

MEETING MINUTES



Wednesday January 9, 2019 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Mississauga Valley Community Centre Program Room 2

Board Attendance	Board Member Regrets	Board Member No Regrets or Vacancy	Guests
Gayle Laws- President/Acting Secretary Kevin Pullis- VP Hugo Reinoso- Webmaster Angela Puliyodil—Board Director Carolyn Taylor- Fundraising and Events Mary Smith – Garnetwood Carol Mitchell- Parkway Belt Mairi Lindsey— Toto Jill Sellar – Q Park Steve Dombey- JD Small Dog Lead	Alex Izzo- EV/ Membership Jeff Meiusi-JD Ellen Lockley- Lakeside Dave Carty- Past President	Jessica Baker Treasurer	Jamie Ferguson- City Liaison Jessica Lajoie

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00. Introductions were made and we welcomed a guest from Toto, Jessica Lajoie.
2. December 5, 2018 meeting minutes were reviewed.

Moved by Jill and seconded by Carol, that the minutes be approved and posted on the LFM website. Carried

3. Report from City of Mississauga—Jamie Ferguson
 - a) Sheds will be installed shortly as long as ground does not freeze. Need to anchor sheds to the ground so they won't blow away.
 - b) Poop recycling containers were emptied at Lakeside. Park reps should contact with Jamie when they are full. The company is coming up with a schedule as to when to empty. It is a pilot project at 7 sites and hope to install more over time. Mairi noted that the location at Toto is not ideal. Jill says Q Park's location is fine. Need signs that bags can go in the

containers but no garbage. JD is ideal due to size but there are complications for installation.

- c) Garbage cans were reinstalled at Lakeside and Parkway Belt. The city will monitor to ensure no household garbage is disposed of.
- d) Jamie sent out email to all dog walkers requesting them to renew their permit which is \$262 per year, and \$50 for additional permit. In 2018 there were 11 primary permits and 11 secondary permits. They are required to have the permits available. Enforcement officers have been checking permits.
- e) Jamie is writing a report about children in the parks (restriction and if so at what age?) and recommended number of dogs per permit holder that will be presented to City Council. He will consult with LFM. Gayle has received two feedback about the problem of strollers which are not safe for both the dogs and the children in the strollers.

ACTION: LFM will devote time at the February meeting to discuss both issues and board members are encouraged to discuss both issues with park users and bring those comments back.

- f) Monthly inspection reports to be conducted by Park Reps and Board Directors. A draft template was distributed and reviewed. Continue to call 311 even though items are listed on the template. Feedback was provided to Jamie. Jamie will provide a revised version. Each park rep will complete it the first week of the month and provide to Jamie at each Board meeting and/or we will store and distribute electronically.

ACTION: Hugo will look into options on how to collect and save the completed forms, then provide to Jamie.

- g) Toto container. Jamie to follow up on the \$750 that the city committed to reimburse for the container which was removed from Toto.
- h) Jamie will look into having a box at each park with eco-traction material that park users can put down on ice to prevent falls. City staff will still be responsible for clearing snow and spreading eco-traction.

4. Park Representative Updates :

- Etobicoke Valley: Alex. A dog was attacked and suffered serious injuries. The owner of the injured dog reported the incident to Animal Services. Efforts were made via FB to find the owner of the dog who made the attack.
- Garnetwood: Mary All is good except the mud. Has called 311 for eco-traction. Wood chips have arrived.
- Jack Darling: Jeff All is good at JD.
- JD Small Dog Park Lead: Steve The display board needs to be moved. Jamie will provide a cost to move.

- Lakeside: Ellen All is good now that poop recycling container has been emptied and the garbage can reinstalled.
- Parkway Belt: Carol A dog was bitten and incurred a \$800 vet bill. The owner of the instigator would not contribute to this cost. In another incident, a young boy was screaming because he was scared of dogs which caused a disturbance. A sign was purchased to advise park users to pick up poop. If it is successful, other parks will get one. Jamie will look into it, as maybe the city may purchase and install. It is fairly small: 8 by 12 inches. The garbage bin was installed and thanks to Jamie for arranging this. The area outside the park needs to be salted regularly due to a stream that runs into the path then freezes. The long term solution is to raise the path. The park needs night lighting: a number of people go at night and it would be good if the light at Eglinton could be directed into the park, as this would assist with dealing with coyotes in the area.
ACTION: Jamie will investigate this lighting option since it was done at Lakeside.
- Quenippenon: Jill Lights have not worked at the park for several weeks and a ticket was logged at 311—the parking lot and in the park. The fence was fixed that faced Erin Mills. Lots of mud at the entrance and more wood chips are required. Jill has put up notice requesting a new park rep. She put up a sign to encourage rescue adoptions. She will email it out to the board to put up on display boards.
- Totoredaca: Mairi. Everything is ok but there is mud. There are a lot of holes that need to be filled in. Volunteers may be arranged to do this. Lighting is an issue and a protocol is required to have the lights replaced because the lights are not standard. Jamie will look into this and get back to Kim.

Board reports:

1. President. Minutes for 2017 and 2018 will be posted on the website; the paper membership forms still need to be entered. Gayle will send the letter to city councillors shortly.
2. Finance—no report. LFM has a reserve fund and enhancements need to be identified to spend the money while allowing funds for operating expenses.
3. Membership contest—The idea of having a fun membership contest between the parks with the challenge to sign up a minimum of 25 members was discussed. This would double the membership and raise awareness. If this is done, it should be in the Spring not Winter. However, this membership drive brings up the issue of why LFM charges a membership fee since LFM no longer pays for services such as grass cutting and new fencing. We need to look at and focus on our dogs having a safe place. What is the value of being a member? We could look into getting a group insurance policy for members for whose dogs are injured in the parks. We need to think about ideas of how to provide value to members. Alternatively we may wish to drop the membership fee to attract members, and rely on other forms of fundraising such as donations, events (ie Santa photos) or targeted fundraising for specific enhancements (lighting, water, trees, agility equipment)

4. Fundraising and Events. Carolyn presented the FlipGlve proposal where LFM can register and park users can use the app to raise funds when they are purchasing items on line.

ACTION: That Carolyn will set up an account for LFM. A communications plan needs to be implemented to spread the word on how park users can direct merchant contributions to LFM.

Kim advised that the City of Brampton has a blue paw program when getting the dog license and will report back as to how this works.

5. Website – Hugo—lots of bugs need to be fixed. We may need to go back to developer to get the bugs cleaned.

NEW BUSINESS:

6. Other business—
 - a) Dog wash station. Steve found the concept on FB and this was shared to the board for discussion. The idea is intriguing; could possibly be used to raise funds for LFM. LFM would have to pay for the water and electricity.
 - b) Draft work plan for consideration—deferred to February meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday February 6, 2019 at 7 pm.

Minutes taken by Gayle Laws