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MEETING MINUTES



Wednesday February 2nd, 2022

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

7:00 PM to 9:00 pm

Board Attendance	Board Member Regrets	Board Member No Regrets/Vacancy	Guests
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kevin Pullis – Vice President & Meeting Chair - Rose Shao – Treasurer - Bruce Hunter – Secretary - Alice Liu – Fundraising and Events - Veronica Cheng – Social Media - Margaret Hempstead – Garnetwood - Sue Walsh – Jack Darling - Ellen Lockley – Lakeside - Carol Mitchell – Parkway Belt - Bob Dowling – Totoredaca 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Angela Puliyodil – President - Hugo Reinoso – IT & Webmaster - Sarah Craig – Quenippenon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vacant – Membership and Communications Director - Vacant – Etobicoke Valley - Vacant – Paul Coffey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jamie Ferguson, M. Sc., Manager, Park Services Park Operations, Parks, Forestry, and Environment Division - City of Mississauga - Jenna Prokop, Representative, Park Services Park Operations, Parks, Forestry, and Environment Division - City of Mississauga - Rod Sandoval - Maria Glass - Catherine Williams

❖ Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:09 PM and seconded.

❖ Introductions

Welcome to Rod Sandoval, candidate for Membership and Communications Directors, Maria Glass and Catherine Williams, candidates for Etobicoke Valley Park Rep, and Jenna Prokop, City of Mississauga

❖ Apologies and Regrets: Angela Puliyodil – President, Hugo Reinoso - IT & Webmaster, Sarah Craig - Quenippenon

❖ Quorum

There being 8 of 12 or 66% directors present, more than minimum 2/5th or 40% directors in attendance, a quorum was declared at 7:13pm.

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❖ Agenda

Moved and seconded at 7:13pm that the agenda be approved.

❖ Minutes from January 5th 2022, Board Meeting

Moved and seconded at 7:14pm that the minutes be approved.

❖ City of Mississauga – Jamie Ferguson and Jenna Prokop:

- Welcome to Jenna Prokop
 - moved from Recreation to Parks, Forestry and Environment
 - will be our main point of contact going forward
 - very familiar with Community Group Registry Program and some of the project grants that are available
 - Category Reviewer for Community Group Registry Program, will review our renewal recently submitted, will make recommendations to Jamie for final approval
 - Jamie will continue involvement supporting Jenna
- Feedback from park users about ecoTraction
 - City started using ecoTraction, notified us in December, easier to use, sand was freezing, used leading up to gates
 - Garnetwood has used, love it, better on dog's feet, no complaints, better than sand, 2 big bags at each gate, combined with remaining sand, easier to spread
 - Lakeside recently delivered, much better than sand
 - Use up sand first
- Lakeside fencing around swampy area has been completed beginning of January, looks great
- Parkway Belt fencing near pool of muddy water will be done after thaw starts and contractors can get in, Jamie and Jenna can meet Carol on site
- Parkway Belt willow tree trimming was completed by Forestry
- Parkway Belt gaps in fence on west side were repaired
- Quenippenon lights and water requests, Realty team and Region of Peel feedback still pending, Jamie will update Jenna to follow up
- Woodchip outstanding requests on hold due to snow until spring when ground dries out a bit
- Community Group Registry Program renewal in progress
 - Mississauga resident ratio a bit short of 80% target, but renewal recommended anyway
 - Current Jan.16/22 ratio number of members Mississauga to non-Mississauga is 798 to 240 total 1,038 members which is 76.9%
 - Member count increased by 69 from Oct.31/21 to Jan.16/22, ratio 63 and 6, percentage increased from 75.9% to 76.9%
 - 80% would be 960 to 240 total 1,200, difference of 162 Mississauga residents
 - Challenge is non-Mississauga residents are always welcome to join, so ratio always changing



- For every 1 non-Mississauga we need 4 Mississauga to maintain ratio
- Parks located on edges of Mississauga, so we always have non-Mississauga residents signing up
- Jamie will recommend approval, knows we are always working on Mississauga recruitment
- Park 459 at Churchill Meadows Community Centre will be constructed this year, hopefully opened in the fall, 5320 Ninth Line, south on Bus Station, should be parking
- Gate audits, checking hinges and latches working properly follow up
 - Staff were out early December to check gates
 - Recent cold weather and thaw affected
 - Jamie asked general maintenance team to research and benchmark other leash-free parks across Canada to see what others use for gates and automatic hinges and latches to see if there is better options, anything a bit more robust, because ours seem to break down pretty quickly, maybe pay a bit more for equipment that will stand up to the use
- Quenippenon gates, gaps too wide follow up, and chicken wire fence
 - This work will be in the spring and summer
 - Originally requested by previous park rep Jill before Covid
 - City approval was obtained for:
 - ◆ Removal of fence down the middle in the first section
 - ◆ Move the gate to the pathway North
- Toto front parking lot construction, no updates yet from Peel Region
 - Toto notice board to back gate once this starts, please
- Paul Coffey, road signs with instructions how to get to leash-free park
 - See eparks.ca, Leash-free zone button, addition requested
 - Whole park will be upgraded phased approach over next 5-10 years, pathways will improve
- Wind shelters, Jenna will take on, to shepherd through, work with park planning and development teams, benchmarking others, not for humans to congregate, maintain visibility to watch dogs, any security risk
- Shed locks
 - Can do refresh of all locks for 2022, new codes would remain same for all parks
 - Garnetwood to be done soonest please with new 4 digit code
- Etobicoke Valley
 - Region of Peel project, update received 2 weeks ago
 - Park to be shut down for 18 months
 - Tree removals in March, 1 week closure, waiting for Forestry permit
 - April, May or June timeline for 18 months shut down
 - Jamie working on communication plan
 - Presentation to be made at next board meeting
 - There will be signage directing to eparks.ca for alternate parks

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- Garnetwood
 - Back inside gate needs repair, falling apart
 - possible to please move shed away from back gate corner where lawnmower comes in, getting hit and knocked around by lawnmowers, in the spring, platform available beside willow tree
 - 2 big muddy pools back by the trees, look at in the spring
- Totoredaca dead trees in back forested area marked for removal, dead branches sometimes falling, call 311 for update from Forestry
- Quenippenon large pile of mulch delivered outside park by big gate
 - Can city please move inside the park, then volunteers can spread
 - Was delivered during rain, too muddy for trucks inside park
 - Can be moved in the spring, on the workplan
- Jack Darling green Sutura both 2 receptacles are full, no more bags can fit
 - Jamie will follow up with sanitation supervisor, get city staff to inspect
- Thank you, Jamie, for all your dedicated help over the years!

❖ Vacancies

- Membership and Communications Director
 - Rod Sandoval, lives in Mississauga and goes to Jack Darling
 - Board voted unanimously in favour for Rod to be Membership and Communications Director
 - Welcome to the board Rod!
- Etobicoke Valley Park Rep
 - Maria Glass, lives in Etobicoke, willing to be park rep assistant
 - Catherine Williams, lives in Etobicoke
 - Board voted unanimously in favour for Catherine to be Etobicoke Valley Park Rep, assisted by Maria
 - Welcome to the board Catherine!
- Paul Coffey – still vacant

❖ Park Rep Updates

- a) Etobicoke Valley: Catherine: next time
- b) Garnetwood: Margaret: will arrange to get LFM business cards to Bob
- c) Jack Darling: Sue:
 - More poop left behind than usual
 - Kevin still has winter hats for Sue
- d) Lakeside: Ellen: no additional updates
- e) Parkway Belt: Carol: no additional updates
- f) Paul Coffey: Vacant
- g) Quenippenon: Sarah: regrets



h) Totoredaca: Bob:

- In good shape
- Gates and latches still need work, tension bars slipping and dragging
- Trees in back that need to come down

❖ Board Updates

- President – Angie: regrets
- Vice President – Kevin:
 - will try to put wanted poster at Paul Coffey over next week or so
 - Winter hats, 16 for Etobicoke Valley, and 30 for Jack Darling still available
- Treasurer – Rose: no update
- Fundraising and Events – Alice:
 - Fundraising and Events committee had first meeting Jan.19/22, minutes pending
 - Fundraising to be planned, pending plan for spending
 - Angie, Bruce, Rose, Margaret, Hugo and Carol volunteers for committee
 - Possible events are dog walkathon, and dog training visits for puppies
- IT and Website – Hugo: regrets
- Social Media – Veronica: no update
- Membership and Communications – Rod: next time

❖ 2022 Planning

- Targets:
 - Strategy:
 - Maintain current membership growth and donation levels
 - Take new parks into our influence
 - Maintain full board membership
 - Membership: grow by 200 members
 - Fundraising: get \$10K donation income, including Purina
 - Board voted unanimously in favour of Strategy, Membership and Fundraising plans
- Still pending:
 - Budget for fundraising goals and park capital and expenses – TBD
 - Technology initiatives plan – TBD
 - Social media initiatives plan – TBD
 - Membership and communications initiatives plan – TBD, possibly 1 newsletter
 - Idea meeting review and prioritization

❖ Membership List – Bruce

- Committee formed to plan improvements to enable easy reporting of members by park
- Angie, Hugo, and Sarah volunteered
- Update next meeting

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- ❖ Board members manual – Bruce
 - Committee formed to update manual for board members
 - Margaret volunteered
 - Update next meeting

Next Meeting is the March Board Meeting on Wednesday March 2nd, 2022, at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.

Minutes taken by Bruce Hunter, Secretary.