



PUBLIC MINUTES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL CONTROL

May 26, 2016, 11:30 a.m.

Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall

PRESENT: Ms. A. Ziegler, Chair
Dr. D. Hockley
Dr. E. Hudson
Ms. K. Shymko
Ms. J. Thomson

ABSENT: Ms. M. Gieni, Vice-Chair
Councillor Z. Jeffries
Dr. M. Powell
Dr. S. Neumann
Solicitor J. Manastyrski
Inspector L. Lafreniere

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: D. Hockley

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: E. Hudson

That the minutes of Regular Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Animal Control held on April 28, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The Chair updated the Committee on the following:

- Inspector Solie has been replaced by Inspector Lisa Lafreniere.
- Ms. Cassandra Stinn has resigned from the Committee effective immediately.
- In reviewing the membership of the sub-committee on bite awareness campaign it is recommended that one more member from ACAC's membership be added. Ms. Jill Thomson volunteered.

Moved By: K. Shymko

1. That the information be received; and
2. That Jill Thomson be added as a member of the sub-committee on bite awareness campaign.

CARRIED

6. COMMUNICATIONS

6.1 Letter - Pick-up Dispensers and Bags (CK 151-1)

Ms. Diane Bentley was in attendance. Ms. Bentley is a member-at-large with the Hudson Bay Park Community Association. She addressed the Committee regarding the consideration of installing small dispensers with pet pick-up bags in neighbourhood parks, especially those with spray pools and playgrounds. Ms. Bentley advised the Committee that she is willing to volunteer to refill a dispenser at A.H. Brown Park for a year or possibly until such a time as the City can coordinate a refill system with Parks staff.

Ms. Alexandrovici entered the meeting at 11:38 a.m. and Ms. Cameron at 11:47 a.m. during consideration of this matter.

Discussion followed revolving around the resources and feasibility required to install dispensers in neighbourhood parks. Currently, the City does not offer this amenity to all City parks only to Off-leash parks. Parks and Animal Control do not have the man-power to maintain dispensers and provide clean up. Community Associations can apply for park enhancement grants. Animal Control can issue the pet bags to the

Community Association for its dispenser and they can maintain it going forward. An agreement between the City and a Community Association is preferable; the agreement would solidify that the Association is responsible to maintain the dispenser. Ms. Bentley noted that she thought Hudson Bay Park Community Association would be receptive to the suggestion. Animal Control is willing to work with the Association to work out logistics.

Moved By: E. Hudson

1. That the information be received; and
2. That the Administration report back at a later date on the request to explore the potential for installation of pet pick-up bag dispensers in neighbourhood parks.

CARRIED

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

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

Open Space Consultant Ariss advised the Committee that the Fred Mendel dog park proposal, located in Pleasant Hill/Meadow Green area, was approved by City Council at its meeting held on May 24, 2016. The tender will be going out in the next while. Ms. Chelsie Schafer has returned from her leave and will be working with Mr. Ariss, but he will remain the contact person for the Committee until further notice.

Moved By: J. Thomson

That the information be received.

CARRIED

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

Solicitor Manastyrski was not in attendance.

Moved By: E. Hudson

That the information be received.

CARRIED

8. ANIMAL IMPOUNDING SERVICES - STATISTICS (CK 435-6)

Ms. Cameron advised that the animal redemption stats for April 2016 were inadvertently missed. The bulk of unredeemed animals tend to be strays found by the general public or owner surrender. The volumes of calls to the SPCA tends to increase through the summer months. Discussion followed revolving around costs related to animal control bylaw enforcement.

Moved By: K. Shymko

1. That the information be received; and
2. That the Saskatoon SPCA provide a monthly comparable spreadsheet showing the breakdown of dogs compared to cats brought into the shelter and how many of those dogs compared to cats are redeemed.

CARRIED

9. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

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

The Chair advised that Pest Management Supervisor Boone provided pricing for a utility stuffer initiative regarding City of Saskatoon projects. ACAC could distribute a one-page informational brochure inside the utility bill; the cost is approximately \$1,600 for the distribution of 80,000 households, the cost includes printing and distribution. This service has to be booked four months in advance to ensure a spot. The Committee Assistant undertook to investigate whether ACAC's initiative qualifies as a City of Saskatoon project.

Moved By: J. Thomson

That the information be received.

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Ms. A. Ziegler, Chair

D. Sackmann, Committee Assistant