



PUBLIC MINUTES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL CONTROL

June 22, 2017, 11:30 a.m.

Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall

PRESENT: Ms. A. Ziegler, Chair
Dr. K. Sheehan, Vice-Chair
Ms. B. Ashwin
Dr. B. Couperthwaite
Dr. E. Hudson
Councillor Z. Jeffries
Ms. K. Shymko
Ms. J. Thomson

ABSENT: Dr. D. Hockley
Dr. T. Shury

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The 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. Shymko

That the minutes of meeting of the Advisory Committee on Animal Control held May 25, 2017, be approved.

CARRIED

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

The Committee welcomed Dr. Breanne Couperthwaite who replaces Dr. Michael Powell as a representative of the Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association. Introductions were held.

Ms. Ziegler attended the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development & Community Services meeting held on May 29, 2017 to present the Committee's annual report. No questions were put forth by the Standing Policy Committee and the report was accepted as information.

Ms. Alexandrovici, Ms. Schafer, Councillor Jeffries and Ms. Cameron entered the meeting from 11:35 a.m. to 11:42 a.m.

Moved By: J. Thomson

That the information be received.

CARRIED

6. COMMUNICATIONS

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

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

Open Space Consultant Schafer advised that she met with members of the Subcommittees on Cat Overpopulation and Dog Bites Prevention to discuss initiatives and funding requirements for the remainder of the year. The discussions revolved around the remaining 2017 budget of \$15,000 and the various initiatives that could be put forth based on this amount. The Committee was provided with a list of items and their allocated costs regarding Good Dogs Bite Too Marketing Campaign. Discussion followed revolving around hiring a videographer for Pets in the Park event and some promotional pieces for the event. It was suggested that any overlap with Animal Services be taken advantage of by the Committee regarding funding. Ms. Schafer undertook to investigate any funding available for

this event. The Committee determined to further discuss funding requests for the initiatives under Item 11, Statement of Expenditures.
That the information be received.

CARRIED

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

Solicitor Manastryski was in attendance and reviewed the submitted report with the Committee. Fine collections decreased from 2016 to 2017 this is not necessarily reflectively of voluntary payment; the numbers are only reflective of what happens in Court.

Moved By: K. Shymko

That the information be received.

CARRIED

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

Ms. Cameron reviewed the submitted statistics for May 2017 stating they were fairly self-explanatory. The Saskatoon SPCA is currently full to capacity. The Chair noted that the Committee would be interested in obtaining information pertaining to animal disposition after intake. Discussion followed around the age of cats being brought into the shelter. Ms. Cameron advised that both adults and kittens are being brought in.

Moved By: B. Ashwin

That the information be received.

CARRIED

9. CAT OVERPOPULATION AWARENESS SUBCOMMITTEE [CK. 151-5]

The Subcommittee advised that it has joined with the Cat Coalition based on the Committee's suggestion to use their expertise as advisers. The concern is that the cat over population seems to stem from community cats or cats owned by people who cannot really afford them and not from responsible pet owners. There is definitely a need for spay/neuter programs and education. Various initiative ideas were discussed.

Networking is important so that people who need the help can reach it. Informational material could be placed at locations where people who really need the information would get it. People need to know that help is available and is affordable. A starting point could be to place pamphlets/posters at various locations in core neighbourhoods such as the Friendship Inn, Salvation Army, etc.

The Saskatoon SPCA has a school program that presents at the core schools the program currently is dog related, but a cat focus could be added.

Animal Services manages the subsidized spay/neuter program. Discounted veterinary services and financial resources are provided to assist low income pet owners who could not otherwise afford to have their pets spayed/neutered. Currently, the budget for this program is \$34,000 and approximately 200 procedures are done annually. The last two years the program has been full to capacity.

Councillor Jeffries excused himself from the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

The Committee determined to further discuss funding requests for the initiatives under Item 11, Statement of Expenditures.

Moved By: J. Thomson

That the information be received.

CARRIED

10. DOG BITE PREVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE [CK. 151-7]

The Subcommittee in the past has created pamphlets and the "Good Dogs Bite Too" video, which can be accessed on the City's website and is also available on YouTube. The Subcommittee wants to continue doing work that is of value to the Committee. Discussion occurred pertaining to initiatives such as the merits of a videographer at Pets in the Park and what is trying to be accomplished regarding public education on dog biting.

The Committee determined to further discuss funding requests for the initiatives under Item 11, Statement of Expenditures.

Moved By: E. Hudson

That the information be received.

CARRIED

11. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES [CK. 1704-5]

A current Statement of Expenditures was submitted for the Committee's review. Discussion followed around both Subcommittees' initiatives and funding requests to support their initiatives. The Committee determined to currently, allocate funds to time sensitive requests due to not meeting over the summer months and in the fall to continue its discussion regarding further allocation of its 2017 budget.

Ms. Cameron excused herself from the meeting at 1:14 p.m.

Moved By: K. Sheehan

That the Advisory Committee on Animal Control allocate funds from its 2017 budget for the various components of Pets in the Park event as follows:

\$2,500 Videographer
\$2,000 Stress Balls
\$500 Pull Up Banner
\$500 Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) piece
Total: \$5,500

CARRIED

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Ms. A. Ziegler, Chair

Ms. D. Sackmann, Committee Assistant