

MEETING MINUTES



Wednesday June 5, 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 Carolyn Taylor- Fundraising and Events Mary Smith – Garnetwood Carol Mitchell - Parkway Belt Jill Sellar- Q Park Stephen Vaz and Donna Francis-Toto Angela Puliyodil—Board Director Steve Dombey- JD Small dog lead Dave Carty Past President	Ellen Lockley-Lakeside Jeff Meiusi- JD	Secretary Treasurer EV Park Rep Director Membership	Jamie Ferguson Animal Services; Linda Dent Parathon Mohanarosan Lara Kesselring Rose Shao Robert Newman Jessica D’Croix Virginia Bradburne Michele Nykoluk Alora Nykduk Snethal Pradya Kirstina Bernardino

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00. Introductions were made. May 1, 2019 meeting minutes were reviewed.

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

2. Board Membership

Moved by Carol and seconded by Kevin, that Rose Shoa be appointed Treasurer for a three year term. Carried

Moved by Jill and seconded by Kevin, that Robert Newman be appointed Q-Park rep for a three year term. Carried

Confirmed from vote conducted by email that Stephen Vaz and Donna Francis be appointed Toto co-reps for a three year term.

Jill will provide the LFM Orientation manual to Robert and brief him about being a park rep and Angela will do the same for Stephen and Donna. The Board thanks Jill for her hours of contribution to LFM as the Q Park rep and volunteer.

Current vacancies are: EV park rep, Secretary, Membership and Communications,- total of 3 board positions..

3. Presentation from the City of Mississauga Animal Services:

Animal Services was invited to attend to discuss concerns about coyotes in Mississauga and how to protect our dogs both in the leash-free parks and surrounding areas, as well as in our neighbourhood.

A thoughtful informative presentation was provided. Normally coyotes do not approach people however, they give birth in the spring and are highly protective of their offspring. Dogs should remain on leash at all times except in leash-free zones, and the leash should be no more than 6 feet (ie kept at dog walker side) to reduce vulnerability.

It is against the law to feed any wildlife, especially coyotes.

4. Report from City of Mississauga—Jamie Ferguson—

- a) Sheds in the shape of dog houses are built and will be delivered to each park, with a padlock. Park reps will be given the combination to the padlock and LFM can store gardening equipment in the shed. The LFM signage is not sticking and the city is looking for an alternative. The city will remove the existing old shed at Q Park and will try to save the murals. Garnetwood wants the shed moved to a different location in the park.
- b) Benches were donated by GO Transit and are being refurbished. A delay for installation has occurred due to the rain. They should be installed during the summer.
- c) Lighting at Q Park— these are now functioning
- d) Sutra poop recycling containers. The one at Toto has been overflowing and due to high demand, there are plans to install a second one. JD has 3 locations in the park; it is the City's intention to install Sutra containers at all leash free parks. LFM has promoted the Sutra containers on its Facebook pages.
- e) Offer by a private company to install poop bag dispensers and bags for free. The city needs to know who will sponsor this equipment. The contact information has been provided to Jamie and he will contact the vendor.

Leash-free zone—City Policy for establishing new leash-free parks:

Jamie distributed a pre-screening check list for any ideas for new leash-free parks. In summary, new parks will be considered if

- a) The land is within city own parkland
- b) The park is being developed or redeveloped
- c) The park is not close to other recreational activities such as children's play sites, sports facilities, designated heritage or memorial sites, woodlands, etc

Gayle noted that under these conditions, 5 of the 7 current leash-free parks would not be approved. She observed that it is apparent that the city is not committed to establishing additional leash-free parks to meet the growing dog population. LFM's contact with city councillors has been less than supportive, yet the city says it wants the dogs not to be let loose in fields and school yards. The majority of dog owners have to drive to a park, and this is a limitation for people who do not have cars. While LFM and the park users are very appreciative of the 7 leash-free parks, it is gravely disappointed that plans are not underway for new parks, as identified in the staff submission to City Council in June 2017. LFM vision is for dog owners being able to walk to leash free areas in their neighbourhoods. LFM will set up community support for these parks should the city establish them.

Jamie confirmed that the identified area on 9th Line is being put back on the list as a possible site and the identified site in Malton (Paul Caffey Park) is in the process of being developed. The request for a leash-free park for Clayhill park would go to Park Planning Department.

5. Park Representative Updates :

- Etobicoke Valley: No report as there is no park rep
- Garnetwood: Mary -- nothing to report
- Jack Darling: Jeff -- not in attendance
- JD Small Dog Park Lead: Steve—can the Small Dog park have a shed?
- Lakeside: Ellen – not in attendance
- Parkway Belt: Carol --
- Quenippenon: Jill/Robert- This park needs new fencing along the west side. Dogs are routinely escaping due to holes in the fence. It is under review to have the city standard fencing (5 ft chain link) installed.
- Totoredaca: Angela—Sutra has been plugged. 311 is called. Need more garbage bins. Jamie will follow up.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday September 4,, 2019 at 7 pm.

Minutes taken by Gayle Laws