



**Oshawa® Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee**

**Minutes**

**June 24, 2025, 6:30 p.m.  
Committee Room**

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

**Absent:** Kassie Dickson  
Kim Marchbank, Team Chelsea  
Councillor Brian Nicholson

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

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**Public Meeting**

Donna Benson, Chair called the meeting to order and advised that all members were participating from the Committee Meeting Room except Kelli Polsinelli, Melinda Diebel and Kimberley Mack who participated electronically and Kim Marchbank, Councillor Nicholson and Kassie Dickson who was 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 Items**

Moved by MJ Galaski

That the delegation from Martin Field concerning Correspondence OACAC-25-07 regarding Pet Shop Small Animal Regulations and Protective Care be added to the agenda of the Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee meeting of June 24, 2025.

Carried

### **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 the Manager, Animal Services

### **Delegations**

Moved by Melinda Diebel

That the delegation of Martin Field be heard.

Carried

### **Martin Field - Item OACAC-25-07**

Martin Field provided a delegation to OACAC concerning Report OACAC 25-07 being a Pet Shop Small Animal Regulations and Protective Care.

The Committee questioned Martin Field.

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

None

### **Correspondence**

#### **OACAC-25-07 - Martin Field submitting comments concerning Pet Shop Small Animal Regulations and Protective Care**

Moved by Melinda Diebel

That, Correspondence OACAC-25-07 from Martin Field submitting comments concerning Pet Shop Small Animal Regulations and Protective Care, be referred to the By-law Working Group to assess the recommendations outlined in said Correspondence and report back to the next meeting of the Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee.

Carried

## **Reports**

### **OACAC-25-06 - Community Resources Working Group Report**

Moved by MJ Galaski

That up to \$2,000 be allocated from the Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee 2025 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.

Carried

## **Items Introduced by Members**

None

## **Adjournment**

Moved by Melinda Diebel

That the meeting adjourn at 7:17 p.m.

Carried