

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – NOVEMBER 3, 2008

OFF LEASH WORKING COMMITTEE – MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Recommendation

Councillor Tony Carella, on behalf of the Off Leash Working Committee recommends that:

- 1) Council receive this report for information purposes only.

Economic Impact

Not Applicable

Communications Plan

Not Applicable

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of changes to the membership of the Off Leash Working Committee for the 2007 – 2010 term.

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 (1) Parks / One (1) 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 Off Leash Working Committee, at its October 30, 2008 meeting declared the Ward 4 Representative position vacant. The Ward 4 representative has not attended the last 3 Off Leash Working Committee meetings.

Also, at its October 30, 2008 meeting, the Off Leash Working Committee filled the Ward 4 Representative position; Mr. Robert Apenis. Mr. Apenis was welcomed as the new Ward 4 Representative.

The current Off Leash Working Committee members for the 2007 – 2010 term 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 receive this report for information purposes only respecting changes to the membership of the Off Leash Working Committee for the 2007 – 2010 term.

Attachments

Attachment 'A' Off Leash Working Committee Member List (Oct. 30, 2008)

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Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, Off Leash Working Committee

ATTACHMENT A

Off Leash Area Working Committee As of October 31st 2008

Position	Ward	Name
City of Vaughan Council Representatives:		
Council Rep. #1	Ward 2 Councillor- Chair	Tony Carella
Council Rep. #2	Ward 3 Councillor	Bernie DiVona
Council Rep. #3	Ward 1 Councillor	Peter Meffe
Vaughan Dog Owners Group:		
Member #1	Ward 3- Vice Chair	Vacant
Member #2	Ward 1	Vacant
Member #3	Ward 1	Nancy Van Kessel
Community Representatives:		
	Ward 1	Vacant
	Ward 2	Mario Cugliari
	Ward 3	Sylvie Morin
	Ward 4	Robert Apenis
	Ward 5	Vacant