

**Minutes of an Amherstburg Municipal Council  
Special Meeting  
Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers**

**PRESENT**

Mayor Wayne Hurst  
Councillor Carolyn Davies  
Councillor Bart DiPasquale  
Councillor Robert (Bob) Pillon  
Councillor Diane Pouget  
Councillor John Sutton

**ABSENT**

Deputy Mayor Ron Sutherland

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to Order.

**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

**The Mayor advised that Council is interested in hearing the concerns**

**ITEM # 1**

The Clerk advised that the public was provided an opportunity to provide written submissions to Council. Council has been provided with the correspondence received from Town residents.

Councillor Sutton moved, Councillor Pouget seconded:

**That the correspondence be received.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

**ITEM # 2**

Nancy Greenaway, C.A.T (Cat Assistance Team) provided a presentation on the organization's plan with regard to establishing feral cat colonies.

Councillor Davies moved, Councillor Pillon seconded:

**That the presentation be received.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

**ITEM # 3**

Presentations from the public

The Mayor invited anyone wishing to address Council on the matter to be heard.

Melanie Coulter, Windsor-Essex County Humane Society addressed Council and spoke about concerns with regard to relocating feral cats to a new colony. Ms. Coulter provided alternative suggestions.

Councillor Davies moved, Councillor Sutton seconded:

**That the presentation be received for Council information.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

Dan Lebedyk, ERCA addressed Council and spoke to concerns of locating a cat sanctuary at the Nexen site. He noted that there is concern of increasing free roaming cats in the natural environment and impact on the wildlife.

Councillor Pillon moved, Councillor Sutton seconded:

**That the presentation be received for Council information.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

Peggy Thompson addressed Council and spoke to concerns of feral cat colonies and relayed information she had researched regarding on the issue.

Councillor Davies moved, Councillor DiPasquale seconded:

**That the presentation be received for Council information.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

Zofia Hilton addressed Council and spoke to concerns of feral cat colonies including disease and illness associated with the colony, and impact on wildlife. She raised several questions including veterinary care, fighting within colony, coyotes.

Councillor Davies moved, Councillor Pouget seconded:

**That the presentation be received for Council information.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

Natasha Ford addressed Council and expressed concerns related to establishing a colony including disease, financial impact, veterinary care, illness and not allowing the cats to roam and safety of cats. She felt trapping, neutering and releasing to same area is a better solution versus relocating them.

Councillor Sutton moved, Councillor Davies seconded:

**That the presentation be received for Council information.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

Tammy Leeming addressed Council and advised that her spouse was individual who was bitten by cat. She noted her fear of the feral cats for herself and her young family. She asked that Council consider taking some form of action.

Councillor Davies moved, Councillor DiPasquale seconded:

**That the presentation be received for Council information.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

Mike Gabor addressed Council and advised that the proposal by CAT is a valid proposal and it works. He noted that he currently provides a similar program in Windsor.

Councillor Sutton moved, Councillor Pouget seconded:

**That the presentation be received for Council information.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

Jenny Lajoie addressed Council and advised that the proposal by CAT is a positive step towards a solution to the problem.

Councillor Sutton moved, Councillor DiPasquale seconded:

**That the presentation be received for Council information.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

Mayor advised that this matter would be considered further a future Council meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Councillor Davies moved, Councillor Sutton seconded:

**That Council rise and adjourn at 7:45 p.m.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**



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MAYOR - WAYNE HURST



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CLERK - BRENDA M. PERCY