

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

**COMMITTEE ROOM 415  
CITY HALL**

**1:00 P.M.**

**SEPTEMBER 25, 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  
Deb Harris

Officials

M. Knapp, Corporate Administrative &  
Accessibility Clerk

Others

Colleen Burns  
Anne Vanderkuyl

Absent

K. Knott

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Nil.

**MINUTES**

Motion by Councillor Rymal - G. Gratton:

THAT: The minutes of the meeting held on June 20, 2019 be confirmed.

Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Group Updates

Ms. Gratton stated that over 30 cats were adopted over the course of National Adoption Weekend at Animal Aide.

Ms. Clarke stated that 528 animals had been taken in so far in 2019 by Another Chance Wildlife Rehabilitation. She stated that calls were referred from the Animal Shelter, as well as from the Fire and Police Departments.

Councillor Rymal suggested that the calls from the Fire and Police Departments be tracked for a future report to Council.

The Chair stated that the Dog Owners Association had a meeting recently.

June to August 2019 Shelter Statistics

The members requested that the statistics be sent monthly to the animal groups.

Ms. Clarke asked whether the wildlife could also be included on the statistic sheets.

The members inquired about the "Other" cats on the August statistic sheet.

The Chair stated that he would follow up with the Manager of Roads and Transportation.

Chatham-Kent Animal Rescue

Ms. Harris provided the members with an overview of her visit to the Chatham-Kent animal shelter.

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The Chair stated that he would organize another visit in the near future.

Fundraising Project for New Animal Shelter

The members discussed various fundraising ideas for the new animal shelter.

Trupanion Health Insurance

Ms. Jackson explained the Trupanion Health Insurance program for pets which excludes any pre-existing conditions of the animal.

Meet Your Match Program

Ms. Jackson explained the Meet Your Match program that evaluates an animal's behaviour and interests and matches them to an adopter's preferences.

Councillor Rymal suggested that the program could be included in a review of the application process.

The members agreed to add a review of the application process as an agenda item for the next meeting.

City Animal Services Van – Advertising

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

Patrolling by Staff

The members requested information regarding the number of tickets issued while staff were on patrol duties.

Assessment of Dogs

The members requested information regarding the procedure for an initial assessment of a dog that arrives at the animal shelter.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEXT MEETING**

October 17th, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in Committee Room #415

**ADJOURNMENT**

2:08 p.m. The meeting adjourned.