

Animal Control By-law Review Working Group: Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 30 January 2018 at 4:30 p.m.
Falstaff Room, 2nd Floor, 82 Erie Street Stratford

Meeting called by: Ed Dujlovic, Director of Infrastructure and Development Services

Note taker: Stephanie Potter, Policy and Research Associate

Working Group Members: Maxine Watson, Sharon Morrice, Kimberley Kempen, Christopher Koslowski, Kathrin Delutis

Regrets: Ken Wood, Pamela Bartlett

1.0 Review minutes of previous meeting – 14 December 2017

- The minutes were adopted as printed.

2.0 Request for reconsideration – Pet Sale Control

- A committee member inquired about the possibility of reconsidering the previously decided matter of prohibiting the sale of non-rescue cats and dogs that had been spayed and neutered in pet stores;
- The chair explained that as a working group appointed by Stratford City Council, the Animal Control Working group is subject to City of Stratford Procedural Bylaw 140-2007. Under Section 13, reconsideration of a decided matter must be moved and seconded by working group members who did not vote in favour of the original motion. If an eligible mover and seconder does wish to bring forward a motion to reconsider a decided matter, two-thirds majority support is required for reconsideration;
- No eligible mover or seconder wished to bring this matter forward for reconsideration.

3.0 Review draft Animal Control Working Group report to Council

- Working group members reviewed the draft summary report of working group recommendations to Stratford City Council. Some corrections were noted.

4.0 Pot Bellied Pigs

- Some concerns had been raised over recent stories regarding the adoption and subsequent abandonment of potbellied pigs;
 - Potbellied pigs are currently allowed under the City of Stratford's Animal Control Bylaw;
 - Working group members expressed an interest in creating some education around keeping potbellied pigs, because they are not as easy to raise as many people think, and they grow to be much larger than some might expect.
- ⇒ **Action Item:** Information on raising potbellied pigs will be included as part of a public education program, possibly as a post on the Humane Society's website and linked to the City's website.

5.0 Next Steps

- This is the last planned meeting of the Animal Control Working Group;
- Recommendations will be reported to the Infrastructure and Development Services Subcommittee on 28 February 2018 at 4:30pm.

6.0 Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 5:05pm.