

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

**COMMITTEE ROOM 304  
CITY HALL**

**1:00 P.M.**

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2018**

1:15 p.m. The meeting convened.

**ATTENDANCE**

Members

L. Jackson, Chair, All Breed Canine Rescue  
C. Clarke, Wildlife Rehab Facilitator  
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  
Mayor Jackson

Others

Deb Harris  
Anne Vanderkuyl

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Nil.

**MINUTES**

Motion by G. Gratton - J. Spencer:

THAT: The minutes of the meeting held on May 10, 2018 be confirmed.

Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Groups Update

Ms. Clarke stated that the wildlife groups had taken care of 460 animals so far in 2018. There has been a rat epidemic in various areas of the City due to development, construction and garbage.

The Chair suggested setting up a separate Facebook group to educate the public on all animals and issues.

Ms. Gratton stated that 600 cats had been through Animal Aide in 2018 and there had been 40 adoptions at a Petsmart event the past weekend.

The members discussed the fact that there were few options for stray cats.

The Chair stated that All Breed Canine Rescue had seen many neglected, abused animals this year. She said that vet debt was high for the injured animals and there were fewer volunteers.

Skunk and Raccoon Review

The Chair stated that members of the public were taking trapped skunks to the shelter.

The members commended staff on the report to Council.

Review of 2018

The members discussed the need for more people and Council members on the Committee.

Ms. Gratton stated that there was a need for foster parents for the animals.

CONFIRMED \_\_\_\_\_ CHAIRMAN

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The Chair suggested the minutes being available on the City website, similar to the City of London.

The Secretary stated that the minutes are on the City of St. Thomas website.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEXT MEETING**

To be determined.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by J. Spencer - G. Gratton:

THAT: We adjourn the meeting. (2:13 p.m.)

Carried.