

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**Clerk's Department**

**Minutes of the Board of Health**

**Meeting No. 9**

**Monday, July 6, 1998.**

The Board of Health met on Monday, July 6, 1998, in Committee Room C, 2nd Floor, Metro Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Councillor John Filion, Chair  
Councillor Anne Johnston  
Councillor Irene Jones  
Councillor Joan King  
Councillor Michael Prue  
Councillor Gerry Altobello  
Robert Davies  
Elca Rennick

No Declarations of Interest pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act were declared.

**103. Municipal Animal Care and Control Legislation**

The Board had before it a report (June 19, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health recommending that the Medical Officer of Health and the City Solicitor report to the Board of Health with draft animal care and control legislation based on this report and input received from the community.

The Board also had before it:

- (1) a communication (July 2, 1998) from Leland (Lee) Davies, Special Projects, Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

(This correspondence also refers to minutes 104 and 105)

- (2) a report (June 29, 1998) from Jack Slibar, Chief Operating Officer, Toronto Humane Society

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- (3) a report (July 3, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health recommending that the Medical Officer of Health report before the end of 1998 on educational programs to prevent dog bites in the City of Toronto.
- (4) a communication (July 3, 1998) from Barbara Tait, Vice President, Etobicoke Humane Society  
  
(This correspondence also refers to Minutes 104 and 105)
- (5) a communication (July 4, 1998) from Liz White, Director, Animal Alliance of Canada; Barry MacKay, International Programme Director, Animal Protection Institute; and Ainslie Willock, Director, Canadian Alliance for Furbearing Animals
- (6) a communication (July 5, 1998) from Holly Penfound, Director, Zoocheck Canada Inc.
- (7) a communication (July 6, 1998) from Casey Conklin and Keiley Abbat, Co-Chairs, Withrow Park Dog Owners Association  
  
(Also distributed a package of material to Board members which is on file)  
  
(This correspondence also refers to Minutes 104 and 105)
- (8) a communication (undated) from Claudia Hehr
- (9) a communication (undated) from Lee Davies, OSPCA
- (10) a communication (undated) from Carole Hart
- (11) a communication (undated) from Joy Henderson
- (12) a communication (undated) from Sonny Allinson, Canadian Kennel Club
- (13) a communication (undated) submitted by Dianne Eibner on behalf of Martha Shea

The following persons appeared before the Board of Health in connection with this item:

- Ms. Liz White, Director, Animal Alliance of Canada;
- Ms. Holly Penfound, Director, Zoocheck Canada;
- Ms. Clementine Slater;
- Ms. Claudia Hehr;
- Ms. Keiley Abbat, Chair, Withrow Park Dog Owners Association;

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- Ms. Dianne Eibner, Professional Dogwalker's Association;
- Mr. Lee Davies, Ontario Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA);
- Ms. Carole Hart;
- Mr. Jack Slibar, Chief Operating Officer, Toronto Humane Society;
- Ms. Joy Henderson, Urban Dog Training School;
- Mr. Paul Hanson, Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of Canada;
- Mr. Sonny Allinson, Manager, Communications, Canadian Kennel Club; and
- Ms. Theresa Dingsdale, People for Pitbulls/Annex Pet Supplies.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Board:

1. Received the reports (June 19, 1998 and July 3, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health, and referred all related material to the Medical Officer of Health for information with a request that she prepare a further report, and, in consultation with the City Solicitor, a draft by-law on animal care and control taking into consideration the written and verbal comments made, and submit this report and draft by-law to the Board of Health for its meeting on September 15, 1998.
2. Requested each Community Council to consider the foregoing report and draft by-law when prepared, and after public consultation at their October 19, 1998 meetings, provide comments to the Medical Officer of Health for inclusion into a consolidated report and draft by-law for submission to the Board's November 10, 1998 meeting for public hearings.

On motion by Councillor Prue, the Board:

3. Requested the Medical Officer of Health to report on the following, either as an inclusion into the aforementioned report and draft by-law, or as a separate report:
  - a. the provision of proper enforcement of Animal Control legislation;
  - b. the issue of fines to serve as a more effective deterrent
  - c. a clarification of the grandfathering provisions of existing animal control by-laws in former municipalities for pet owners whose pets were registered previous to a city-wide harmonized by-law being implemented;

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- d. a requirement that impounded animals be micro-chipped;
- e. limiting the number of cats in the City to six per household;
- f. a process for ensuring that revenues from licensing fees are filtered into animal education programs; better pound facilities, etc.
- g. the coordination of an animal education program
- h. how significant the impact of feral and wild animals is on the community, and how this should be addressed.

**104. Animal Services Advisory Committee of the Board of Health**

The Board had before it a report (June 19, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health recommending that the report be received for information.

The Board also had before it the following communications:

- (1) (June 30, 1998) from Claudia Hehr
- (2) (July 5, 1998) from David Elich, Preservation of Racing Homers and Fancy Pigeon Breeds of Etobicoke
- (3) (July 4, 1998) from Liz White, Director, Animal Alliance of Canada
- (4) (July 5, 1998) from Holly Penfound, Director, Zoocheck Canada Inc.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Board established an Animal Services Advisory Committee of the Board of Health whose purpose is to provide a forum where stakeholders can discuss and advise the Board of Health on issues referred by the Board in relation to municipal animal services, and appointed representatives from the following organizations for the period ending November 30, 2000:

Councillor Irene Jones - Chair

One other Board of Health member (to be named)

4 representatives from the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals:  
one from each of the two branches and two affiliates within the City of Toronto  
2 citizen representatives who are not pet owners

1 representative of the Toronto Academy of Veterinary Medicine

1 representative of the Toronto Wildlife Centre

1 representative of the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council of Canada (PIJAC)

- 1 representative of the Metro Dog Owners Association
- 1 representative of a Toronto Cat Owners Association
- 1 representative of Animal Alliance of Canada
- 1 representative of Zoocheck Canada

Meetings will be held approximately quarterly, or at the call of the Chair

**105. New City Wide Animal Education Program**

The Board had before it a report (May 27, 1998) from Councillor Mario Giansante recommending that a new city wide animal education program be developed.

The Board also had before it the following communications:

- (1) (June 30, 1998) from Claudia Hehr
- (2) (June 30, 1998) from Shelagh MacDonald, Program Director, Canadian Federation of Humane Societies
- (3) (June 26, 1998) from Christina Girgulis  
  
(This correspondence also refers to Minute 104)
- (4) (July 3, 1998) from Amy White, Communications/Media Officer, Toronto Humane Society
- (5) (July 4, 1998) from Liz White, Director, Animal Alliance of Canada

The Board's action with respect to this matter is all contained in Minute 103.

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 1:07 p.m.

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Chair.