



**PUBLIC MINUTES  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL CONTROL**

**September 28, 2017, 11:34 a.m.  
Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall**

**PRESENT:** Dr. K. Sheehan, A/Chair  
Ms. B. Ashwin  
Dr. B. Couperthwaite  
Dr. E. Hudson  
Dr. T. Shury  
Ms. K. Shymko  
Ms. J. Thomson

**ABSENT:** Ms. A. Ziegler, Chair  
Councillor Z. Jeffries

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ms. P. Cameron, Executive Director, Saskatoon SPCA  
Ms. H. Ens, Saskatoon Animal Control Agency  
Solicitor J. Manastyrski  
Solicitor A. Glum  
Committee Assistant J. Fast

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The A/Chair called the meeting to order.

**2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

The Committee briefly discussed membership on the Cat Overpopulation Awareness Subcommittee and the Dog Bite Prevention Subcommittee. Ms. Thomson, who currently sits on both subcommittees, indicated she would prefer to only sit on one subcommittee and requested her name be taken off of the Cat Overpopulation Subcommittee. Members were in agreement that two members on a subcommittee would be sufficient and the vacancy on the Cat Overpopulation Subcommittee was not filled at this time.

**Moved By:** E. Hudson

1. That membership on the Cat Overpopulation Subcommittee be reduced by one and that Ms. Thomson be removed from the Subcommittee while continuing to serve on the Dog Bite Prevention Subcommittee;
2. That the report of the City Solicitor, Proposed Amendments to *Bylaw No. 7860, The Animal Control Bylaw and Bylaw No. 8176, The Dangerous Animal Bylaw*, be added as Item 11;
3. That Future Agenda Items be added as Item 12; and
4. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

**CARRIED**

**3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Moved By:** J. Thomson

That the minutes of meeting of the Advisory Committee on Animal Control held June 22, 2017, be approved.

**CARRIED**

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

**7. COMMUNICATIONS**

**8. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

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

Open Space Consultant Schafer was not in attendance.

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

The Committee Assistant submitted the June, July and August, 2017 Court Reports for the Committee's information.

Solicitor Manastyrski reviewed the submitted reports, noting reduced totals for 2017 compared to this time period in 2016. However, she advised that this could be a reflection of more voluntary payments being made rather than fewer tickets being issued.

Discussion followed regarding obtaining records of tickets issued together with any pertinent additional information to better understand the animal control problems the city is facing. It was noted that Open Space Consultant Schafer may be able to provide this information to a future meeting.

**Moved By:** T. Shury

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

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

The Committee Assistant submitted the July and August statistics for the Committee's information.

Ms. Cameron reviewed the report and answered questions of the Committee.

**Moved By:** B. Ashwin

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

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

The Committee Assistant submitted the current Statement of Expenditures.

The A/Chair advised that the Committee has \$12,314 remaining in its 2017 budget.

Discussion followed regarding the allocation of the remaining funds in keeping with the advisory role of the Committee. The A/Chair requested members to give consideration to this matter prior to the October meeting, at which time a decision will be made on the allocation of the remaining funds.

**Moved By:** E. Hudson

That the Advisory Committee on Animal Control determine the allocation of the remaining 2017 budget at the October meeting.

**CARRIED**

**11. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO *BYLAW NO. 7860, THE ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW AND BYLAW NO. 8176, THE DANGEROUS ANIMAL BYLAW* [CK. 151-15]**

Solicitor Manastyrski reviewed the report and answered questions of the Committee.

It was noted that the amendments are in two parts; those discussed by the Advisory Committee on Animal Control and those identified by the City Solicitor's Office. Following are the proposed amendments as recommended by the Committee:

*The Animal Control Bylaw:*

- Clarify the boundaries of off-leash areas;
- Reduce the SPCA holding period from 96 hours to 72 hours; and
- Increase the sustenance fee for animals being held at the SPCA (an increase of \$5.00 per day to the sustenance fee is proposed).

*The Dangerous Animals Bylaw:*

- Clarify where animals which have been declared dangerous may be housed.

The City Solicitor's Office has also identified the following amendments to *The Dangerous Animals Bylaw* to further improve upon enforcement and provide greater clarity for the court:

- Broaden how ownership of an animal is defined;
- Add a charge of failing to identify an animal; and
- Notice of Violation for non-compliance (to provide the option for issuance of a Notice of Violation to pay the fine rather than attend court, where appropriate).

The report will be before the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services for consideration at its next meeting on October 2, 2017.

**Moved By:** K. Shymko

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS [CK. 225-9]**

Dr. Hudson requested the Committee consider at its next meeting the opportunity to include an insert with the City's monthly utility bills as a way to get dog bite information out to the public.

**Moved By:** E. Hudson

That, at the October meeting of the Committee, discussion take place regarding the insertion of dog-bite information in an upcoming City utility bill mail out.

**CARRIED**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

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Ms. K. Sheehan, A/Chair

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Ms. J. Fast, Committee Assistant