



**PUBLIC MINUTES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL CONTROL**

**February 26, 2015, at 11:35 a.m.
Committee Room "E", City Hall**

PRESENT: Ms. D. Bentley, Chair
Councillor Z. Jeffries
Ms. A. Ziegler
Ms. M. Sim
Dr. E. Hudson
Dr. D. Hockley
Ms. M. Gieni

ALSO PRESENT: Open Space Consultant C. Schafer
Solicitor D. Kowalski
Ms. P. Cameron, Executive Director, Saskatoon SPCA
Ms. E. Alexandrovici, Saskatoon Animal Control Agency
Inspector D. Solie
Committee Assistant D. Sackmann

ABSENT: Dr. M. Powell
Ms. C. Stinn
Mr. D. Truscott

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

Moved By: Ms. Sim

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved By: Dr. Hockley

That the minutes of meeting of the Advisory Committee on Animal Control held on January 22, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Report of Chair (File No. CK-225-9)

No report of the Chair was presented.

Moved By: Dr. Hudson

That the information be received.

CARRIED

5. Reports from Administration

5.1 Report of Open Space Consultant (File No. CK. 151-18)

Open Space Consultant Schafer updated the Committee on the Pet+Me Rewards Program stating that TAP Communications continues to work on the development of a website along with media kits and that the program is expected to be launched in March, 2015. Any businesses wanting to advertise on the website can contact TAP Communications. A Pet+Me Rewards Club 2015 Program pamphlet was circulated to the Committee for comment.

The Committee was also informed that the supply of pet scoop bags is low and more will need to be ordered shortly. The Committee has an allocated budget of \$2,500 for this purchase and agree to approve a re-order.

Ms. Schafer informed the Committee that Public Design has been contracted to design signs and will be hosting a Dog Sign Strategy Workshop on March 2, 2015 at the Rusty McDonald Library from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Moved By: Councillor Jeffries

That the information be received.

CARRIED

5.2 Court Report – Animal Control Bylaw Prosecutions (File No. CK. 435-17)

The Committee Assistant distributed Court Reports – Animal Control Bylaw Prosecutions for the months of October - December, 2014.

Solicitor Kowalski noted that the court reports were mostly self-explanatory and he added that most convictions were obtained without a trial. Discussion arose regarding the cost incurred by the City to prosecute these cases. Both the cost and time involved to prosecute the cases are case-based and therefore varies.

Moved By: Ms. Sim

That the information be received.

CARRIED

6. City's Process Regarding Pet Identification (File No. CK.151-1)

Open Space Consultant Schafer had provided an earlier update on the above noted-matter at previous Committee meetings.

Ms. Schafer further informed the Committee that Animal Services has purchased two new scanners bringing the total of Public Works trucks with active scanners to four. Public Works will contact the Saskatoon Animal Control Agency (SACA) the same day that they are notified about an animal's location and in turn SACA will contact the pet owner also that same day. A pet owner remains unable to obtain the deceased animal because lack of facilities to house the deceased animal and due to health and safety concerns. In 2014, 98 dead animals were found on city property: 30 cats, seven dogs, 42 wildlife and 19 unknown.

Discussion ensued.

Moved By: Councillor Jeffries

That the Administration further investigate opportunities for pet owners to direct the ultimate disposal of identifiable pets.

CARRIED

7. Annual Bylaw Review – *Bylaw No. 7860 The Animal Control Bylaw, 1999* and *Bylaw No. 8176 The Dangerous Animals Bylaw, 2003* (File No. CK. 151-1)

The Committee at its meeting held January 22, 2015 resolved to obtain guidance on the following proposed changes: *The Animal Control Bylaw, 1999* Part I, Section 3(b) should read “Animal Control Officer” not “Animal Protection Officer” also Page 20, Schedule No. 2 Off-leash areas list Junor Avenue this should not be listed under City of Saskatoon jurisdiction to enforce, but Corman Park. Along with *The Dangerous Animals Bylaw, 2003*, Dangerous Animals Hearings Subsection (5)(b) be removed. It is very difficult to get written confirmation on house insurance for dangerous dog issues; this is a very lengthy process to have the courts waive this.

Solicitor Kowalski informed the Committee that the proposed bylaw changes regarding the wording of the above mentioned should remain as they currently read. The definition of “Animal Control Officer” is to encompass both SACA and SPCA personnel. Solicitor Kowalski further explained that *The Animal Control Bylaw, 1999* does not state that Junor Avenue Off-leash Park is enforced by the City; it simply is listed as an off-leash area. Solicitor Kowalski also informed the Committee that City Solicitors recommends *The Dangerous Animals Bylaw, 2003* be left as is and that the practice of asking for liability insurance when dealing with dangerous animals not be removed, this would require further investigation in order to be amended.

Discussion followed.

Moved By: Ms. Bentley

That the Administration provide an update on the status of animal control enforcement at Junor Avenue Park and Chief Whitecap Park.

CARRIED

8. Bite Prevention Campaign (File No. CK. 151-7)

The sub-committee has met with TAP Communications to discuss the Bite Prevention Campaign. TAP continues to work on developing a message that will meet the Committee's requirements. The sub-committee will set a date to further discuss the campaign. Once the message is ready to be presented it will be submitted to the Advisory Committee on Animal Control for comment, the sub-committee hopes to report back at the Advisory Committee on Animal Control's March meeting.

The annual bites statistics have not yet been approved for release; they will be presented to the Committee at a future date and will be included in the Committee's annual report.

Moved By: Ms. Sim

That the information be received.

CARRIED

9. Statement of Expenditures (File No. CK. 151-7)

The Committee Assistant submitted a current Statement of Expenditures for the Committee's review.

Moved By: Dr. Hockley

That the information be received.

CARRIED

10. Adjournment

Moved By: Ms. Bentley

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Ms. D. Bentley, Chair