

TORONTO STAFF REPORT

September 9, 2002

To: Board of Health
From: City Clerk
Subject: Animal Services Advisory Committee

Purpose:

To respond to an enquiry by the Board of Health with respect to the possibility of the Board appointing a Member of Council who is no longer a Member of the Board, as Chair of the Animal Services Advisory Committee.

Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

Background:

At its meeting on July 29, 2002, the Board of Health considered a communication (June 24, 2002) from the Secretary, Board of Health, requesting the Board to appoint its representatives to Board of Health Subcommittees and the Sustainability Roundtable to replace Councillor Jones who is no longer a Member of the Board of Health. Councillor Irene Jones, during her term of office on the Board, had been Chair of the Animal Services Advisory Committee.

Comments:

Section 21 of By-law No. 1-1998, to govern the proceedings of the Board of Health for the City of Toronto Health Unit states:

“21(1) The Board may establish special committees and assign duties to such committees as it may desire, and the reports of all such committees, unless

otherwise decided by the Board, shall be forwarded to the Board, which shall consider same....”

Section 21 further states:

“Section 21(3) The Board at its first meeting in each year, or as soon as practicable thereafter, shall appoint the committees and shall designate the Chair of such committees.”

The practice of the Board, in general, has been to appoint Board Members as Chairs of its Committees, except for the AIDS and Drug Abuse Prevention Grants Review Panels, which are chaired by Members of Council who are not current Members of the Board.

The Terms of Reference of the Animal Services Advisory Committee, as adopted by the Board of Health at its meeting on July 6, 1998, in appointing the Members, appointed Councillor Jones as Chair and “one other Board of Health member”.

Conclusions:

If the Board of Health wishes to appoint a Member of Council who is not a Member of the Board of Health as Chair of the Animal Advisory Committee, it is recommended that the Terms of Reference of the Animal Services Advisory Committee be amended to read as follows:

“The Membership of the Animal Services Advisory Committee shall be as follows:

One Member of Council, who may or may not be a Member of the Board of Health, as Chair;

One 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; and

1 representative of Zoocheck Canada”

The City Solicitor and Medical Officer of Health have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

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List of Attachments:

Attachment 1: Terms of Reference from the Board of Health Meeting No. 9 (dated Monday, July 6, 1998)

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Terms of Reference from Minutes of the Board of Health Meeting No. 9
(dated Monday, July 6, 1998)

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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; and
- (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;

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