

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – MAY 15, 2006**

**LEASH-FREE CANINE EXERCISE AREA: PILOT PROJECT PROPOSAL**

**Recommendation**

Councillor Tony Carella recommends that appropriate staff be directed to investigate all issues relating to the development---on a pilot project basis---of a suitable open space within Ward 2, to serve as a venue for dog owners to exercise their pets off-leash---such issues including but not limited to the following: location, physical components, and all associated costs.

**Economic Impact**

Nil. Staff's task will be to determine the cost of a pilot project at one location, which project will be subject to the 2007 budget process.

**Purpose**

To respond to numerous and continuing requests for a leash-free canine exercise venue.

**Background - Analysis and Options**

Requests for a leash-free canine area have been persistent in the last five years, and culminated most recently in a report to Council in May 2003, which was not pursued at that time. In light of recent requests, it seems appropriate to revisit the issue on a more limited basis, focusing on issues relating to a single site.

**Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007**

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

**Conclusion**

It is appropriate that this question be revisited, as no action was taken when the matter was last before Council, and requests for such a facility continue to be received.

**Attachments**

None

**Report prepared by**

Councillor Tony Carella

Respectfully submitted,

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