Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 28, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
Committee Room

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Pages

Additional Agenda Items
(As may be presented at the meeting)

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Presentations

Delegations
None

Referrals from Council and Committees
None

Correspondence
None

Reports

OACAC-23-05 - Wildlife Working Group Report - February 2023 — 3
Recommendation
That Report OACAC-23-05 being the the Wildlife and Other Animals' Working Group Report concerning its 2023 Work Plan be received for information.

OACAC-23-06 - Community Resources Working Group Report - February 2023 — 5
Recommendation
That Report OACAC-23-06 being the Community Resources Working Group Report concerning its 2023 Work Plan and activities for February 2023 be received for information.

OACAC-23-07 - By-law and Regulatory Working Group Report - February 2023 — 7

Recommendation
The By-law and Regulatory Working Group recommends to the Animal Advisory Committee that staff from Municipal Law Enforcement Services be requested to attend a future meeting to present on the following two items:

1. Whether a regulation can be established that would regulate in-home breeding of animals for profit and what other resources or public messaging Municipal Law Enforcement Services could utilize to discourage such activity; and,
2. When public signage is erected at city locations (parks and other public spaces) that require dogs to be leashed, that Municipal Law Enforcement Services can take an alternative approach to education only.

OACAC-23-08 - 2023 Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee Work Plan 9

Recommendation
That Report OACAC-23-08 concerning the 2023 Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee Approved Work Plan be received for information.

OACAC-23-09 - 2023 Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee Approved Budget 13

Recommendation
That Report OACAC-23-09 concerning the 2023 Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee Approved Budget be received for information.

OACAC-23-10 - Information from Oshawa City Council - February 27, 2028 15

Recommendation
That Report OACAC-23-10 dated February 28, 2023 concerning information from Oshawa City Council - February, 27, 2023 be received for information.

Items Introduced by Members

Adjournment

Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee - Wildlife and Other Animals' Working Group

Wildlife and Other Animals' Working Group 2023 Work Plan

1) Provide to the public, Information material on why the public should not rehabilitate wildlife without being a legal foster for a rehabilitation facility.
Confirm what PAWS and MNRF's present roles are, and how it effects The foster program.

2) Investigate regulating companies practices regarding wildlife eviction.

3) Suggestion on wildlife proofing your house prior to baby season.

4) Offer solutions to owners of structures that geese lay their eggs on top. Suggest ways to deter the geese from making nests on their roof. Because goslings can not fly, and Mom brings the goslings to water as soon as the last egg is hatched, the gosling follow mom over the ledge of the building and fall to their death.
Offer suggestions for any concerns about this species.

Motion: That the Wildlife and Other Animals' Working Group 2023 Work Plan be received for information.

OACAC-23-06

Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee: Community Resources Working Group

Update on Pet Wellness Days:

Due to the success of our October 2022 Pet Wellness Day, we are considering potential plans for 2023 such as:

- Working with local vet clinics on an ongoing basis to help pets of low / no income residents.
- Scheduling another Pet Wellness Day for the same group.
- Evaluate holding a separate Pet Wellness Day geared towards senior citizens' pets.
- Applying for a PetSmart grant to cover more expenses and potentially expand offerings (microchips, spay/neuter vouchers, pet food vouchers, flea and tick prevention, De-worming).
- Look into additional ways to advertise for both donations of time / products to be given away and for additional persons needing help.
- Considering integrating some educational matter into the hand outs (ie. updating our "food available here" cards and including them in the hand outs; pet-friendly warming center info; pet care info; maybe a simplified summary of the RPO; community contacts; other helpful info).
- Include hand-outs of collars, harnesses and leashes to help users to keep their animals safe.

Motion

Motion to receive this report for information.

By-law and Regulatory Working Group Report – February 2023

The By-law and Regulatory Working Group would like to make a motion to request Municipal Law Enforcement Services to attend a future meeting to present on the following two items:

1. Whether a regulation can be established that would regulate in-home breeding of animals for profit and what other resources or public messaging Municipal Law Enforcement Services could utilize to discourage such activity; and,

2. When public signage is erected at city locations (parks and other public spaces) that require dogs to be leashed, that Municipal Law Enforcement Services can take an alternative approach to education only.

2023 Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee Work Plan

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

*__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
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

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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

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Goals	Examples of Actions to be Taken	Timing
WILDLIFE & OTHER ANIMALS' WELFARE & RESOURCES: 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

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2023 OACAC APPROVED BUDGET

Line Item	Existing 2022 Budget	Approved 2023 Budget
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
TOTAL	$6,500	**$6,500**

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OACAC-23-10

Memorandum

File: 03-05

Date: February 28, 2023

To: Dianne Fil, Chair and Members of the Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee

From: Jennifer Lane, Council-Committee Coordinator

Re: Information from Oshawa City Council – February 27, 2023

At its meeting on February 27, 2023 Oshawa City Council adopted the following recommendation of the Safety and Facilities Services Committee:

SF-23-03 Additional Information related to Report CORP-22-52 "Proposed Animal Welfare Standards for Pet Stores in the City of Oshawa" (OACAC-21-31)

That CORP-22-52, dated September 7, 2022, "Proposed Animal Welfare Standards for Pet Store in the City of Oshawa" be received for information.

SF-23-04 Additional Information related to Report CORP-22-53 "Regulating the Keeping of Animals: Permitted and Prohibited Animals Lists" (OACAC-21-25)

1. That pursuant to Item SF-23-04, dated February 8, 2023 'Additional Information related to Report CORP-22-53 Regulating the Keeping of Animals: Permitted and Prohibited Animals Lists (Attachment 1), the Provincial Government be requested to amend the Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act, 2019 to include regulations for the keeping of exotic animals; and,

2. That staff be directed to continue to enforce existing standards for the keeping of animals through Schedule "A" Prohibited Animals List to the Responsible Pet Owners By-law 14-2010, as amended, as detailed in Attachment 1 to this memo.

This item is provided for information to the Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee, no further action is required.