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Good morning,

I am writing in regards to agenda item 11.6, Animals Regulation By-laws for the Committee of the Whole meeting Wednesday October 2. I wish to support the updating of the cat by-law regulations. Cats need to be licensed and prevented from roaming.

A vet convinced me many years ago that indoor cats are protected from getting lost, being exposed to many diseases and parasites and death from predators and cars.

As a member of Bird Friendly Richmond Hill, I am also very concerned about our bird population. Cornell lab reports that bird populations in North America have declined by approximately 2.9 billion birds, a loss of more than one in four birds since 1970. Birds Canada states that after habitat loss, the single largest source of bird mortality in Canada is domestic and feral cats.

Thank you for encouraging responsible pet ownership.

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