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Feral Cat Issue in Vaughan - please support a humane solution

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**Sent:** Saturday, November 11, 2017 11:54 AM

**To:** [Clerks@vaughan.ca](mailto:Clerks@vaughan.ca)

**Subject:** Fwd: Feral Cat Issue in Vaughan - please support a humane solution

My understanding is that there is a meeting coming up on November 13 that will seek public input on the budget. My understanding is that there will be representatives there to ask about a Trap Neuter Return (TNR) program. I would like to offer my support and submit this for consideration by Council. I do not live in Vaughan, but live in nearby Georgina, where a TNR program has recently been approved.

Thank you

Susan Jagminas

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**From:** Susan Jagminas [REDACTED]

**Date:** Sat, Nov 11, 2017 at 11:51 AM

**Subject:** Feral Cat Issue in Vaughan - please support a humane solution

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I don't live in Vaughan, but I live just a little bit north, in the Town of Georgina. I work in cat rescue, specifically with a group called "Georgina Feral Cat Committee", although this email is not written on behalf of the group, only written from the perspective of someone who volunteers in her community towards helping those less fortunate, which in this case are homeless cats.

It's my understanding that Vaughan staff and Council are not interested in doing anything to help the homeless (feral) cat situation in Vaughan. In fact, I understand that Vaughan staff, with Council's approval, are actively engaged in activities that are knowingly hurting and ultimately going to kill these cats. That includes removing shelters put there on the very same day that the cold sets in. It also includes trapping them, and then ultimately having to put them down because they will be deemed unadoptable. My understanding is that you have no programs in place to work with the community to manage the feral cat population. Why is that?

Perhaps you should consider speaking with your counterparts in municipalities across the province, who have adopted programs to work with the local community to address the feral cat issue. You don't have to look far either. Perhaps you could look to your colleagues in the Town of Georgina, who recently approved a 2 year TNR (trap, neuter, return) pilot program, that is community driven, a humane alternative and makes good financial sense. They know that killing cats is not the answer.

Regards,

Susan Jagminas