

Committee Room "E"
City Hall, Saskatoon, SK
Thursday, November 28, 2013
at 11:30 a.m.

MINUTES

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL CONTROL

PRESENT: Ms. Diane Bentley, Chair
Ms. Shirley Ross
Ms. Maggie Sim, Vice Chair
Dr. Duncan Hockley
Ms. Cassandra Hovdestad
Ms. Rebecca Wood
Councillor Z. Jeffries
Dr. Edward Hudson
Ms. Eva Alexandrovici, President, Saskatoon Animal Control Agency
Ms. Tiffany Koback, Shelter Manager, Saskatoon S.P.C.A.
Inspector Dale Solie, Saskatoon Police Service
Open Space Consultant Campbell, Leisure Services Branch,
Community Services Department
Solicitor Kowalski
Pest Management Supervisor Boone
Committee Secretary O'Brien

1. Minutes

RESOLVED: that the minutes of meeting held on October 24, 2013 be approved.

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

The Chair had no report.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

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

Mr. Mark Campbell advised that the Animal Control Review report would be circulated electronically after the meeting, and would be part of the January 2014 Agenda of the Committee.

He further indicated reports regarding a communication plan and animal welfare should be available for the next meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

4. Rabies Vaccination
(File No. CK. 151-17)

The Committee Secretary submitted a copy of an excerpt from minutes of meeting of the Advisory Committee on Animal Control, dated June 27, 2013, regarding rabies vaccination. At that meeting, the Committee resolved that the subcommittee on rabies vaccination report further on the matter in fall 2013. Due to time constraints at the last meeting of the Committee, this item was deferred to this meeting.

At the meeting of the Committee on June 27, 2013, it was suggested that mandatory rabies vaccination be part of the City's pet licensing program.

Dr. Edward Hudson circulated a report entitled Rabies Vaccination Update.

Dr. Hudson gave a brief overview of his submission to the Committee and answered questions from Committee Members.

He also addressed an article in The StarPhoenix that was published on Thursday, November 28, 2013; the day of the meeting.

Dr. Judy Currie, Registrar, College of Veterinary Medicine, was in attendance and requested permission to address the Committee regarding the article. Dr. Currie expressed concern regarding misinformation stated in the article.

Discussion ensued regarding the article as well as the proposal to link mandatory rabies vaccinations with pet licensing.

RESOLVED: 1) that the Director of Media Relations be consulted for advice as to whether a retraction or other suitable vehicle be used to clarify information and rectify misquotes contained in The StarPhoenix Article entitled "Retired Vet Calls for Mandatory Vaccinations" as it appeared in the November 28, 2013 edition; and

2) that the subject of rabies vaccination be reviewed at a future meeting to develop specifics on how to proceed.

5. Court Reports - Animal Control Bylaw Prosecutions
September and October, 2013
(File No. CK. 435-17)

The Committee Secretary submitted a copy of the above-noted Court Report, as provided by the City Solicitor's Office.

Solicitor Kowalski gave a brief overview of the reports. Discussion arose regarding at what point a dangerous animal should be euthanized.

The Committee reviews the bylaws pertaining to animals on a yearly basis; it was suggested that the annual review would be a good opportunity for further discussion.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

6. 2014 Meeting Dates
(File No. CK. 225-9)

The Committee Secretary submitted, for the Committee's reference, a copy of the meeting dates for 2014.

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Ms. Diane Bentley, Chair