

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – JUNE 16, 2008

CONFIRMATION OF THE OFF LEASH WORKING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services, and the Director of Parks Development recommends:

- 1) That Council confirm the following representatives of the Off Leash Working Committee:
 - Councillor Tony Carella – Chair
 - Councillor Bernie DiVona
 - Councillor Peter Meffe
 - Susan Tam
 - Greg Preston
 - Nancy Van Kessel
 - John McCormack
 - Mario Cugliari
 - Sylvie Morin
 - Nancy Cabecas
 - Fram Blumfald

- 2) That recruitment for further appointments to the Off Leash Working Committee be undertaken by the Committee through referrals.

Economic Impact

Not Applicable.

Communications Plan

Not Applicable.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to have Council confirm the representatives of the Off Leash Working Committee.

Background - Analysis and Options

Council, at its January 29, 2007 meeting (Report No. 1, Item 10) approved:

- That staff establish an Off Leash Area Working Committee that will provide assistance in the development of an off leash area; and,
- That the Off Leash Area Working Committee be comprised of City of Vaughan residents as outlined below.

Based on the Council approval of January 29, 2007, the composition of the Committee was established as follows:

- City of Vaughan Council representatives (2)
- Members representing established dog owners groups (3)
- Community Representatives (5 total – 1 from each Ward). Individuals having expertise or background in the area of off leash area design/development, dog training/handling, animal health, or marketing/fundraising
- City of Vaughan staff (2) – One Parks / One By-Law

Subsequently, Council, at its May 12, 2008 meeting (Report No. 24, Item 14) approved:

- That Councillor Meffe be appointed as a member of the Off Leash Working Committee.

The proposed Off Leash Working Committee members are indicated in Attachment 'A'.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

In consideration of the strategic priorities related to Vaughan Vision 2020, the project will provide:

- STRATEGIC GOAL:
Service Excellence - Providing service excellence to citizens.
- STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:
Pursue Excellence in Service Delivery; and Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, Health and Wellness.

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

Regional Implications

Not applicable.

Conclusion

That Council confirm the representatives of the Off Leash Working Committee.

Attachments

Attachment 'A' Off Leash Working Committee Member List

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Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner of Community Services

ATTACHMENT A

Off Leash Area Working Committee As of: June 3rd 2008

Position	Ward	Name	Address	Contact Number
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City of Vaughan Council Representatives:

Council Rep. #1	Ward 2	Councillor- Chair	Tony Carella	Ext. 8386
Council Rep. #2	Ward 3	Councillor	Bernie DiVona	Ext. 8339
Council Rep. #3	Ward 1	Councillor	Peter Meffe	Ext. 8344

Vaughan Dog Owners Group:

Member #1	Ward 3-	Vice Chair	Susan Tam	1 Lucerne Drive, L4H 2Y4	905-653-7227
Member #2	Ward 1		Greg Preston	353 Waterside Cres L6A 1V4	905-832-8260
Member #3	Ward 1		Nancy Van Kessel	18 Ferdinand Ave, L6A 2Z3	905 417-9057

Community Representatives:

Ward 1	John McCormack	58 Sterling Cres, L6A 1A2	905-303-1001
Ward 2	Mario Cugliari	9600 Islington Ave, L4H 2T1	905-893-0121
Ward 3	Sylvie Morin	69 Saint-Damian Ave L4H 2L5	905-653-4520
Ward 4	Nancy Cabecas	102 Sassfrass Circle, L4J 8M9	905-882-7585
Ward 5	Fran Blumfald	7 Parkway Avenue, L4J 1 Y2	905-731.3014