



## **PUBLIC MINUTES**

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

**November 23, 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  
Dr. T. Shury  
Ms. K. Shymko  
Ms. J. Thomson

**ALSO PRESENT:** Open Space Consultant S. Carter  
Solicitor J. Manastyrski  
Mr. R. Alexandrovici, Saskatoon Animal Control Agency  
Ms. P. Cameron, Executive Director, Saskatoon SPCA  
Committee Assistant D. Sackmann

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

The Chair called the meeting to order.

#### **2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

**Moved By:** K. Shymko

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

**CARRIED**

#### **3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Moved By:** E. Hudson

That the minutes of meeting held October 26, 2017, be approved.

**CARRIED**

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

A Star Phoenix article copy regarding the report of the Governance Subcommittee's recommendation to discontinue the Advisory Committee on Animal Control was circulated by Dr. Hudson. Discussion ensued. The Committee was advised that a report of the Governance Subcommittee, dated November 14, 2017 was presented to the Governance and Priorities Committee meeting held on November 14, 2017. The report puts forth several recommendations regarding the governance structure of Advisory Committees including the dissolution and disbandment of the Advisory Committee on Animal Control for 2019.

Councillor Jeffries commented that the review touches many Committee structures and is looking at how things have been done in the past and how they can be improved upon in the future. The Advisory Committee on Animal Control brings together many organizations in the animal sector. City Council has resolved that further engagement take place with the Committee and to report back prior to February 2018.

The Committee Assistant noted that a Special Meeting would be held in December 2017 to further provide an opportunity for the Committee to comment on the recommendations from City Council as it pertains to this Committee. The Committee will be advised as soon as possible of a meeting date.

**Moved By:** T. Shury

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**7. COMMUNICATIONS**

**8. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

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

The Committee was provided a report from Open Space Consultant Carter for its information, review, and budget consideration. The following was highlighted:

- 2017 Pet Expo, Nov. 18-19, 2017, Prairieland Park provided an opportunity to share Dog Bite Campaign information and work done by Animal Services.
- Paul Mostoway Dog Park is scheduled to open Dec. 1, 2017, 1:30 p.m. The Committee is invited to participate in an informational walk through. A formal invitation will be forth coming through the Committee Assistant at a later date.
- Pet licensing statistics were reviewed.
- Fenceless dog parks were proposed to City Council in a report May 2017. The development of dog parks is costly and further research is required on this type of initiative.

The Committee asked if Administration could provide in a future report regarding pet licensing statistics-the cumulative license balances per month; and how many current licenses issued across the city.

**Moved By:** B. Ashwin

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

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

Solicitor Manastyrski presented the October, 2017 Court Report, noting a reduction in fee amounts from 2016 to 2017. It's possible that the reduction is due to less people attending court - offenders who fail to appear are issued a bench warrant.

The Committee determined to ask the Saskatoon Animal Control Agency (SACA) to provide, if possible, the breakdown of tickets issued for Bylaw offences and to separate the tickets by the type of violation.

**Moved By:** E. Hudson

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**9. DOG BITE SUBCOMMITTEE [CK. 151-7]**

Some of the Subcommittee's initiatives were presented in the budget document provided by Open Space Consultant Carter, such as the 2018 Good Dogs Bite Too brochure and the Good Dogs Bite Too banner for review and consideration. The brochure has been updated since its original creation. The Subcommittee wants to continue with long-term planning regarding its goals and initiatives. A new educational Good Dogs Bite Too video has been created using segments from the video taken this summer at Pets in the Park. The intent is to launch the video in May 2018 during Bite Prevention month, the video will be uploaded to the City's Youtube account at that time. Discussion followed regarding options for marketing including social media networks-Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and The Star Phoenix. The Committee also discussed the idea of showing the video on Veterinarian clinic waiting room monitors giving patients an opportunity to watch the video while waiting for their appointment.

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

**Moved By:** K. Sheehan

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**10. CAT OVERPOPULATION AWARENESS SUBCOMMITTEE [CK. 151-5]**

The Subcommittee is finding it difficult to attend the Cat Coalition meetings due to the time of day they're scheduled and work commitments. The Cats in Our Community brochure contains valid material and education is a great starting point for informing the public. Discussion ensued revolving around the Cat Coalition and its connection to the Advisory Committee on Animal Control. The Committee reiterated that the Cat Coalition is not one of its Subcommittees and that the intent of the Subcommittee is to not necessarily duplicate the work already being done by the Coalition, but having the same goals and desired outcomes is fine. The Committee discussed revisions to the brochure with a focus on its messaging and Open Space Consultant Carter undertook to look after the changes.

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

**Moved By:** K. Shymko

That the Subcommittee on Cat Overpopulation provide final review of the *draft* Cats In Our Community brochure before going to print.

**CARRIED**

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

A current Statement of Expenditures was submitted for the Committee's review along with information regarding costs and process for utility bill inserts for the Committee's budget consideration; samples of utility bill inserts were circulated. The Committee determined to proceed with the initiative. Open Space Consultant Carter will contact Community Services - Communications for assistance with the project.

Discussion followed regarding the submitted proposed budget as outlined on page two of the report of Open Space Consultant Carter. The report shows the Committee's remaining budget totaling \$13,858.10, this includes the cost for video and photography related to Pets in the Park event. The amount for this event has already been paid. Therefore, the current amount in total being requested from the Committee is \$11,300.00 to put toward the listed marketing initiatives.

**Moved By:** E. Hudson

That the Advisory Committee on Animal Control support and approve the proposed 2017 budget as presented in the report of the Open Space Consultant, dated November 23, 2017 for marketing initiatives.

**CARRIED**

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

The October 2017 statistics along with information from the SPCA regarding adoption and euthanasia of its animal intake were provided for the Committee's information.

Ms. Cameron commented that the shelter has seen a surge in adult cats and has been over capacity for the last few months. The SPCA has let Rural Municipalities know that it's unable to currently take animals from the RMs, it

presently can only house animals going to owners in Saskatoon. Also noted were events such as Cats on Mats (yoga) and Black Cat Friday in conjunction with Black Friday. Ms. Cameron also informed the Committee that the SPCA underwent renovations this summer of its shelter and now has one of the city's largest solar panel installations and has recently been awarded the Energy Management Award for project of the year. The new holding period for animals from 5 to 3 days along with the new sustenance fees have come into effect as of November 20, 2017.

**Moved By:** J. Thomson

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**13. COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE [CK. 175-9]**

The Advisory Committee on Animal Control meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m., with the exception of July, August, and December. The following dates are proposed for 2018:

- January 25
- February 22
- March 22
- April 26
- May 24
- June 28
- September 27
- October 25
- November 22

**Moved By:** T. Shury

That the meeting dates for the Advisory Committee on Animal Control for 2018 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

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Ms. A. Ziegler, Chair

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Ms. D. Sackmann, Committee Assistant