



**PUBLIC AGENDA
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL CONTROL**

**Thursday, October 26, 2017, 11:30 a.m.
Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall
Committee Members:**

**Ms. A. Ziegler, Chair
Dr. K. Sheehan, Vice-Chair
Ms. B. Ashwin
Dr. B. Couperthwaite
Dr. D. Hockley
Dr. E. Hudson
Councillor Z. Jeffries
Dr. T. Shury
Ms. K. Shymko
Ms. J. Thomson**

Pages

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Recommendation

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Recommendation

That the minutes of meeting of the Advisory Committee on Animal Control held September 28, 2017, be approved.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. REPORT OF THE CHAIR [CK. 225-9]

Verbal Update - A. Ziegler

Recommendation

That the information be received.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

7.1 Letter - Cats at Large - Animal Control Bylaw 7860 [CK.151-5] 3 - 4

Attached for the Committee's information is a letter from Darlene Demeria in regards to the above-noted matter. Along with a response from the Office of the Mayor.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

8. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

8.1 Report of Open Space Consultant [CK. 151-18]

Verbal Update - C. Schafer

Recommendation

That the information be received.

8.2 Court Report - Animal Control Bylaw Prosecutions [CK. 435-17] 5 - 5

Verbal Update - J. Manastyrski

Attached for the Committee's information is the September 2017 Court Report.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

9. ANIMAL IMPOUNDING SERVICES - STATISTICS [CK. 435-6] 6 - 6

Verbal Update - P. Cameron, Executive Director, Saskatoon SPCA

Attached for the Committee's information is the September statistics.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

10. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES [CK. 1704-5] 7 - 7

Attached is a current Statement of Expenditures.

The Committee will continue discussions on allocation of its 2017 budget.

Recommendation

That the Committee provide direction.

11. ADJOURNMENT

To all whom this concerns:

I writing to hope that the law which says cats must be tied up will be changed. I am appalled at the lack of knowledge concerning the consequences of such a law.

Cats are the natural predators of rodents. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are spent on poisons to rid neighborhoods and houses of mice. Mice eat the poisons, die in gardens, or wherever, other creatures eat them and die, or their bodies rot in the soil, leaving poison deposits for the soil and the water tables. Incredible to think, in this day and age, that chemical poisons are better than natural predators, to deal with mice.

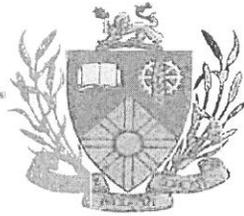
I myself, and everyone I talk to, says they too would prefer cat pee on their flowers, rather than disease carrying mice feces in their cupboards on their food. Or walking across kitchen floors, where babies drop their toys, and pick them up. Oh my gosh.

There are now many pest exterminators, when before the law, not so many. I am not sure when common sense went out the window, but for goodness sake, can we not let nature work sometimes without poisoning our world, or letting a rodent population grow to the point of harming our world worse?

There will always be those who keep their cats indoors. There will always be a few cats who wander. A friend of mine at the University of Sask. in Saskatoon is from the Thunderchild Reserve, and shared they have no rodents. They have cats. Farmers search for cats known for their hunting abilities. What the heck is wrong with the urban leaders? Poison, or more mice and rodents are good? Please use common sense and get rid of the silly bylaw .

Thank you, Darlene Demeria

1028 Ave. L South, Saskatoon, Sk. S7M2J5



— City of —
Saskatoon

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

October 5, 2017

Ms. Darlene Demeria
1028 Avenue L South
Saskatoon SK S7M 2J5

Dear Ms. Demeria:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Cats and Dogs at Large section of the Animal Control Bylaw.

I understand that cats are natural hunters, but within the confines of the City of Saskatoon, they are expected to be kept indoors, not only for their own safety, but for the safety of others, for example, birds or other cats. Unfortunately, cats are also more likely to be injured or killed when left unattended outdoors.

I am sharing your concerns with the General Manager of the Community Services Department.

Thanks again for taking the time to write me with your concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charlie Clark'.

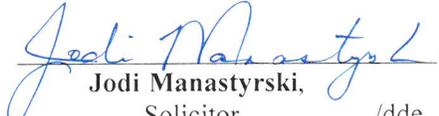
Charlie Clark
Mayor

cc: General Manager, Community Services Department

**Office of the City Solicitor
September 2017 COURT REPORT
Animal Control Bylaw Prosecutions - City of Saskatoon**

Convictions/Orders	2017		2016	
	No.	Average Fine	No.	Average Fine
Cat at Large	3	\$100.00 + \$50.00	1	\$100.00 + \$50.00
Cat at Large	1	\$200.00 + \$50.00		
Cat at Large			1	\$300.00 + \$60.00
Cat With No License	5	\$250.00 + \$60.00	4	\$250.00 + \$50.00
Cat Collar	1	\$50.00 + \$40.00	1	\$50.00 + \$40.00
Dog at Large	9	\$100.00 + \$50.00	12	\$100.00 + \$50.00
Dog at Large			2	\$200.00 + \$50.00
Dog at Large	1	\$300.00 + \$60.00	10	\$300.00 + \$60.00
Dog with No License	5	\$250.00 + \$60.00	16	\$250.00 + \$60.00
Dog with No License			3	\$300.00 + \$60.00
Dog with No License			1	\$350.00 + \$60.00
Dog Collar	2	\$50.00 + \$40.00	3	\$50.00 + \$40.00
Fail to Remove Dog Feces	1	\$100.00 + \$50.00		
Dog Attack Person			3	\$250.00 + \$60.00
Dog Attack Dog			1	\$250.00 + \$60.00
Dog in Prohibited Area			2	\$100.00 + \$50.00
Dog in Prohibited Area			1	\$200.00 + \$50.00
Total Convictions/Orders	28		61	
Other Outcomes				
Withdrawn	1		1	
Dismissed			5	
Total Other Outcomes	1		6	
Total Charges Before Court	29	\$4,450.00 + \$1,480.00 surcharges	67	\$12,850.00 + \$3,400.00 surcharges

Only those violations dealt with by the Court are recorded in this report.
The number of fines paid voluntarily are not included.


Jodi Manastyrski,
Solicitor /dde

cc: Advisory Committee on Animal Control (Office of the City Clerk)
Eva Alexandrovici, SACA (306-931-9792)
City Solicitor

Animal Impounding Services – Statistics

ANIMAL INTAKE	SEPTEMBER 2017	SEPTEMBER 2016
CATS	143 (+39% from 2016)	103
KITTENS	126 (-17%)	152
DOGS	74 (-12%)	84
PUPS	16 (-40%)	27
OTHER	5 (-6%)	22
TOTAL	364	388

ANIMALS BROUGHT IN BY SACA

- 159 of 364 animals September, 2017 = 44%
- 156 of 388 animals September, 2016 = 40%

*Saskatoon Animal Control Agency (SACA)

