



**PUBLIC MINUTES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL CONTROL**

**Thursday, April 23, 2015, at 11:34 a.m.
Committee Room "E", Ground Floor**

PRESENT: Ms. D. Bentley, Chair
Ms. C. Stinn, Vice Chair
Dr. E. Hudson
Dr. M. Powell
Ms. M. Sim
Mr. D. Truscott
Ms. A. Ziegler

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
Integrated Facility Supervisor B. Babyak
Committee Assistant J. Fast

ABSENT: Councillor Z. Jeffries
Ms. M. Gieni
Dr. D. Hockley

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: Dr. E. Hudson

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: Ms. M. Sim

That the minutes of meeting of the Advisory Committee on Animal Control held on February 26, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. REPORT OF CHAIR (File No. CK. 225-9)

5. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

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

Open Space Consultant Schafer advised that a report will be going to City Council on May 25, 2015 recommending that the dog park in the north end of Pierre Radisson Park be implemented. If approved, installation will take place late summer or early fall of 2015.

Ms. Schafer updated the Committee on the Pet + Me Rewards Program and noted that a media kit has been developed and submitted, however, no responses have been received to date. The contract with TAP Communications will be reviewed in order to see what action needs to be taken.

Moved By: Ms. M. Sim

That the information be received.

CARRIED

5.2 Court Report – Animal Control Bylaw Prosecutions (File CK. 435-17)

The Committee Assistant submitted Court Reports – Animal Control Bylaw Prosecutions for the months of January – March 2015.

Solicitor Kowalski reviewed the reports and answered questions of the Committee. It was noted that surcharges are provincially imposed.

Solicitor Kowalski advised that a report went to the Standing Policy on Planning, Development and Community Services at its last meeting on the process of handling barking dog complaints. Solicitor Kowalski indicated the proposed changes to Bylaw No. 7860, *The Animal Control Bylaw* would be put in place for clarification and to make it less onerous for the complainant than the current process for the issuance of nuisance barking tickets. As well, the Saskatoon Animal Control Agency will be implementing new processes over the next number of months with regard to nuisance barking complaints in an effort to decrease the length of the process while maintaining the integrity of the evidence for prosecutions.

Solicitor Kowalski will provide a copy of the above-noted report to the Committee's next meeting.

Integrated Facility Supervisor Brad Babyak provided background information regarding the issue and noted that the initial inquiry first came in 2013 at which time it was before the Committee and was followed by a request made by City Council for the Solicitor to do an additional review.

Discussion followed regarding the issue of rabies and the process of obtaining information from the owner with regard to rabies vaccinations when someone has been bitten. It was noted that records of rabies vaccinations are not kept and only the veterinarian who administers the vaccine would have a record.

Moved By: Dr. E. Hudson

That the information be received.

CARRIED

6. CITY'S PROCESS REGARDING PET IDENTIFICATION (File No. CK.151-1)

The Committee Assistant reported that at the meeting of the Committee held on January 22, 2015, it was resolved that the Administration further investigate opportunities for pet owners to direct the ultimate disposal of identifiable pets.

Open Space Consultant Schafer advised she contacted Family Pet Cremation Services to see if animals could be delivered there, and it is up to a \$200 charge per animal with payment due when the animal is delivered. This would mean it would be the City of Saskatoon's responsibility to pay upon delivery, which is not feasible. The SPCA currently does not have a facility to house animals.

Open Space Consultant Schafer recommended that based on the 2014 numbers, that the process remain as is and be revisited in February 2016, after one year of the Public Works trucks being outfitted with scanners, to see how many animals were retrieved with tags or chips and how many people requested retrieval.

Moved By: M. Sim

That the information be received.

CARRIED

7. ANNUAL BYLAW REVIEW – *BYLAW NO. 7860 THE ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW, 1999 AND BYLAW NO. 8176 THE DANGEROUS ANIMALS BYLAW, 2003 (File CK. 151-1)*

The Committee Assistant reported that at the meeting of the Committee held January 22, 2015, it was resolved that the Administration provide an update on the status of animal control enforcement at Junor Avenue Park and Chief Whitecap Park.

Integrated Facility Supervisor Brad Babyak advised that the request came through the Committee at the same time they were planning on meeting with the RM administrator to discuss enforcement of Chief Whitecap Park and the dog park north of Hampton Village on Junor Avenue. Currently the City of Saskatoon is not able to enforce properties within the RM of Corman Park. All options are being reviewed and an update will be provided to the Committee in May.

Moved By: Dr. Powell

That the information be received.

CARRIED

8. BITE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN (File No. CK. 151-7)

The Committee Assistant advised that at the meeting of the Committee held on January 22, 2015, the sub-committee indicated that they would provide an update on the campaign.

Ms. Maggie Sim provided a power point presentation regarding annual bite statistics for 2014.

Ms. A. Ziegler excused herself from the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Discussion followed and it was noted that the annual bite statistics will form part of the Committee's Annual Report which will be forwarded to City Council.

Moved By: Dr. M. Powell

That the information be received.

CARRIED

Mr. D. Truscott excused himself from the meeting at 12:47 p.m.

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: M. Sim

That the information be received.

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By: Ms. Bentley

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

Ms. D. Bentley, Chair