

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – FEBRUARY 10, 2009**

### **OFF LEASH AREA WORKING COMMITTEE – MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**

#### **Recommendation**

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

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

#### **Economic Impact**

Not Applicable

#### **Communications Plan**

Upon Council approval of the recommendation, Corporate Communication, on behalf of the Off Leash Area Working Committee will issue a media release to inform residents of Vaughan that an Off Leash Area Park will open later this year.

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of changes to the membership of the Off Leash Area 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 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 Area Working Committee

Also, at its January 22, 2009 meeting, the Off Leash Area Working Committee filled the Ward 1 Representative position which has been vacant since June 2008. Mr. David Brand was welcomed as the new Ward 1 Representative. The Committee will continue to actively fill vacant positions through referrals. Also at the meeting Councillor Tony Carella was reconfirmed as Chair and Nancy Van Kessel was proclaimed Vice Chair for 2009.

The current Off Leash Area Working Committee members for the 2007 – 2010 term are indicated in Attachment 'A'.

### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan**

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 receives this report for information purposes only respecting changes to the membership of the Off Leash Area Working Committee for the 2007 – 2010 term.

### **Attachments**

Attachment 'A' Off Leash Area Working Committee Member List (January 22, 2009)

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Respectfully submitted,

**Tony Carella, Councillor Ward 2**  
Chair, Off Leash Area Working Committee

# ATTACHMENT A

**Off Leash Area Working Committee** As of: January 22, 2009

Position	Ward	Name
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### 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	Nancy Van Kessel
Member #2		Vacant
Member #3		Vacant

### Community Representatives

Ward 1	David Brand
Ward 2	Mario Cugliari
Ward 3	Sylvie Morin
Ward 4	Robert Apenis
Ward 5	Vacant