

Hello,

Please note the following response to Speak to City Council has been submitted at Thursday December 11th 2025 6:51 PM with reference number 2025-12-11-020.

- **What would you like to speak to Council about:**

I'm here on behalf of 5,132 residents who have signed this petition, united by a shared concern for the welfare of animals in our community.

- **Is this an item scheduled on a current agenda?:**

Yes

- **If yes, please provide report title or number.**

320-2025

- **Provide as much information as you can about the matter you would like to speak to:**

With regards to Report 320-2025 (Animal Services Update), I want to speak to the ongoing issues and what the community continues to experience.

While the City has taken steps to resume responses to stray dogs at large and reunite pets on-line, these actions are interim measures and not equivalent to a fully operational municipal shelter that meets community expectations.

- **Provide specific actions you would like Council to take:**

That City Council direct administration to move forward with the Reinstatement of Animal Services

Specifically, I am asking that Council:

Reject any recommendation that excludes reopening; ensuring the facility is re-opened as a city-run service.

Direct administration to develop and implement a plan to reopen and properly operate the facility, including an adoption centre (open to the public), vet care, and sheltering of stray and abandoned dogs and cats.

This action will reflect the strong public support demonstrated by the 5,132 signature petition and ensure the community's need for a municipal Animal Services is met efficiently and responsibly.

- **Have you already been in contact with City staff in regards to the subject matter of your deputation request?**

No

- **Please select the date of the meeting:**
Standing Committee - Tuesday, December 16 2025
- **Please choose**
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New Hope Dog Rescue
- **Please note the names of the presenters that will be attending with you:**
Valerie Mackett and David Mackett
- **Please indicate how you intend to participate in the meeting.**
In Person