

Leash Free Mississauga Board Meeting - Minutes

7-9 PM, February 6, 2013 –(Approved April 3, 2013) Mississauga Valley Community Centre, Program Room 2

Attendance:

Debra Buckler - Treasurer	Barbara Hanson - Secretary, PPC, Rep JD.
Richard Bramwell - Rep Totoredaca	Jim Harper - Director
Dave Carty - Member Totoredaca	Hazel McColl, City Liaison
Andrea Casale - Past President	Shane McNeil - Rep Garnetwood
Michael Franklin - Member Lakeside	Gary Molson, - Rep. Parkway Belt
Hazel McColl - City Liaison	Patricia Pierpoint, Pres. Rep. Lakeside,. Meeting Chair
Du Rose - Manager Animal Services	Michael Wood, Director
Andy Wickens - Manager Parks & Forestry	Lynne Hind - Rep. Etobicoke Valley
Regrets: Nancy Gorelle	

Motion to Approve agenda with additions of 1. Calendar, and 2. Planning 2013 (moved by Patricia, seconded by Lynne)

Carried

Motion to approve Minutes of January 9, 2013 (moved by Shane seconded by Jim)

Carried

Reports

City of Mississauga

Investigating licensing dog walkers and limits on numbers of dogs in City Parks and/or leash-free zones. They have looked at examples in Toronto and BC.

Andy Wickens - Discussed City's relationship with LFM as an affiliated group that runs itself, and makes policies. City will intervene if there are safety issues. Hazel assists LFM.

Hazel McColl - Looking at modifying timing and quality of grass cutting. Will consult with LFM on details.

Financial

Debra brought up that up the only unusual thing that happened in January was I recorded \$183 in donation from Apex Tools and \$183 in expenses non-cash transaction into the books for Toto. In response to a question regarding a donation item, Debra advised that the Vice President has received a donation.

Lynne suggested the treasurer add “notes” for items that needed explanation.

Lynne noted that LFM’s accounting procedures provide for funds being reserved for the use of a single park.

Patricia noted that the funds have not been previously reported nor deposited to the LFM bank account.

Motion to accept statement (Moved by Lynne, seconded by Shane)
Carried

Membership included with financial Report

Zones

Etobicoke Valley - complaint from member about cold
- issue about salt/sand mix in parking lot

Garnetwood - high use at night
- will replace bag holders broken by cold
- Shane, Patricia and Hazel met in zone with 3 councillors to discuss dog walker licensing - question of making Miss. license required for all dogs walked in Mississauga
- Andy W. Suggested LFM prepare a proposal for park standards and maintenance esp. lighting and safety issues

Motion (Moved by Shane, seconded by Debra) That we strike a committee to develop a proposal for the management of Leash Free Zones that defines the relationship between LFM and the City.
Carried

Jack Darling - Rotted Branch felled by City
Severely ill elderly dog dumped in Zone in Fall

Lakeside - cold and windy - need to adjust gates

Parkway Belt - attendance reduced by wind and cold
- facebook page for zone developed

Quenippenon Meadows - Michael Wood reported problems with litter and poop
- difficulties during the construction

Tottoredaca - wood chips issue - resolved at meeting in Zone by vote that chips
will be spread at the discretion of the Zone Rep
- dog killed by eating discarded plastic bottles
- Easter event in the planning stages
- suggest looking into regulations regarding smoking in zones

Other Business

Policy Procedures and Constitution - Code of Conduct

The following items were approved in principle for inclusion in our Policies and Guidelines:

Code of Conduct

City Policy #05-01-10 - “Responding to Incidents in City Facilities” states on page 9 that:

“user groups and organizations are expected to take their own appropriate steps to address conduct by individuals or teams in accordance with the organization’s own by-laws, regulations, and Community Service Codes of Conduct”.

In keeping with this policy, the Leash-Free Mississauga Code of Conduct shall be as follows:

All Zone users SHALL:

act to promote the safety and peaceful enjoyment of the Zone

at all times watch and control every dog they bring into the Zone and carry a collar/harness and leash for each dog they bring to the park

close all gates behind them immediately and ensure that no gate is left open

pick up and dispose of their and their dog’s litter in the garbage or recycling bins in the Zone including but not limited to poop, barf, clumps of animal hair, cups, cigarette butts, and

packaging.

treat each other with respect and not do anything to interfere with the peaceful enjoyment of the Zone

bring their own bags to the Zone for poop/waste pick up

take immediate action to prevent injury, bullying, or threatening by every dog they bring with them

All Zone Users SHALL NOT:

give any food, drink, or toys to any dog without permission of the dog's owner

engage any dog in any activity without permission of the dog's owner

Motion to extend meeting (Moved by Patricia)

In Favour: 3

Opposed: 4

Failed

Motion to Adjourn

Carried

Meeting adjourned 9:17pm

Date and Time of Next Meeting

March 6, 2013 7 - 9 pm Mississauga Valley Community Centre, Program Room 2

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These minutes were approved by the Board April 3, 2013