



Animal Welfare Advisory Committee Minutes

Thursday, January 21, 2010

1:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

Action



Present: Councillor W. Cuthbert, Chair
Chris Madison, It's a Dog's Life
Celynn Alcock, Cat Shelter
Gloria Alcock, Rescue North
Crystal Friesen, Public-at-Large
Celia Christensen, Kenora Veterinary Clinic
J. McMillin, City Clerk
R. Perchuk, Operations Manager
K. Robertson, Chief Building Official
J. Simpson, Animal Control Officer

Regrets: Councillor D. McCann
O.P.P. Representation

A. Public Information Notices N/A

B. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest & the General Nature Thereof

- 1) On Today's Agenda
- 2) From a Meeting at which a Member was not in Attendance
There were none declared.

C. Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by G. Alcock, Seconded by C. Madison, & Carried:-
THAT the Minutes of the last Committee meeting held December 10, 2009
be confirmed as written and filed.

D. Deputations:- N/A

Councillor W. Cuthbert, Chair, called the meeting to order.

1. Continued review of Draft Animal Control By-law

Committee reviewed the second half of the by-law which incorporated the suggested changes from Committee Members. It was mentioned that a

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| <p>'Fostering' section is to be researched and included in the new draft by-law and should also include a definition, as well as the number of animals permitted in a residence for this purpose (including exceptions to the permitted number in the by-law, etc.)</p> | <p>RPerchuk/ JSimpson</p> |
| <p>Committee agreed the word 'nuisance' replaces the reference to "vicious" dog.</p> | <p>RPerchuk</p> |
| <p>It was noted the 'keeping of cats' is a new section to the by-law.</p> | |
| <p>The section on Kennels (Sections 1.10 – 1.10.3 inclusive) is to be referred to the Law Office during their review of the new draft, including whether or not there is a need to reference the kennel owner having to be associated with the Canadian Kennel Club for a certain number of years. The same applies to Sections 3.2.1 – 3.2.5 inclusive.</p> | <p>RPerchuk/ Law Office</p> |
| <p>Reference was made to the keeping of rabbits and it was questioned if this is required. Rick is to check other municipal by-laws to determine if this is something that should be included in the by-law.</p> | <p>RPerchuk/ JSimpson</p> |
| <p>Section 10 regarding the keeping of snakes and reptiles is to be deleted and included with Section 9 "keeping of exotic animals, snakes and reptiles."</p> | <p>RPerchuk</p> |
| <p>It was noted any reference to the former municipalities, i.e. Jaffray Melick, Keewatin is to be removed from the by-law.</p> | <p>RPerchuk</p> |
| <p>The number of dogs and cats that can be kept in a home in the different areas by zoning designation was discussed at length. A suggestion was made on the possibility of incorporating a 'variance' option if someone wanted to make application to have more than the allowable number, i.e. could be argued that 4 small dogs may be easier to keep than 4 large ones.</p> | |
| <p>The repeal section is to reference that By-law Number 20-2001, as amended, is to be repealed.</p> | <p>RPerchuk</p> |
| <p>Tagging of dogs was discussed and it was noted this will be part of the 'communication plan' the Committee will consider at its next meeting.</p> | <p>JMcMillin/ Next Agenda</p> |
| <p>Item #4 on Schedule "A" is to be increased from \$100.00 to \$150.00, and the 'nuisance dog' portion is to be completely deleted.</p> | <p>RPerchuk</p> |
| <p>Licensing fees were discussed and it was mentioned the fees should be higher for animals that are intact; running at large, no tag, etc. It was mentioned this could be a deterrent for licensing/tagging and perhaps the Set Fines should be increased so the fine is higher if dogs are not tagged, instead of making it more expensive to licence.</p> | |

2. Other Business

Discussion ensued on who would hear appeals to the by-law and it was mentioned perhaps this Committee could be delegated such authority by Council to be an 'appeals' tribunal, however this must be done by by-law. Should Council agree, it was noted a definition is to be considered for the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee for this purpose.

**RPerchuk/
Law Office**

3. Next Meeting

Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. – Council Chambers. A 'communication plan' is to be reviewed and Members are requested to forward their suggestions to Councillor Cuthbert in advance of the next meeting.

**Committee
Members**

4. Close Meeting

The meeting was declared closed at 2:45 p.m.

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