising the animals it is not considered a puppy mill. Under current bylaws enforcing this is a difficult task.

Moved By: Ms. Bentley

1. That a subcommittee be established to explore whether a bylaw limiting the number of pets is required and what exemptions would be applicable and to report back at a later meeting date of the Committee; and
2. That this subcommittee consist of the following:

Cassandra Stinn
Eva Alexandrovici
Patricia Cameron

CARRIED

10. Statement of Expenditures (File No. CK. 151-7)

The Committee Assistant submitted a current Statement of Expenditures for the Committee’s review. The Committee was advised that they are expected to put forth their 2016 budget at their June meeting.

Moved By: Dr. Powell

That the information be received.

CARRIED

11. Adjournment

Moved By: Councillor Jeffries

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Ms. D. Bentley, Chair