



Animal Welfare Advisory Committee Minutes

March 18, 2010
1:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers



Present: Councillor W. Cuthbert, Chair
Councillor D. McCann
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
B. Preisentanz, CAO
R. Perchuk, Operations Manager
K. Robertson, CBO
H. Kasprick, Deputy Clerk
J. Simpson, Animal Control Officer
H. Britton, O.P.P. Representation

Regrets:

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 Gloria Alcock, Seconded by Crystal Friesen & Carried:-

THAT the Minutes of the last Committee meeting held February 18, 2010 be confirmed as written and filed.

D. Deputations:-

N/A

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

1. Role of OPP and Dogs

Constable Heidi Britton of the O.P.P. was present and described the role of the O.P.P. with regards to animal calls. If it is imminent then the officer will investigate. If the matter is under the Criminal Code they will proceed, otherwise the OSPCA would be called. Due to the OSPCA only working Monday-Friday, the protocol would go to City bylaw first, then OSPCA next and then to OPP if necessary. Anything outside the city limits fall to the O.P.P. Constable Britton clarified that the O.P.P. have no involvement with animal concerns other than if it is imminent or a safety risk to the public. Keep in mind that the O.P.P. officers do not have poles, traps or the equipment to trap dogs safely.

2. Communication Plan

Heather presented the communication brochure on Animal Services in Kenora. The committee made recommendations for changes and Heather will distribute to the Committee one final time before releasing for publication.

3. OSPCA Membership on Committee

Wendy received an email from Connie Mallory from OSPCA indicating that they do not have a representative available to participate on this committee due to the unavailability of staff/volunteers. She did indicate that she would be willing to participate via teleconference if possible. The OSPCA operates Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and Arista is responsible for the entire District so she is often not in Kenora.

4. Monthly Statistics Update

Statistics were distributed for the committee and it was noted that on a forward basis the stats will not be provided each month at the meetings.

Other Business:

The City of Kenora is currently Reviewing the Zoning by-law. Under the current by-law we allow shelters and kennels in the light industrial, highway commercial and rural areas only. There are provisions for both the light industrial and highway commercial with respect to noise control already in place. There are no provisions for the rural designation so the recommendation from the committee was agreeable to the 150m buffer from neighbouring properties. Wendy will make this as a recommendation to include in the new zoning by-law.

5. Next Meeting

Next meeting date will be April 22nd @ 1:00 p.m.

6. Close Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

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