

Minutes – Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services – July 5, 2012

REPORTS

Minute No. 89 The Pound By-law No. 2443/79 – Feral Cats

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION/DECISION:

The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services received as information the Winnipeg Public Service verbal report, inasmuch as the matter will be addressed in the Responsible Pet Ownership report being submitted in October 2012.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Eadie,

That the Winnipeg Public Service verbal report be received as information, inasmuch as the matter will be addressed in the Responsible Pet Ownership report being submitted in October 2012.

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 30, 2012, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services laid over the matter to its meeting on July 5, 2012.

On September 26, 2011, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services granted an extension of time of 120 days, for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back as requested on April 4, 2011.

On April 4, 2011, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services passed the following motion:

WHEREAS feral cats are not socialized to human contact, cannot be handled and pose risks to citizens, other animals and themselves;

AND WHEREAS feral cats are free-roaming and have the potential to pose not only a nuisance to City residence, but also are carriers of diseases such as rabies;

AND WHEREAS there is an over-population of cats in Winnipeg (estimated to be over 100,000);

AND WHEREAS the best way to ensure that feral cat populations do not continue to increase is to spay/neuter them;

AND WHEREAS while great strides have been made in encouraging cat owners to spay/neuter, the stray/feral population in our community continues to reproduce and contribute to Winnipeg's cat over population;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Winnipeg Public Service (Animal Services Special Operating Agency) be directed to examine the feral cat issue in the City of Winnipeg and incorporate, if appropriate, recommended changes to The Pound By-law No. 2443/79, for report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services in September 2011.

Further on April 4, 2011, Lynne Scott, Craig Street Cats, submitted a presentation (undated) with respect to The Pound By-law No. 2443/79 – Feral Cats.