



**Oshawa® Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee**

**Minutes**

**September 24, 2024, 6:30 p.m.  
Committee Room**

**Present:** Melinda Diebel, Barn Cat Co-op (Chair)  
MJ Galaski, Animal Rescue Krew (Vice-Chair)  
Donna Benson  
Dianne Fil, Spay, Neuter Initiatives  
Kimberley Mack, Golden Rescue  
Councillor Brian Nicholson  
Kelli Polsinelli, Wild Earth Refuge

**Absent:** Elizabeth Colquhoun  
Kassie Dickson  
Kim Marchbank, Team Chelsea

**Also Present:** K. Christopher, Council-Committee Coordinator  
P. Aguilera, Council-Committee Coordinator  
K. Feltham-Pittman, Manager, Animal Services

---

**Public Meeting**

Melinda Diebel called the meeting to order. All members of the Committee were participating from the Committee Room except Kelli Polsinelli, Kimberley Mack and Councillor Nicholson who participated electronically and Kim Marchbank, Kassie Dickson and Elizabeth Colquhoun 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.

**Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

None

**Presentations**

**Animal Services - Report on Activities at Animal Services**

Kathy Pittman-Feltham, Manager, Animal Services, provided an update on the activities at Animal Services.

The Committee questioned Kathy Pittman-Feltham.

**Delegations**

None

**Referrals from Council and Committees**

None

**Correspondence**

None

**Reports**

**OACAC-24-06 - Community Resources Working Group Report**

Moved by MJ Galaski

That up to \$1,600 be allocated from the Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee 2024 Operating Budget for the costs associated with Pet Wellness Day(s) to purchase operational supplies, such as vaccines, flea medication, dewormer, supplies for pet gift bags, food for the volunteer teams of vets for duration of event.

Motion Carried

**Items Introduced by Members**

None

**Adjournment**

Moved by MJ Galaski

That the meeting adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

Motion Carried