

**THE THIRD MEETING OF THE SELECT ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE ROOM 304
CITY HALL**

12:00 P.M.

MAY 10, 2018

12:10 p.m. The meeting convened.

ATTENDANCE

Members

L. Jackson, Chair, All Breed Canine Rescue
Mayor Jackson
G. Gratton, Animal Aide
J. Spencer, Dog Owners Association

Officials

M. Knapp, Corporate Administrative and
Accessibility Clerk

Absent

K. Peters, Pets Friends for Life
Councillor Burgess
C. Clarke, Wildlife Rehab Facilitator

Others

Deb Harris
Anne Vanderkuyl

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil.

MINUTES

Motion by J. Spencer - G. Gratton:

THAT: The minutes of the meeting held on March 22, 2018 be confirmed.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Groups Update

Ms. Gratton stated that Animal Aide was overwhelmed with surrendered cats along with moms and babies.

The Chair mentioned that All Breed Canine Rescue was very full with dogs that were abandoned due to aggression and health issues.

Ms. Harris stated that the wildlife groups were also very full with raccoons, squirrels and skunks and that education for members of the public was very important.

Open House Update

The members discussed the fact that the Open House was poorly attended due to lack of promotion and staff at the shelter were unaware of the Open House.

Chair's Remarks

The Chair stated that she was confused about the meeting protocol of the Committee and of Council. She was unsure of protocols for submitting reports to Council as things had changed in the past few months.

The Chair thanked Mayor Jackson for helping and supporting the Committee for the past seven years.

Future Activities of the Committee

Mayor Jackson asked the other members about the role of the Committee and the direction it wished to take. She mentioned that Council was looking at a different location for the shelter and plans were still moving forward.

CONFIRMED _____ CHAIRMAN

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The members discussed processes for reports to Council at City Hall. They agreed that staff and Committee reports need to come together before going to Council for their approval.

The members discussed the fact that the animal groups need to have good working relationships with the staff at the shelter.

The members discussed the fact that all animals at the shelter should be spayed or neutered and that education about spay/neuter is very important.

The members discussed the fact that there are health and safety concerns at the shelter including staff working by themselves and no training for staff.

Mayor Jackson suggested a meeting with Committee members, Council and staff. She would follow up on points taken from the meeting.

25th Anniversary - Animal Aide

Ms. Gratton mentioned that 2018 is the 25th anniversary of Animal Aide and a celebration was being planned.

New St. Thomas Magazine

Mayor Jackson mentioned that there was a new magazine starting in St. Thomas called Hometown St. Thomas which would be interested in showcasing any events from the Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING

To be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

1:20 p.m. The meeting adjourned.