

Committee Room "A"
City Hall, Saskatoon, SK
May 22, 2014
at 11:30 a.m.

MINUTES

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL CONTROL

PRESENT: Ms. Diane Bentley, Chair
Ms. Maggie Sim, Vice Chair
Dr. Edward Hudson
Dr. Duncan Hockley
Ms. Shirley Ross
Ms. Cassandra Stinn
Councillor Zach Jeffries @ 11:45 a.m.
Ms. Andrea Ziegler
Ms. Eva Alexandrovici, President, Saskatoon Animal Control
Agency
Ms. Tiffany Koback, Shelter Manager, Saskatoon S.P.C.A.
Inspector Dale Solie
Solicitor Kowalski
Open Space Consultant Schafer
Committee Secretary O'Brien

1. Minutes

RESOLVED: that the minutes of meeting held on March 27, 2014, be approved.

2. Animal Bite Awareness Update
(File No. CK. 152-4)

Ms. Maggie Sim, the Saskatoon Health Region's representative on the Committee, gave a brief overview of a slide presentation she had presented to the Committee at a previous meeting where quorum was not achieved. She then responded to questions from members.

Discussion ensued regarding ways to reduce animal bite events, suggested awareness campaigns and the possibility of linking the subsidized spay and neuter campaign to rabies vaccination.

More discussions will take place on these issues and will be reported back to the Committee when appropriate.

Councillor Jeffries entered the meeting at 11:45 a.m. during discussion of this matter.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

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

The Chair noted that tick season has begun.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

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

Open Space Consultant Schafer provided an update regarding public meetings for the Hampton Village Dog Park. Ms. Schafer responded to a question regarding pet licensing/renewal, stating that the Administration is looking into adding a “tick box” to the present forms for the applicants to indicate whether or not their pet was vaccinated for rabies. While this system provided no absolute proof, it would bring heightened awareness to the need to vaccinate for rabies.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

5. Court Reports – Animal Control Bylaw Prosecutions
March 2014
(File No. CK. 435-17)

The Committee Secretary submitted the above-noted Court Report, as provided by the City Solicitor’s Office.

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Solicitor Kowalski gave a brief overview of the above-noted court report. He further advised the Committee that he would be focussing on the issue of bylaw amendments to address the nuisance created by barking dogs. As well, changes will be made to the Dangerous Animals Bylaw to encompass directives from Queen's Bench judges.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Ms. Diane Bentley, Chair