

# COUNCIL REPORT

August 25, 2009

**To: Mayor & Council**

**From: Bill Preisenz, CAO**

**Re: Animal Welfare Committee**

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## **Background**

The recent outcome of a Special Committee meeting of Council on August 14 set into motion the organization of a meeting to address animal welfare within the City of Kenora:

“That Council hereby establishes an AdHoc Committee to oversee Animal Welfare within the City of Kenora with participation from appropriate stakeholders on the Committee together with two Members of Council and appropriate Administrative Staff as Resources; and further  
That a Terms of Reference be developed for this purpose.”

On August 20<sup>th</sup> a meeting was coordinated by the City with interested parties to identify the present animal welfare services provided within the community, review the impact of the closing of the Rescue North facilities, discuss terms of reference for a proposed animal welfare committee, and its membership.

With some minor changes, the circulated terms of reference as attached for an Animal Welfare Committee was supported by the various groups in attendance to act in an advisory capacity to Council on animal welfare issues. Membership on the committee included those groups in attendance as well as the addition of a representative from the Kenora Veterinary Clinic and a member of the public at large. City staff and a member from the OPP were identified as resources to this Committee.

## **Recommendation:**

That Council of the City of Kenora give three readings to a bylaw to establish terms of reference for an Animal Advisory Committee to provide advice and direction to City Council on a wide range of animal welfare matters; and

That the following individuals be appointed to this Committee:

- Wendy Cuthbert, City Council representative
- David McCann, City Council representative
- Rory McMillan, City Council representative alternate
- Chris Madison, It’s a Dog’s Life
- Chris Rogers , Rescue North
- Celynn Alcock, Cat Shelter
- Celia Christensen, Kenora Veterinary Clinic; and

That a request for a representative from the public-at-large be advertised for appointment to this Committee; and further

That Councillor Wendy Cuthbert be appointed as Chair to the Committee in accordance with the terms of reference.