

**THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE FOR ANIMAL WELFARE
MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE ROOM 304
CITY HALL**

1:00 P.M.

MAY 23, 2019

1:00 p.m. The meeting convened.

ATTENDANCE

Members

J. Spencer, Chair, Dog Owners Association
Councillor Joan Rymal
G. Gratton, Animal Aide
C. Clarke, Another Chance Wildlife Rehabilitation
L. Jackson, All Breed Canine Rescue

Officials

M. Knapp, Corporate Administrative &
Accessibility Clerk
M. Vriens, Manager, Roads & Transp.

Others

Deb Harris
Anne Vanderkuyl
Kathy Knott
Christine Harris
Councillor Jim Herbert

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil.

MINUTES

Motion by G. Gratton – L. Jackson:

THAT: The minutes of the meeting held on April 25, 2019 be confirmed.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed New Animal Shelter Location – Appendix “A”

The Manager, Roads and Transportation provided a Power Point presentation relating to the proposed five locations for a new animal shelter.

The members discussed the five locations and different variables such as amount of greenery, noise, and zoning.

The Committee’s top choices were as follows:

- 1) South of Doug Tarry Complex
- 2) Highbury Avenue.

The Manager, Roads and Transportation stated that a report would be going to Council in the near future.

The Chair stated that there would be an open house for the new animal shelter in Chatham in June and he encouraged Committee members and Council to attend.

Group Updates

Ms. Clarke stated that 199 animals had been taken in by Another Change Wildlife Rehabilitation since January, 2019.

Ms. Gratton stated that 300 cats had been taken in by Animal Aide since January, 2019 including six kittens from the shelter this past week.

April 2019 Shelter Statistics - Appendix “B”

The members discussed the statistics at the Animal Shelter for April, 2019.

CONFIRMED _____ CHAIRMAN

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The Chair requested that the number of animals left in the shelter at the end of 2018 should be included in the statistics.

Councillor Rymal requested a report regarding dog and cat tag purchases.

Community Cat Program

The Chair mentioned that the City has a spay/neuter rebate program called the Community Cat Program that is available for City residents.

City Animal Services Van – Advertising

The Chair inquired whether advertising on the City Animal Services van could be used to advertise different programs, such as First Ride Home is Free.

The Manager, Roads and Transportation stated that he would look into the matter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Draft Terms of Reference – Additional Committee Appointments

The Corporate Administrative and Accessibility Clerk stated that applications for the Committee are still being accepted until the end of May and that Council would consider the applications in June.

Facebook Page

Councillor Rymal stated that items from the Committee could be sent to the Executive Assistant to the Mayor and City Manager, who would post the items on the City's Facebook page.


The members agreed to send items to the Chair who would forward them to the Executive Assistant to the Mayor and City Manager.

NEXT MEETING


June 20th, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in Committee Room #304.

ADJOURNMENT

2:04 p.m. The meeting adjourned.




Animal Shelter
Potential Locations



South of Doug Tarry Sports Complex

Positive	Negative
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Residential • Large area for dog park • Adjacent to path system • Creates overflow parking for the DT Sports Complex 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • will require septic bed or low pressure gravity pump extending up to Sauve Ave.



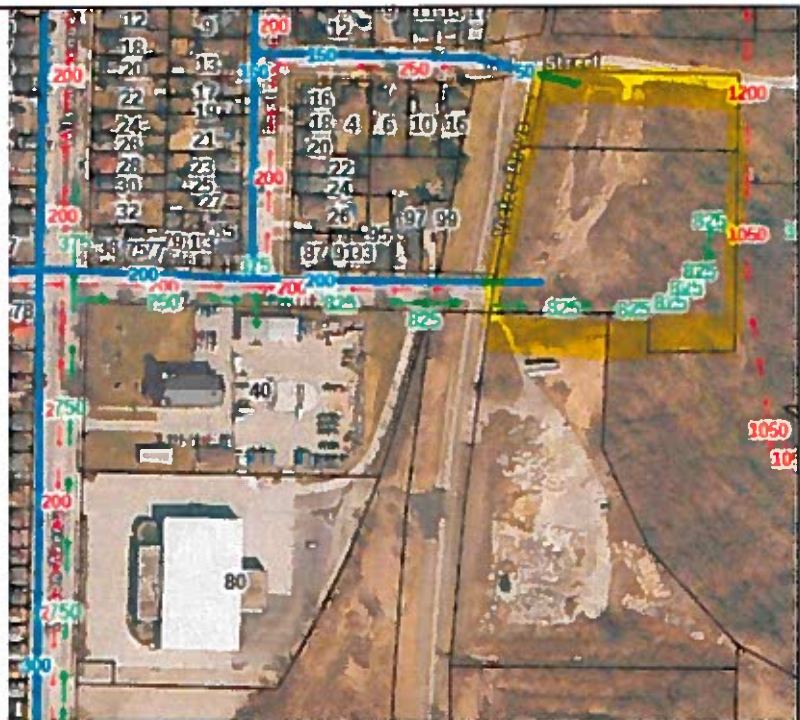
Ross St. and Jonas Park

Positive	Negative
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adjacent to path system • close to downtown area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • odd shaped parcel of land • close to residential area • uncertain of soils



Palm St.

Positive	Negative
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adjacent to path system • underutilized land 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • soil contamination • private ownership of property south • not a prominent location • relatively close to existing dog park • small total area with some encumbered by valley land



Highbury Ave.

Positive	Negative
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • non-residential location • large area for dog park • underutilized land 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • will require septic bed • not near the path system or sidewalks



S Edgeware and Centennial

Positive	Negative
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • non-residential location • large area for dog park • underutilized land 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • access would need to be built off busy road • not near the path system or sidewalks



Appendix "B"

Monthly Total	Stray/Lost	Dogs Entered				Dogs Out				
		Drop-Off	Owner Surrender	Police	Owner	Adopted	ABCR	Euthanized	Other	
April 1-30	8	0	4	0	8	3	0	0	1	
St. Thomas	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Southwold	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Malahide	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	
Central Elgin	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	
Aylmer	14	0	4	0	14	3	0	0	1	
TOTALS	18	0	4	0	14	3	0	0	1	
Total Dogs IN	18									
Total Dogs OUT	18									

Other Dogs	
	0
Total	0

Monthly Total	Stray/Lost	Cats Entered				Cats Out					
		Drop-Off	Owner Surrender	Owner	Adopted	Animal Aide	Pets Friends	ABCR	Euthanized	Other	
April 1-30	7	0	2	1	8	1	3	0	1	3	
St. Thomas	9										
Total Cats IN	17										
Total Cats OUT	17										

As of Apr 30/19

Other Cats	
Country Charm	1
Barn Cat Program	2
Art 4 Animals	
Charity Cat	
Meow or never	
Welland	
Community cat	
Total	3

Year to Date	
Total Dogs IN	67
Total Dogs OUT	63

Total Cats IN	56
Total Cats OUT	69