



# Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 27, 2022, 6:30 p.m.  
Committee Room

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### Additional Agenda Items

(As may be presented at the meeting)

### Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

### Presentations

#### **Policy, Licensing and Business Services - Animal Welfare Standards for Pet Stores and Regulating the Keeping of Animals: Permitted and Prohibited Animal Lists**

Sam Harris, Policy and Research Analyst and Ken Man, Manager, Policy, Licensing and Business Services to provide an overview of Corporate Services Committee Reports CORP-22-52 'Proposed Animal Welfare Standards of Pet Stores in the City of Oshawa' and CORP-22-53 'Regulating the Keeping of Animals: Permitted and Prohibited Animal Lists.'

### Delegations

None

### Referrals from Council and Committees

None

### Correspondence

None

### Reports

#### **OACAC-22-24 - Community Resources and Education Working Group Report - September 2022**

Recommendation

That Report OACAC-22-24 concerning the Community Resources and Education Working Group activities for September 2022 be received for information.

<b>OACAC-22-25 - Regulatory and By-law Working Group Report - September 2022</b>	<b>5</b>
Recommendation	
Motion for Direction	
<b>OACAC-22-26 - Wildlife and Other Animals' Working Group Report - September 2022</b>	<b>7</b>
Recommendation	
That based on Report OACAC-22-26, the Wildlife and Other Animals' Working Group recommend to the Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee:	
1. That an expenditure not to exceed \$300.00 to purchase material for bat houses be approved; and,	
2. That a monthly newsletter be featured on the City of Oshawa's website concerning wildlife; and,	
3. That a visible sign be posted at the front entrance of the McLaughlin Bay Wildlife Reserve indicating that no dogs are allowed.	
<b>OACAC-22-27 - Proposed 2023 Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee Work Plan and Budget</b>	<b>11</b>
Recommendation	
That Report OACAC-22-27, dated September 23, 2022 concerning the proposed 2023 Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee Work Plan and Budget be adopted as recommended.	
<b><u>Items Introduced by Members</u></b>	
<b><u>Adjournment</u></b>	

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CRG Update: Sept 22, 2022

Our committee is moving ahead full steam with our Pet Wellness Day on October 9<sup>th</sup>. We have 3 vets and 3 to 5 Vet techs and a volunteers for the day of. We hope to be able to see 40 to 50 animals max that day. Vaccinations, flea, tick, nail trim. Gift bags for the animals and for their owners will be given out as well. This is a first come 1<sup>st</sup> serve day. It is held at the DUO site on Simcoe St S location from 12 to 4. Flyers have gone out to a few selected locations. Back Door Mission, Settlement House, Seniors Centre on John St. Seniors buildings on Mill St, Durham Dignity for the Homeless. Donations from Pet Value, Pet Smart, OAS, Kibble Project, Vets and others have been received and are being sorted and put into grab bags.

This is a pilot project with limited ability to see large volumes on this day. If there seems to be a need we could look at another event in the spring.

I want to thank Kathy PF and my committee members for reaching out to all their community contacts and bringing this together.

Dianne Fil  
Chair CRG



Hi Felicia

Please find the following for the OACAC agenda.

The By-law & Regulatory Working Group continues to research 'Animals and Fireworks' regarding the possible recommendation for a regulatory amendment to the city Fireworks by-law.

The By-law & Regulatory Working Group continues to research standards for travelling or temporary exhibits such as, but not limited to, circuses, petting zoos and any promotional exhibits using animals.

A motion for committee to be tabled...

Amendment to the Responsible Pet Owner By-law.  
Regulating the Commercial Sale for Profit of Cats, Dogs and Rabbits Within a Pet Shop.

**That a pet shop is not permitted to use any form of advertising or promotion on or about its premises or to use the pet shop name and/or contact details, to give away or to facilitate the sale, for any reason, the commercial sale of any cat, dog or rabbit.**

*The current exemption that applies to a pet shop acting as a satellite location to facilitate the adoption of cats, dogs and rabbits from the Municipal Shelter, Durham Humane Society and Rescues to remain as-is.*

Regards,

Martin



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## OACAC Working Group Reports

### Wildlife Working Group Meeting

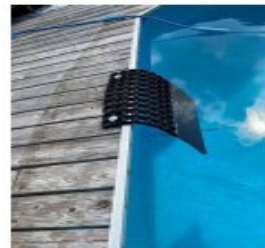
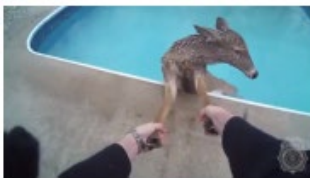
**Recommendations of the Working Group included within the report.**

### Pool Safety Devices

Posters were received and distributed to Pool supply stores, and past clients who Wild Earth Refuge has worked with in regards to their pools.

The information was appreciated. Many had not thought of the idea.

There are posters remaining that will be distributed at an earlier time in the season when people are opening their pools in 2023.



This educational poster is prepared by the Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee, a volunteer committee that advises and educates City Council and the community. Items featured in this poster, including Pup Plank, Skamper Ramp and Frog Log, are the property of their respective companies. Inclusion does not represent an endorsement by the Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee or the City of Oshawa. More information: [www.oshawa.ca/wildlife](http://www.oshawa.ca/wildlife).

## **Bat houses**

Two of these specialized bat houses will be made and mounted. Inside temperatures and occupants (bats) will be monitored, as well as white nose bat syndrome.

A Budget is being requested of \$300. Wood has increased its price. Type of wood we can use are Pine, oak or hickory. The gentleman making them is donating his time.

Matt Holder Environmental fund has been approached, requesting that the Wildlife Group work with their researchers. Wild Earth Refuge has worked with Matt in rescuing bats. <https://mattholderfund.com/>

## **An example of a bat house**





## Motion to add to the agenda for the Wildlife working group.

A monthly newsletter (Funletter) featured on the City of Oshawa's website about wildlife. Used for education and events, with the option to be shared. eg. coloring contests, myths and facts on species. How certain species survive the winter, best photo, etc.

This news letter can be designed easily through Adobe.

More details will be explained at the meeting.

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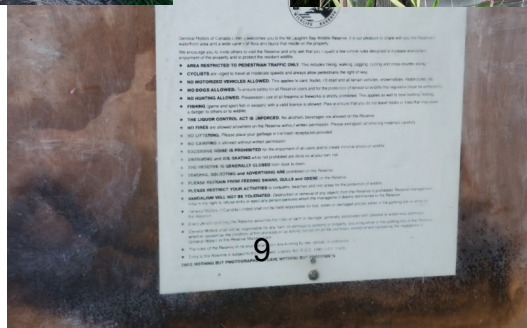
This motion request is for this location only.

### General Motors owns this land.

Located at McLaughlin Bay Wildlife reserve you'll find many endangered birds nesting, deer, foxes, rabbits etc.

There is a sign when you go through the east entrance on the wall that indicates there are no dogs allowed. This sign is not noticed by people choosing to travel down the path with their dogs. I have spoken to many people with dogs and given them alternatives.

The Wildlife group is asking that a visible sign be posted in front of the entrance where people can plainly see the information, and the entrance made to be more visibly pleasing.



Wildlife Advisory Group

2023 Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee Work Plan & Budget DRAFT**2023 OACAC WORK PLAN**

**Mandate:** to assist, advise and educate City Council, staff, key stakeholders and the wider Oshawa community with respect to continually improving the efficient and compassionate care of animals within the City of Oshawa. A key part of OACAC's function will be to: find and evaluate potential initiatives; provide expert opinions and network with other subject matter experts on issues; assist and promote existing and future projects; support fundraising and grant applications; and facilitate training of stakeholders and the general public.

Goals	Examples of Actions to be Taken	Timing
SERVICES FOR VULNERABLE ANIMALS: Improve the availability and exposure of services that support: vulnerable pet owners, unowned domestic animals and feral cats.	Evaluate solutions for the pets of homeless and in crisis persons – such as pet-friendly warming centers and shelters.	Ongoing expansion and improvement.
	Examine best practices for the provision of low cost or no cost vet care for residents with special emphasize on lower income and vulnerable pet owners. Including: basic vetting, emergency care, vaccines, flea & tick protection, deworming, spay /neuter, microchipping and necessary grooming. Including looking into the OMVA Safe Pet Program.	Ongoing – report in Q2
	Evaluate best practices and historical performance of Oshawa's TNRM program and other benchmark cities looking for potential adjustments to the current regulation and operation of the project or recommendations for bylaw amendments. Ensure that any changes are focused on community safety and animal welfare with an eye for improving effectiveness and efficiency of the existing program.	Ongoing
	Look into available resources for residents who are struggling to feed their animals.	Ongoing
	Research resources and regulatory changes to make travelling with pets easier and safer for all residents and find solutions for the transport of pets and people to community resources as needed.	Ongoing
	Other related issues as they arise.	TBD

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RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP: Determine best practices for bylaws, regulations and policy for owned domestic animals and recommend improvements to Oshawa's RPO bylaw.	Compare the City of Oshawa's existing Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw to best practices and recommend amendments may improve animal welfare within the City. These include but are not limited to: Maximum pets per resident, tethering and roaming at large and "positive" list of permitted pets in the City of Oshawa.	Ongoing
	Other related issues as they arise.	TBD
PET FACILITIES & SERVICE PROVIDERS: Research local pet facilities and service providers and the regulations / licensing that they are subject to. Utilize this information to recommend amendments to bring Oshawa in line with best practices.	Take a comprehensive look at local breeders; evaluate bylaws and regulations with respect to all breeders and evaluate whether they are effectively working to combat backyard breeders and mass breeders. Work towards recommendations that can help to identify and address problematic breeders in the town.	Ongoing
	Examine current regulations and licensing of local animal service providers like: kennels, dog walkers, doggy daycare providers, trainers, groomers, etc... Research minimum level of care requirements and oversight of these organizations. Evaluate whether new measures or improvements to existing measures are required.	Ongoing
	Evaluate current pet store regulations and bylaws. Recommend amendments to restrict the sales of other animals in pet stores to specific types and require that they all be rescue animals. Examine minimum level of care requirements and oversight of these places.	Ongoing
	Other related issues as they arise.	TBD

Goals	Examples of Actions to be Taken	Timing
PROMOTION AND EDUCATION: Improve public perception and knowledge of animal welfare matters and available services within the City of Oshawa.	Promote and improve exposure of existing programs and resources within the City.	Ongoing
	Improve residents understanding of existing Responsible Pet Owners bylaw	Ongoing
	Assist in the development or selection of mailing / handout materials to provide residents with information and access to resources for animal welfare.	Ongoing
	Facilitate educational sessions, access to educational materials online and share information on where other resources exist.	Ongoing
	Invite staff or public relations personnel from the Ont. Solicitor General's Office, DRPS and Oshawa By-law to a joint panel to present and to field questions with respect to: a) scope of service; b) areas of potential overlap in responsibilities that may confuse the public; c) handling of calls (processes); d) priorities and average response time; e) available materials for public education and outreach; and f) any other OACAC queries.	Q3 2023
	Information brochure about the times of the year fireworks are likely to occur, and possible devices to aid in calming the animal	Q2 2023
	Suggest additions and updates for the City of Oshawa website.	Ongoing
	Other related issues as they arise.	TBD
FUNDRAISING SUPPORT AND NETWORK BUILDING	Provide advice, assistance and contacts to assist in fundraising campaigns, grant applications and additional revenue / donation opportunities.	Ongoing
	Other related issues as they arise.	TBD

\***Timing Options:** TBD (to be determined), Ongoing, Q1 (Jan to Mar 2023), Q2 (Apr to June 2023), Q3 (July to Sept 2023) or Q4 (Oct to Dec 2023).

Goals	Examples of Actions to be Taken	Timing
<b>WILDLIFE &amp; OTHER ANIMALS' WELFARE &amp; RESOURCES:</b> Evaluate existing wildlife and other non-domestic animals resources, bylaws and policies in Oshawa against best practices and make recommendations for adjustments to support levels and animal care.	Look into best practices in wildlife, agricultural animals and exotic pets by-laws and regulations in other areas and evaluate against current Oshawa versions and recommend adjustments as necessary.	Ongoing
	Ongoing public education resources including but not limited to Coyotes	Ongoing
	Support, education and options for residents who have found injured or ill wildlife.	Ongoing
	Look into temporary animal “events” or expeditions including but not limited to: circuses, petting zoos, animal attractions and such.	Ongoing
	Other related issues as they arise.	TBD

**2023 OACAC BUDGET**

<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Existing 2022 Budget</b>	<b><i>Proposed 2023 Budget</i></b>
Office materials & supplies	\$500	\$500
Books & subscriptions	\$750	\$750
Food	\$250	\$250
Seminars & training	\$2,000	\$1500
Promotional	\$2,000	\$1500
Advertising	\$500	\$1000
Professional & technical services	\$500	\$1000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,500</b>	<b>\$6,500</b>