



**PUBLIC MINUTES  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL CONTROL**

**September 24, 2015, 11:30 am  
Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall**

**PRESENT:** Ms. D. Bentley, Chair  
Ms. C. Stinn, Vice-Chair  
Councillor Z. Jeffries  
Dr. D. Hockley  
Ms. A. Ziegler  
Dr. E. Hudson  
Dr. S. Neumann

**ABSENT:** Dr. M. Powell  
Ms. M. Gieni

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order.

**2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

**Moved By:** C. Stinn

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Moved By:** D. Hockley

That the minutes of Regular Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Animal Control held on June 25, 2015 be adopted

**CARRIED**

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR (File CK. 225-9)**

The Chair welcomed new Committee member Dr. Sandra Neumann, representing the Saskatoon SPCA and Solicitor Jodi Manastyrski with the Solicitor's Office will be replacing Solicitor Kowalski.

The Committee was advised that in light of the recent incident involving a dog being dragged behind a mini-van the University Medicine Clinic provided all medical care and through their Good Samaritan Fund, provided 30% of the funding needed for the dog's care. The Saskatoon SPCA funded the rest through charitable dollars raised in support of the dog.

**Moved By:** D. Hockley

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**6. COMMUNICATIONS**

**7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

**7.1 Report of Open Space Consultant (File CK. 151-18)**

Open Space Consultant Schafer provided the following update:

- A Public Service Announcement was released by the City to dog park users to be aware of their pet's physical surroundings after being informed that a dog may have recently come into contact with poisonous materials while at the Avalon Dog Park. It was determined by the veterinarian that the dog's passing was not due to being poisoned.

- The Sign strategy will be tendered soon.
- The open house for Chief Whitecap Park was attended by approximately 200 people; the Master Plan design for the park was introduced and a revised master plan will be submitted to City Council in January 2016.
- The Dog Day of Summer was held August 24, 2015; there were six sessions with a 60 dog limit per time slot. The event received great reviews.

Ms. Ziegler entered the meeting at 11:44 a.m.

**Moved By:** E. Hudson

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**7.2 Court Report - Animal Control Bylaw Prosecutions (File CK. 435-17)**

The Committee Assistant distributed Court Reports - Animal Control Bylaw Prosecutions for the months of June, July and August, 2015.

Solicitor Manastyrski was in attendance and provided the Committee with an update regarding the charges and surcharges for the months of June - August. The Committee was advised that there are currently a number of dangerous dog matters before the court.

**Moved By:** Councillor Jeffries

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**8. BITE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN (File CK. 151-7)**

The Committee was advised that Ms. Sim has retired and a new Public Health representative will be appointed in the new year.

Discussion followed regarding around the *Good Dogs Bite Too* educational video presented at the Committee's June meeting. The suggestion was put forth to have both the Bite Prevention Campaign's and the SPCA's message on bite prevention posted on the City's website. The sub-committee explained that the *Good Dogs Bite Too* video is meant to target all audience groups. The message is dogs can and will bite in certain situations, especially if provoked. The video is simplified and presents scenarios of what may happen.

Ms. Alexandrovici entered the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

**Moved By:** D. Bentley

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**9. SUBCOMMITTEE - RESPONSIBLE MULTI-PET HOUSEHOLDS  
(File CK. 151-1)**

The Committee Assistant reported that at the meeting of the Committee held on May 28, 2015, it was resolved "that a sub-committee be established to explore whether a bylaw limiting the number of pets is required and what exemptions would be applicable."

As background information, the Committee, resolved to form a sub-committee in direct response to several specific complaints on a household that had multiple pets.

The sub-committee advised that the matter reported was not a case of a puppy mill but pet hording. The situations reported are specific cases and a blanket bylaw that would affect everyone is not fair. There are community resources available that can be approached to forge relationships with such as Public Health, Saskatoon Police Services, Saskatoon Fire, Social Services (if children reside in the home) and the Saskatoon Animal Control Agency.

The sub-committee was requested to provide further update regarding jurisdictional comparisons on how similar situations are handled.

**Moved By:** E. Hudson

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**10. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES (File CK. 1704-5)**

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

Discussion followed regarding the remaining 2015 budget and possible expenditures such as purchasing more pet scoop bags, promotional items that could be handed out at events like Dog Days of Summer, or placing an editorial in the Pet Wellness Guide. Open Space Consultant Schafer will investigate the costs associated with the items discussed and will provide an update at the Committee's next meeting.

**Moved By:** D. Bentley

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

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Ms. D. Bentley, Chair

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D. Sackmann, Committee Assistant