



## PUBLIC MINUTES

### ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL CONTROL

November 24, 2016, 11:30 a.m.

Committee Room A, Second Floor, City Hall

PRESENT: Ms. M. Gieni, A/Chair  
Councillor Z. Jeffries  
Dr. E. Hudson  
Ms. K. Shymko  
Ms. J. Thomson  
Dr. K. Sheehan

ABSENT: Ms. A. Ziegler, Chair  
Dr. D. Hockley

ALSO PRESENT: Solicitor J. Manastyrski  
Ms. E. Alexandrovici, Saskatoon Animal Control Agency  
Ms. P. Cameron, Executive Director, Saskatoon SPCA  
Committee Assistant D. Sackmann

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The A/Chair called the meeting to order.

#### 2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

**Moved By:** E. Hudson

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

**CARRIED**

#### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

**Moved By:** K. Sheehan

That the minutes of Regular Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Animal Control held on September 15, 2016 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

- 4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- 5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR (CK. 225-9)**
- 6. COMMUNICATIONS**
- 7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

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

Open Space Consultant Schafer was in attendance and provided the following updates:

- Dog Park Ambassadors are working on fall and spring campaigns. Dog park clean-up will occur in the spring instead of this fall due to the early snowfall.
- Animal Services attended the Pet Expo. The sale of pet licenses was successful. "Good Dogs Bite Too" pamphlets were handed out.
- Avalon Park Off-leash area is being expanded in 2017 making the area more accessible friendly.
- Fred Mendel Park and Pierre Radisson Park opened in 2016. Paul Muskaway Park will open in fall 2017.

**Moved By:** K. Sheehan

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

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

Solicitor Manastyrski was in attendance and reviewed the submitted reports with the Committee, noting the fee increases between August and September 2015 and 2016. Also noted was that different offences are fined different amounts. The tickets listed on the reports are tickets going to court.

**Moved By:** K. Shymko

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

### **7.3 Pet Licensing 2017 Rates and Fees (CK. 151-15)**

Brad Babyak, Section Manager, Open Space Programming & Development was in attendance and provided an update on the proposed rate increase for pet licensing beginning in 2017. A handout on Pet License Rates and Fees Compared with other Municipalities; and Proposed 2017 Pet Licensing Rates and Fees was circulated.

A brief background was provided regarding the market research analysis conducted by the Administration, with the assistance of a research consultant, which focused on pet licensing and compliance rates in Saskatoon. This research indicated that for most respondents cost is not a barrier to pet licensing. Licensing rates have not changed since 2011 although costs have increased. The Administration is proposing a moderate fee increase between \$0.50 to \$1.00 for cats, and \$1.00 to \$2.00 for dogs. Discussion ensued. The Administration will continue to provide updates as appropriate.

**Moved By:** J. Thomson

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

### **8. ANNUAL BYLAW REVIEW - BYLAW NO. 7860 - THE ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW, 1999 AND BYLAW NO. 8176 - THE DANGEROUS ANIMALS BYLAW, 2003 (CK. 151-1)**

The Committee at its meeting held September 15, 2016 resolved to further continue its discussion on the matter.

A report from the Saskatoon SPCA regarding reducing pound holding times was provided to the Committee for its information. Based on the statistics and information in the report the SPCA recommends that the City of Saskatoon's *Animal Control Bylaw, No. 7860* reduce the impoundment holding period from 5 days to a 72-hour period. Discussion ensued around key reasons to reduce the current holding period. The Committee determined to present its previously discussed proposed changes to both *The Animal Control Bylaw, 1999* and *The Dangerous Animals Bylaw, 2003* in a report prepared by the City Solicitor's Office to Committee.

Integrated Facility Supervisor Babyak commented on increasing sustenance fees and the potential negative impact this may have on overall animal redemption.

**Moved By:** M. Gieni

1. That the information be received; and
2. That the Advisory Committee on Animal Control put forth in a report prepared by the City Solicitor's Office, its proposed changes to *The Animal Control Bylaw, 1999* and *The Dangerous Animals Bylaw, 2003*, to the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development & Community Services for its consideration.

**CARRIED**

**9. BITE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN (CK. 151-7)**

A revised "Good Dogs Bite Too" pamphlet was distributed for the Committee's information. The campaign has gone well and the pamphlet is the final product. Discussion ensued revolving around some minor changes that can be made to improve the information presented on the pamphlet going forward.

Ms. Thomson entered the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

**Moved By:** K. Sheehan

1. That the information be received; and
2. That the Advisory Committee on Animal Control allocate \$5,000 from its 2016 budget to cover the cost of production and distribution of the "Good Dogs Bite Too" info-graph pamphlet; and allocate \$1,000 to the Saskatoon SPCA Bite Prevention educational program delivered to city schools.

**CARRIED**

**10. ANIMAL IMPOUNDING SERVICES - STATISTICS (CK. 435-6)**

Patricia Cameron, Executive Director, Saskatoon SPCA was in attendance and reported that there has been a spike in infant animals. There is a legitimate concern that unintentional breeding will over load the SPCA shelter and the Saskatoon Animal Control Agency's (SACA) ability to respond. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Sheehan advised that as a practicing veterinarian she knows that there is a huge need in the City for many pet owners to receive aid with spaying/neutering their pet. There are financial aspects of being a pet owner along with social and mental aspects of having a pet.

**Moved By:** M. Gieni

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**11. UPDATE ON ANIMAL PROTECTION IN THE CITY OF SASKATOON (CK. 151-1)**

The Committee at its meeting held September 15, 2016 determined to request an update on Playful Paws Pet Center.

Patricia Cameron, Executive Director, Saskatoon SPCA was in attendance and advised the Committee that the investigation has been a lengthy and complex one. The case is set to be before the Prosecutor next week; a decision will then be handed down. Ms. Cameron will further update the Committee at a future meeting.

**Moved By:** E. Hudson

1. That the information be received; and
2. That the matter be placed on a future agenda of the Committee for further discussion.

**CARRIED**

**12. COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE (CK. 175-9)**

The Committee Assistant reported that there was a typo on the agenda listing the meeting dates as being for 2016 instead of 2017. The dates listed are indeed for 2017.

**Moved By:** K. Shymko

That the following meeting dates for the Advisory Committee on Animal Control for 2017 be approved:

- January 26
- February 23
- March 23
- April 27
- May 25

- June 22
- September 28
- October 26
- November 23

**CARRIED**

**13. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES (CK. 1704-5)**

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

**Moved By:** J. Thomson

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**CARRIED**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

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Ms. M. Gieni, A/Chair

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Ms. D. Sackmann, Committee Assistant