

## Leash Free Mississauga Minutes Wednesday March 3, 2015

(Approved June 3, 2015)

### In attendance:

Hazel McColl, Dave Carty, Carol Carty, Debra Buckler, Barbara Hanson, Leslie Jamieson, Gayle Laws, Al Barnett, Karen Forrest, Denise McLean, Carol Watson, Carol Mitchell, Marc LeBlanc, Thomas Boch, Joan-Marie Sage, Anne McGivern, Kira Wilkinson

### Regrets:

Jack Clarke, Michael Wood

### Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve: Leslie Jamieson

Seconded: Dave Carty

Approved: unanimous

Meeting was chaired by Barbara Hanson

### Reports:

#### City:

- Hazel is looking into the cost and feasibility of using repurposed bus shelters as shelters in the parks. They are currently made with tempered glass and the cost to replace with plexiglass would be \$1850 plus \$500 for installation. There will be a cost from the city to pour concrete pads. Oakville uses tempered glass. There will be sponsorship possibilities available with the shelters as well. LFM will discuss and report back to Hazel. The item was referred to one of the working groups.
- Parks Planning: The city is currently considering 2 new parks for City Centre. Bud Cleary or Zonton Meadows. There may be a temporary area set up for the next 5 years with the plan being for Zonton Meadows to become the permanent leash-free area once a parcel of land becomes available. Fencing and costing still to be discussed and no digging till at least May.
- Dog Walking Permit: Passed at council very smoothly. Hazel thanked Barb and Karen for speaking. It is now with the legal department while they rewrite the bi-laws. The city is working with Animal Services and there will be an online registration for the dog walking permit in place by May. Walkers will have to register to walk 4 dogs or more to a max of 8.
- Grass cutting is currently out for tender. Hazel inquired if the current schedule still met all park needs. Once a month at each park at the end of the month, except for Toto, they are cut twice a month. The cost of Jack Darlings grass cutting will be paid for by the park this year.

#### Zone Reports:

- Etobicoke Valley~ no rep
- Garnetwood~ no report
- Jack Darling~ Lights are on! There is an Easter Party planned for Good Friday.
- Parkway~ Things are going smoothly
- Lakeside~ no report
- Q Park~ no report

- Toto~ LFM's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary is here and Toto will be holding a celebration. Please send any ideas or suggestions to Carol Carty. All is quiet at the park

#### Financials:

- The calendars have almost hit the \$10,000 mark. 60 calendars remain unsold.
- Membership list: Deb has officially turned over the list to Gayle and Marc. Any reps that have emails they wish sent to their park members please do so through them.

#### New Business:

- A new member, Thomas Boch has approached LFM requesting consideration of a new Leash Free area in the Mississauga Valley park area. There is a baseball diamond that is currently unused he feels may be a possible area. Thomas will work with the city through their process and report back.
- There were two changes to the Jan 7<sup>th</sup> minutes to be made.
  - Should be noted meeting was chaired by Barbara
  - After motions instead of 'carried' it should read 'unanimous'  
Motion to approve: Debra Buckler  
Seconded: Carol Mitchell  
Approved: unanimous
  - On the summary draft we need to add Carol Mitchells name  
Motion to approve: Dave Carty  
Seconded: Karen Forrest  
Approved: unanimous

#### Goals and Work Plans:

- Barbara's suggested priority is Item # 6 Develop Effective Policies
  - 1) Discipline Process
  - 2) Code of Conduct re: children in the parks
- The goal is to have it ready for AGM to have members approve it
- Items # 2 and # 5 should be combined
- Toto: LFM 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event
  - Should it be at Toto only or have an event at all parks on the same day
  - Date: Sat June 20<sup>th</sup> or Sun Sep 20<sup>th</sup> were suggested as possible dates
  - June 20<sup>th</sup> could be the date and the new signs could be unveiled that day as well
  - Hazel suggested communication through email might be more effective
  - Looking for a title for the event
    - Membership Appreciation event was suggested
- 2) Build Community --- Fundraising
  - Discussion as to whether we do calendars and how to manage
  - Kira and Denise both posed questions regarding communication with our members and the privacy issues were explained and the process is that any communications from park reps to park members will go through Gayle and Marc
  - Gayle has offered to be point person for this group
    - Motion made to continue with calendar sales

Leash Free Mississauga will do a 2016 calendar to be ready for sale by September 15<sup>th</sup> 2015. Marc, Dave and Denise will coordinate, with Dave offering to be point.

- Motion to approve: Marc LeBlanc
- Seconded: Al Barnett

- Approved: Unanimous

Please see summary distributed by Barbara on Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> for details on the rest of the Goals and Work Plans. I am only including in the minutes sections where motions were made!

- Motion to adjourn at 9:09 pm: Debra Buckler
- Seconded: Al Barnett
- Approved: Unanimous

Action items for next month:

- Work on finding a rep for Etobicoke Valley
- Michael Wood's sporadic attendance