



City of Surrey

Council-in-Committee

Minutes

Council Chamber
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2002
Time: 4:16 p.m.

Present:

Acting Chair: Councillor Tymoschuk
Mayor McCallum
Councillor Villeneuve
Councillor Steele
Councillor Bose
Councillor Watts
Councillor Hunt
Councillor Higginbotham

Absent:

Councillor Eddington

Staff Present:

City Manager
Acting City Clerk
General Manager, Planning & Development
City Solicitor
Land Development Engineer
S. Palmer, Assistant City Clerk

The Council-in-Committee meeting was called to order and:-

It was

adjourned until 5:15 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Bose

Seconded by Councillor Watts

That the Council-in-Committee meeting be

Carried

The Council-in-Committee meeting reconvened at 5:15 p.m.

A. DELEGATIONS

- 1. Julie Woodyer, Program Director
Zoocheck Canada Inc.
Debra Probert, Vancouver Humane Society
File: 0550-20-10; 3900-02 EXOTIC PETS**

Julie Woodyer, Program Director, Zoocheck Canada Inc. and Debra Probert, Vancouver Humane Society were in attendance to address the exotic pet legislation.

Debra Probert, Vancouver Humane Society reported the following:

- That 16,000 exotic pets come in to Canada through Vancouver each year.
- That most of these animals die prematurely due to the inability of the owners to provide the proper care and environments.
- That Clifford Warwick, Director of the Institute of Herbatology in Worcester, United Kingdom, has observed that the exotic pet trade does not guarantee that reptiles will not suffer in captivity.
- That it is difficult to recognize stress, disease, and malnutrition in reptiles and amphibians.
- That it is difficult to duplicate natural environments for exotic animals.
- That there is a Primate Estate on Vancouver Island where various species of monkeys are bred for sale.

- That there is an exotic pet breeder in Maple Ridge and an abundant availability of exotic animals in local pet stores.

Julie Woodyer reported the following:

- That Zoocheck Canada is a national animal protection charity with a mandate to protect the interests of wildlife in captivity and in the wild.
- That, according to research, many of the existing bylaws do not adequately address the concerns with keeping wild and exotic animals and that there is a misconception that it will affect farming of non-traditional domestic animals such as llamas, emus, etc.
- That the proposed by-law should cover the keeping, selling, trading, and display of exotic pets and that current exotic pet ownership should be covered under a grandfather clause.
- That refuge centers such as the Rainforest Reptile Refuge be exempted by the by-law, as well as police stations, SPCA's, and veterinary clinics, who may have to deal with these animals in emergency situations.
- That Port Colburn, Ontario has an excellent by-law in place and could be used for reference.
- That most exotic pet owners are well-meaning but lack the ability and resources to provide adequate care and attention.
- That some exotic pets are dangerous in that they bite, asphyxiate or carry disease, such as salmonella.
- That professionals do not consider captive breeding to lessen the degree of discomfort to reptiles and amphibians.
- That there is a risk of spreading disease to animals in the wild when animals raised in captivity are released.

2. Tim Baillie, 2540 – 168 Street
On Behalf of the New Westminster & District Labour Council
File: 0550-20-10

Tim Baillie, New Westminster & District Labour Council was in attendance to make a presentation, which provided up-to-date statistics on emerging workplace health and safety issues.

Mr. Baillie reported the following:

- That the Day of Mourning for Workers Killed and Injured is recognized nationally on April 28th as a day to mourn for workers who have been killed and an opportunity to rededicate ourselves to improve working conditions through education and prevention initiatives.
- That this year's Day of Mourning theme is "Some Workplace Accidents are a Crime".
- That there are 3 workers killed every single working day in Canada and in B.C., 3 workers are killed each week.

- That the Provincial Government has proposed significant cuts to the Workers Compensation Board and worker benefits, which would prove detrimental to the safety and well-being of workers.
- That the B.C. Workers Compensation Boards is considered to the most efficient and financially secure organization of its kind in North America.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Baillie for his presentation and stated that Council and the executive of the CUPE, Local 402, will observe April 28th as a Day of Mourning for Workers Killed and Injured and on April 26 an official ceremony will be held and a commemorative plaque will be placed on a city bench outside City Hall.

B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

C. CORPORATE REPORTS

D. DELEGATION REQUESTS

E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

G. ADJOURNMENT

It was

now adjourn.

Moved by Councillor Hunt

Seconded by Councillor Watts

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Chairperson