



## **PUBLIC MINUTES**

### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL CONTROL**

**March 23, 2017, 11:30 a.m.**

**Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall**

**PRESENT:** Dr. K. Sheehan, A/Chair  
Dr. D. Hockley  
Dr. E. Hudson  
Councillor Z. Jeffries  
Dr. T. Shury  
Ms. K. Shymko  
Ms. J. Thomson

**ABSENT:** Ms. A. Ziegler, Chair  
Ms. B. Ashwin

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ms. E. Alexandrovici, Saskatoon Animal Control Agency  
Ms. P. Cameron, Executive Director, Saskatoon SPCA  
Solicitor J. Manastyrski  
Open Space Consultant C. Schafer  
Pest Management Supervisor J. Boone  
Deputy City Clerk S. Bryant  
Committee Assistant D. Sackmann

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The A/Chair called the meeting to order.

##### **1.1 Committee Process [CK. 225-9]**

Deputy City Clerk Bryant was in attendance and provided a high-level overview of the Committee's Terms of Reference and Committee process.

Ms. Thomson entered the meeting at 11:35 a.m. Ms. Cameron at 11:38 a.m. and Councillor Jeffries at 11:42 a.m.

**Moved By:** J. Thomson

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

**Moved By:** E. Hudson

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Moved By:** J. Thomson

That the minutes of meeting of the Advisory Committee on Animal Control held on February 23, 2017, be approved.

**CARRIED**

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

Solicitor Manastyrski was in attendance and reviewed the submitted 2016 Annual Court Report noting that there was an increase in fines in 2016 from 2015 and that the court time in dealing with these matters has also increased. The submitted Court Reports for January and February 2017 show both increases and decreases in fines.

Discussion followed regarding the number of fines handed out and the number going to court. Solicitor Manastyrski advised that the numbers of fines issued are not reflective of pet licensing. It is difficult to know how many dogs and cats are in Saskatoon. Improving education around licensing may contribute to lessening the animal violations currently occurring.

**Moved By:** E. Hudson

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

**6. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

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

Open Space Consultant Schafer provided the following update:

- Avalon Park expansion is set to be completed in 2018.
- Hyde Park culverts are not draining properly, these will be addressed next month.
- The Chameleon database system will be updated in July 2017 making it more user friendly.
- A Cat Coalition has been established, it is comprised of various stakeholder agencies from throughout the city. It is set to meet monthly regarding feral cats.

Discussion followed. Ms. Schafer was asked by the Committee to look into whether or not the Chameleon system has the ability to track vaccinations and to update the Committee at its next meeting to this request. Ms. Schafer put forth a funding request for the Cat Coalition in the amount of \$6,000 for a public education initiative. The Committee determined to further discuss this request under Item 9, Statement of Expenditures.

**Moved By:** D. Hockley

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**7. ANIMAL IMPOUNDING SERVICES - STATISTICS [CK. 435-6]**

Ms. Cameron reviewed the submitted animal impounding services statistics for February 2017 noting the significant increase from February 2016.

**Moved By:** J. Thomson

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**8. CAT OVERPOPULATION - Discussion [CK. 151-5]**

Dr. Sheehan advised the Committee that cat overpopulation is a real concern and currently a huge problem in the community. The purpose of the matter being on the agenda is two-fold. One, to provide the Committee an opportunity to discuss the matter and two, determine whether the matter falls under Committee mandate and if so is the Committee interested in pursuing an initiative related to reducing cat overpopulation. Discussion ensued around a Subcommittee being formed to investigate this concern and bring back to the Committee its findings.

**Moved By:** D. Hockley

1. That a Subcommittee on Cat Overpopulation Awareness be established to explore and provide feedback on the importance of cat overpopulation;
2. That the Subcommittee report back to the Committee at its April meeting with its goals and actions related to cat overpopulation awareness; and
3. That the Subcommittee consist of the following members:
  - Karen Sheehan
  - Todd Shury
  - Jill Thomson

**CARRIED**

**9. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES [CK. 1704-5]**

The Committee Assistant submitted a current Statement of Expenditures for the Committee's review. The Committee determined that currently it will not be allocating any of its funds toward the Cat Coalition.

**Moved By:** E. Hudson

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**10. 2018 PROPOSED BUDGET [CK. 1704-5]**

The Committee is requested to put forward a proposed budget submission for 2018 for inclusion in the 2018 Operating Budget Review. The Committee's Assistant submitted, for reference, this year's budget.

Discussion followed around allocating funds to specific future initiatives in the upcoming months. Currently, the line items will remain as they are.

**Moved By:** D. Hockley

That the Committee put forward a proposed budget submission for 2018 of \$21,300 (identical to what was received in 2017), allocated as follows:

\$15,300 Public Education/Initiatives  
\$6,000 Dog Bite Awareness Campaign  
Total: \$21,300

**CARRIED**

**11. 2016 ANNUAL REPORT [CK. 430-63]**

Report of the Secretary:

Attached is a DRAFT of the above. With the approval of the Committee the report will be forwarded to the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development & Community Services then to City Council.

Committee members reviewed the draft report and minor revisions were noted.

**Moved By:** D. Hockley

That the annual report of the Advisory Committee on Animal Control be approved as amended, and submitted to City Council through the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development & Community Services for information.

**CARRIED**

**12. REPORT OF THE CHAIR [CK. 225-9]**

In the absence of the Chair no report was provided.

**Moved By:** K. Shymko

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

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Dr. K. Sheehan, A/Chair

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Ms. D. Sackmann, Committee Assistant