



**PUBLIC MINUTES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL CONTROL**

**January 22, 2015, at 11:45 a.m.
Committee Room "E", City Hall**

PRESENT: Ms. D. Bentley, Chair
Ms. C. Stinn, Vice-Chair
Councillor Z. Jeffries
Ms. M. Sim
Dr. E. Hudson
Dr. D. Hockley
Ms. M. Gieni
Mr. D. Truscott

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

ABSENT: Dr. M. Powell
Ms. A. Ziegler

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Bentley.

1.2 Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair

The Committee was requested to appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair for 2015.

Diane Bentley was nominated for Chair. No other nominations were received. Maggie Sim declined nomination for Vice-Chair, due to her schedule. Cassandra Stinn was nominated for Vice-Chair. No other nominations were received.

Moved By: Dr. Hudson

1. That Ms. Diane Bentley be appointed Chair for 2015; and
2. That Ms. Cassandra Stinn be appointed Vice-Chair for 2015.

CARRIED

**1.3. 2015 Membership – Advisory Committee on Animal Control
(File No. CK. 225-9)**

The Committee welcomed Melissa Gieni to the Advisory Committee on Animal Control. Introductions were held.

The following is the membership of the Committee for 2015:

Councillor Zach Jeffries
Ms. Diane Bentley
Ms. Cassandra Stinn
Dr. Edward Hudson
Dr. Duncan Hockley
Dr. Michael Powell
Ms. Andrea Ziegler
Ms. Melissa Gieni
Mr. Dustin Truscott
Ms. Maggie Sim

Moved By: Ms. Stinn

That the information be received.

CARRIED

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: Ms. Sim

That the agenda be amended as follows:

1. That the discussion on Corman Park - Off-leash Dog Parks be added as agenda item 11 and;
2. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: Ms. Bentley

That the minutes of the Advisory Committee on Animal Control held on November 27, 2014 be amended as follows:

1. That Bite Prevention Campaign item 9 contract amount read \$6,000 and not \$3,000 as stated in the minutes;
2. That City's Process Regarding Pet Identification item 10 read the S.A.C.A. not the S.P.C.A as stated in the minutes; and
3. That the minutes be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

4. REPORT OF THE 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 informed the Committee that a public consultation meeting is being held on February 5, 2015 at Henry Kelsey School from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. to view and comment on design options for an off-leash recreation area in Pierre Radisson park.

Moved By: Ms. Bentley

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, November and December, 2014.

Solicitor Kowalski was not in attendance to update the Committee.

Moved By: Ms. Bentley

That the item be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee in February, 2015.

CARRIED

**6. SASKATCHEWAN SPCA – ANIMAL CRUELTY ENFORCEMENT
WITHDRAWAL (File No. CK. 151-13)**

Ms. Patricia Cameron, Executive Director, Saskatoon SPCA, was in attendance and provided an overview on the above-noted matter and answered subsequent questions from the Committee members.

- Saskatchewan has four SPCA's and Humane Societies: Saskatoon, Regina, Prince Albert and Moose Jaw.
- Currently the Saskatchewan SPCA handles 26% of the animal cruelty investigations while other investigative agencies handle the remaining 74%.
- Animal Protection Officers have large territories to cover and many of the situations they encounter are not pleasant and can turn volatile. The safety and well-being of the animals and people involved are important.
- Much of the funding for enforcement comes from charitable dollars.
- After March 31, 2015 *The Animal Protection Act* will not be enforced by the Saskatchewan SPCA.

Moved By: Dr. Hockley

That the information be received.

CARRIED

7. 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 in November 2014 to the Committee; in conjunction with the previous information the Committee was further updated.

Ms. Schafer informed the Committee that presently Public Works has two trucks with active scanners. The microchip scanner information is provided to the Saskatoon Animal Control Agency (SACA). The closest truck to the location of the deceased animal is dispatched to retrieve it. The deceased animal is then taken to the landfill and disposed of. Currently there is no opportunity for the pet owner to obtain the deceased animal.

Moved By: Ms. Bentley

That the Administration provide further information and clarification on the possibility of updating the current City of Saskatoon process for identifying deceased animals found on City property.

CARRIED

8. ANNUAL REPORT – ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL CONTROL (File No. CK. 430-63)

Report of the Secretary:

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

The Chair indicated that she would like to have the animal bites statistics added to the report. Ms. Sim will provide these statistics.

Moved By: Dr. Hudson

That the annual report, with the above-noted amendment, be forwarded to the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services to place before City Council.

CARRIED

9. 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 Assistant had distributed copies of the above-noted bylaws.

Discussion ensued regarding changing the wording of sections of both *The Animal Control Bylaw, 1999 No. 7860* and *The Dangerous Animal Bylaw, 2003 No. 8176* in order to reflect current wording and information. The Committee resolved to obtain guidance on proposing changes.

Moved By: Ms. Bentley

That the Administration be requested to provide an update on the process of requesting changes or updates to the wording of *Bylaw No. 7860 The Animal Control Bylaw, 1999* and *Bylaw No. 8176 The Dangerous Animals Bylaw, 2003*.

CARRIED

10. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES (File No. CK. 151-7)

The Committee Assistant submitted the year-end Statement of Expenditures for the Committee's review.

Moved By: Ms. Bentley

That the information be received.

CARRIED

11. CORMAN PARK – OFF-LEASH PARKS (Files CK. 152-1 x CK. 4205-1)

Ms. Patricia Cameron, Executive Director, Saskatoon SPCA was in attendance. Ms. Cameron informed the Committee that three dog attacks have recently been reported at Chief Whitecap Park and Junor Avenue Off-leash Park both located in Corman Park.

The pet owners involved were unable to prosecute the incidents, because the parks are not under the City of Saskatoon's animal protection enforcement jurisdiction. The majority of people and dogs using these parks are Saskatoon residents. These areas need better signage informing the public of who can be called and notified to report such incidents.

Moved By: Mr. Hudson

That the information be received.

CARRIED

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By: Ms. Bentley

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

Ms. D. Bentley, Chair