

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - DECEMBER 11, 2006**

### **LEASH FREE AREA**

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Community Services in consultation with the Directors of Reserves and Investments, Parks Development and Legal Services recommend:

1. That this report be received for information purposes; and,
2. That the Budget Committee considers a request for funding in the 2007 budget for \$83,000.00; and,
3. That pending Council approval of the Capital budget request, staff be authorized to enter into a lease agreement with Hydro One regarding developing a leash-free area within the Hydro corridor in the vicinity of Highway #7 & 27, in Ward 2 of the City of Vaughan.

#### **Economic Impact**

There will be an impact of approximately \$83,000.00 on the capital budget (taxation) should Council approve the capital funding request as part of the 2007 budget. If approved during the 2007 capital budget, an annual operating cost of \$5,000.00 will be required in the operating budget.

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information regarding the implementation of a leash free dog area as a pilot project within the City of Vaughan, Ward 2; and to seek approval to enter into a lease agreement with Hydro One to develop a leash-free area. (Refer to Attachment 'A')

#### **Background - Analysis and Options**

Most other municipalities including Toronto, Mississauga, Brampton and Markham have leash free areas. Staff have obtained information from these municipalities, from internet sources on the subject, and on successful "dog parks" in the United States. The provision of leash free areas can reduce the number of dogs off leash in parks, while providing a safe area for owners to exercise their dogs. The leash free areas have rules and regulations which are enforced, mainly by the users themselves, such as cleaning up dog excrement, prohibiting aggressive dogs, prohibiting dogs in heat, and not allowing young children into the leash free area.

Several residents have expressed the need for leash-free dog areas in the City of Vaughan. In addition, two residents came to Committee of the Whole on deputation to outline the need for such areas and the benefits to the community. Staff were directed to review the logistics of providing a leash free area in Vaughan and report back to Council.

At its May 23, 2006 meeting Council approved a recommendation by the Councillor of Ward 2, to direct staff to investigate all issues relating to the development of an off-leash venue in Ward 2 as a pilot project.

At its meeting of June 26, 2006, Council adopted a recommendation that staff be authorized to enter into discussions with Hydro regarding the development of a leash-free area in the hydro corridor in the vicinity of Highway #7 in Ward 2 of the City of Vaughan.

As directed, staff entered into discussions with Hydro One to determine the feasibility of a leash-free area within the Hydro corridor in the vicinity of Highway #7 and 27, in the City of Vaughan. A drawing was submitted to Hydro One for review and comment (Refer to attachment 'B'). Hydro One has provided preliminary approval (Refer to Attachment 'C') of a site on the North side of Highway #7, east of Highway #27 subject to the following terms and conditions including:

1. Relocation of the existing gate on site beyond the off-leash parking area; and
2. Installation of site access protection including bollards and gates;
3. Licensing of the facility using the Ontario Realty Corporation's standard Recreational Licence.

#### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007**

The provision of an off-leash dog park is consistent with Vaughan Vision as it acts to serve our citizens through the promotion of community safety, health, and wellness.

#### **Conclusion**

That Council receive this report for information, that a capital funding request of \$83,000.00 be considered in the 2007 capital budget, and that pending Council approval of the Capital funds, staff be authorized to enter into a lease agreement with Hydro One for implementation and operation of a leash-free park in Ward 2.

#### **Attachments**

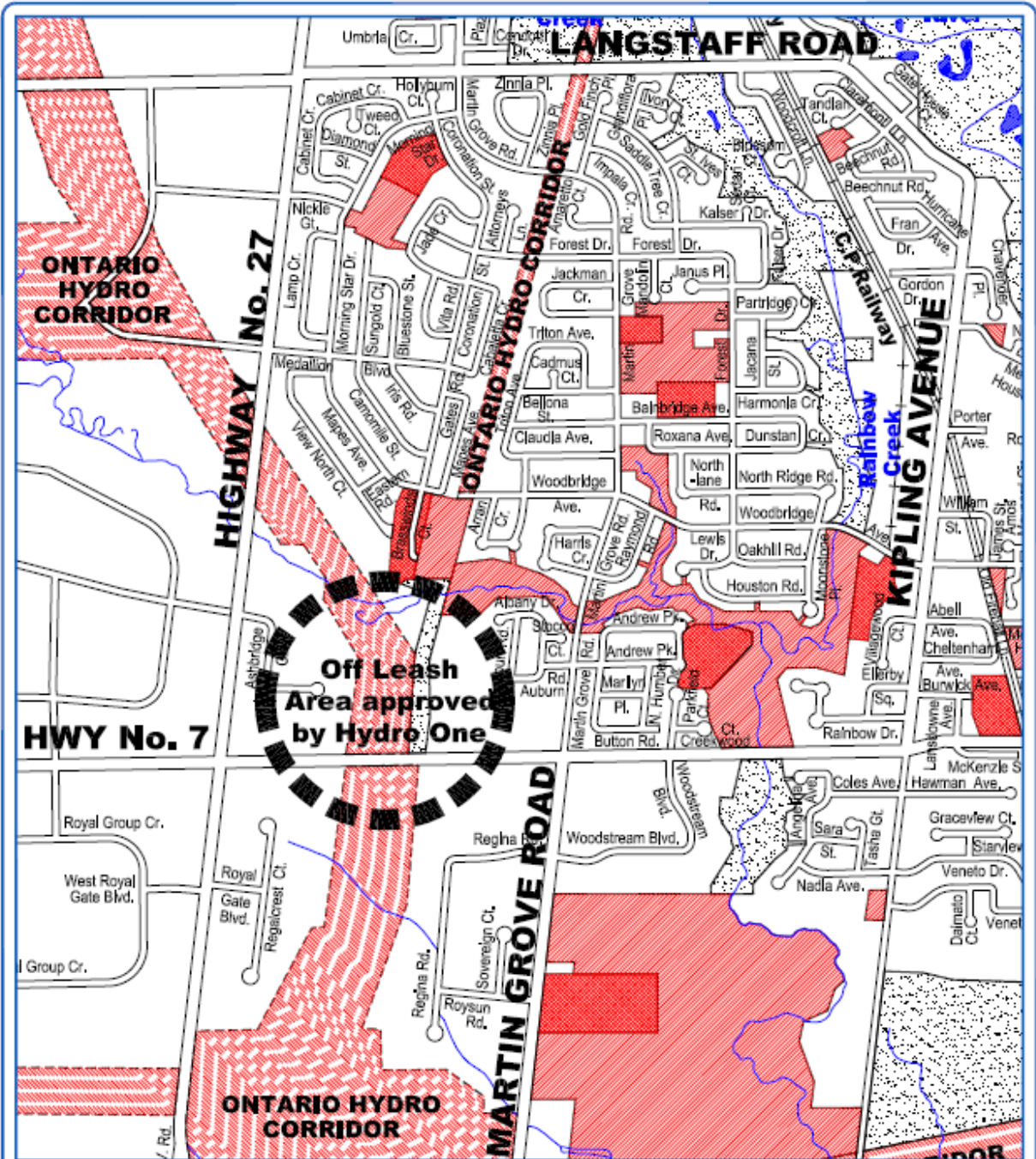
- A. Hydro Approved Site – Leash Free Dog Park, Ward 2
- B. Drawing L-1 – Proposed Site Plan
- C. Hydro One correspondence

#### **Report prepared by:**

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Respectfully submitted,

Marlon Kallideen  
Commissioner of Community Services



**Dog Leash Free Area  
Ward 2 Option**



DRAWN: S.S. APPROVED: P.G.  
SCALE: N.A. DATE: 10/31/06

**ATTACHMENT "A"**


Parks Development Division  
— DEPARTMENT OF PARKS —


**L-1**

# Attachment 'B'




DATE	DESCRIPTION	BY	CHKD
11/11/2020	ISSUED FOR PERMITTING	MM	MM
11/11/2020	REVISED	MM	MM
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**Parks & Recreation**  
 Development Division

**PROJECT NO.** 2019-01-0000  
**DATE** 11/11/2020  
**PROJECT NAME** OFF-LEASH DOG PARK  
 Hwy 7 & Hydro  
 Transfashion Corridor  
**SCALE** 1/8" = 1'-0"  
**DATE** 11/11/2020  
**BY** [Signature]  
**CHKD** [Signature]

**PROJECT NAME** OFF-LEASH DOG PARK  
**OPTION** NORTH OPTION  
**PLAN** LAYOUT PLAN


**CITY OF PORTLAND**

DOG PARK.

**Hydro One Networks Inc.**  
**Facilities & Real Estate**  
 P.O. Box 4300  
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 Markham, ON L6G 1B7  
 October 2, 2006

Parks Development  
 The City of Vaughan,  
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Attention: Stephanie Snow  
 Landscape Architect, Parks Development

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 Vaughan

Dear Stephanie Snow:

Re: Proposed Recreational Licence for an Off-Leash Dog Park  
North side of Highway #7 between Highway #27 and Martin Grove Road

We have completed our preliminary technical review of your drawing L1 dated July 10, 2006 for the proposed off-leash dog park. Your proposal has received preliminary approval subject to the following terms and conditions. Please note that final approval of your proposal rests with Ontario Realty Corporation as the Province owns these transmission corridor lands.

1. All work must comply with the safety and clearance regulations as stated in the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSa). The Hydro One overhead conductors are operating at 500kV and a minimum working distance of 6.1m (20.0ft) from the conductors must be maintained at all times.
2. It should be noted that due to factors such as changing load, temperature, and wind speed, the conductors can lower/raise significantly over short periods. It is the applicant's responsibility to monitor/manage these changes and adjust work methods accordingly in order to adhere to the OHSa.
3. Should illumination form part of the proposal, detailed drawings showing the location and maximum height including footing, rise in arm, and fixture must be submitted for approval. Hydro One discourages the placement of lighting poles under its circuits. A suitable location would be at the edge of the corridor and/or at the midway point between towerlines.
4. Any further changes in grade, height, or location of the proposed facilities must be resubmitted for approval.
5. Stockpiling of construction material or parking of equipment within the limits of the right-of-way is not permitted without prior approval of Hydro One.
6. The existing gate to the HONI work yard (pole yard) is between the proposed parking area and Highway #7. It must either be relocated or reconstructed at a suitable location north of the parking area access at the proponent's expense.
7. Gates having a minimum width of .6m must be provided to the fenced area in order to provide access to the HONI facilities (spacer-dampers).

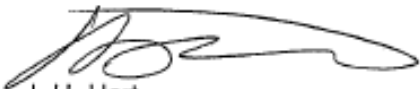
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8. In order to prevent inadvertent vehicular contact with the HONI tower, bollards or a guard rail arrangement must be installed along the north face of the east tower.

The park will be documented using ORC's standard Recreational Licence. The licence will be for 5 years and the City will be responsible for 50% of the applicable property taxes.

If you are in agreement with the above please advise and I will complete the licence agreement for your signature. I will then forward the signed licence agreement to ORC for their approval and signature. Once the licence is completed you may arrange for a pre-construction site meeting with our Agent/Land Technician, Murray Clark, at 416-399-6458.

Yours truly,



L.H. Hart  
Senior Real Estate Coordinator  
Hydro One Networks Inc.  
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Encl.