



**Oshawa® Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee**

**Minutes**

**March 26, 2024, 6:30 p.m.  
Committee Room**

**Present:** Melinda Diebel, Barn Cat Co-op  
MJ Galaski, Animal Rescue Krew  
Donna Benson  
Elizabeth Colquhoun  
Kassie Dickson  
Kristy Laverty  
Kimberley Mack, Golden Rescue  
Kim Marchbank, Team Chelsea

**Absent:** Dianne Fil, Spay, Neuter Initiatives  
Kelli Polsinelli, Wild Earth Refuge  
Councillor Brian Nicholson

**Also Present:** F. Bianchet, Council-Committee Coordinator  
J. Lane, Council-Committee Coordinator  
K. Feltham-Pittman, Manager, Animal Services

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**Public Meeting**

Felicia Bianchet, Council-Committee Coordinator called the meeting to order. All members of the Committee were participating from the Committee Meeting Room except Dianne Fil, Kassie Dickson, Kelli Polsinelli and Councillor Nicholson who were absent.

**Land Acknowledgement**

The City of Oshawa is situated on lands within the traditional and treaty territory of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Anishinaabeg and the signatories of the Williams Treaties, which include the Mississaugas of Scugog Island, Curve Lake, Hiawatha and Alderville First Nations, and the Chippewas of Georgina Island, Rama and Beausoleil First Nations.

We are grateful for the Anishinaabeg who have cared for the land and waters within this territory since time immemorial.

We recognize that Oshawa is steeped in rich Indigenous history and is now present day home to many First Nations, Inuit and Métis people. We express gratitude for this diverse group of Indigenous Peoples who continue to care for the land and shape and strengthen our community.

As a municipality, we are committed to understanding the truth of our shared history, acknowledging our role in addressing the negative impacts that colonization continues to have on Indigenous Peoples, developing reciprocal relationships, and taking meaningful action toward reconciliation.

We are all Treaty people.

**Additional Agenda Items**

None

**Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

None

**Presentations**

**Legislative Services - Advisory Committees of Council Policy and Procedure**

Felicia Bianchet, Council-Committee Coordinator provided a presentation concerning the Advisory Committees of Council Policy and Procedure.

The Committee questioned the Council-Committee Coordinator.

**Legislative Services - Election of Chair for the Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee**

Felicia Bianchet, Council-Committee Coordinator opened the floor for nominations for the role of Chair of the Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee for a one-year term.

Moved by MJ Galaski

That Mel Diebel be nominated as Chair of the Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee for a one-year term.

Mel Diebel accepted the nomination as Chair of the Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee for a one-year term.

Moved by MJ Galaski

That the nominations for the role of Chair of the Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee be closed.

Motion Carried

The vote to appoint Mel Diebel as Chair of the Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee for one-year term.

Motion Carried

**Legislative Services - Election of Vice-Chair of the Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee**

Felicia Bianchet, Council-Committee Coordinator opened the floor for nominations for the role of Vice-Chair of the Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee for a one-year term.

Moved by Melinda Diebel

That MJ Galaski be nominated as Vice-Chair of the Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee for a one-year term.

MJ Galaski accepted the nomination for Vice-Chair of the Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee for a one-year term.

Moved by MJ Galaski

That the nominations for the role of Vice-Chair for the Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee be closed.

Motion Carried

The vote to appoint MJ Galaski as Vice-Chair of the Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee for a one-year term.

Motion Carried

Mel Diebel assumed the Chair.

### **Delegations**

None

### **Referrals from Council and Committees**

None

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Reports**

#### **OACAC-24-01 - Information from Oshawa City Council - December 11, 2023**

Moved by Elizabeth Colquhoun

That Report OACAC-24-01, dated March 22, 2024 concerning information from Oshawa City Council from its meeting of December 11, 2023 be received for information.

Motion Carried

#### **OACAC-24-02 - Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee 2024 Meeting Schedule**

Moved by MJ Galaski

That the Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee 2024 Meeting Schedule as set out in Report OACAC-24-02 be adopted as recommended.

Motion Carried

## Items Introduced by Members

### **OACAC-24-03 - Creation of a Community Resources Working Group**

Moved by MJ Galaski

That a Community Resources Working Group be created in order to improve public perception and knowledge of animal welfare matters and available services within the City of Oshawa as outlined under the Goal 'Promotion and Education' in the 2024 Work Plan; and,

That the Working Group consist of four members of the Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee; and,

That Elizabeth Colquhoun, Kimberly Mack, MJ Galaski and Donna Benson be appointed as members of the Working Group; and,

That MJ Galaski be appointed as Chair of the Community Resources Working Group.

Motion Carried

### **OACAC-24-04 - Creation of a Regulatory Working Group**

Moved by Elizabeth Colquhoun

That a Regulatory Working Group be created in order to determine best practices for by-laws, regulations and policy for owned domestic animals and recommend improvements as well as research local pet facilities and service providers and the regulations/licensing that they are subject to as outlined under the Goals 'Responsible Pet Ownership' and 'Pet Facilities and Service Providers' in the 2024 Work Plan; and,

That the Working Group consist of four members of the Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee; and,

That Elizabeth Colquhoun, Donna Benson, Kristy Laverty and MJ Galaski be appointed to the Working Group; and,

That Kristy Laverty be appointed as Chair of the Regulatory Working Group.

Motion Carried

### **OACAC-24-05 - Reconsideration of the Composition of the Community Resources Working Group**

Moved by MJ Galaski

That the Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee reconsider the composition of the Community Resources Working Group. **(Requires 2/3 vote of members present)**

Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Colquhoun

That the Community Resources Working Group complement be increased by one member; and,  
That Mel Diebel be appointed to the Community Resources Working Group.

Motion Carried

**Adjournment**

Moved by Kimberley Mack

That the meeting adjourn at 7:36 p.m.

Motion Carried