

# LEASH-FREE MISSISSAUGA

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## MEETING MINUTES



Wednesday August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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"> <li>- Angela Puliyodil – President</li> <li>- Kevin Pullis – Vice President</li> <li>- Rose Shao – Treasurer</li> <li>- Hugo Reinoso – IT &amp; Webmaster</li> <li>- Bruce Hunter – Secretary</li> <li>- Veronica Cheng – Social Media</li> <li>- Edison Qu – Finance volunteer</li> <li>- Catherine Williams – Etobicoke Valley</li> <li>- Margaret Hempstead – Garnetwood</li> <li>- Sue Walsh – Jack Darling</li> <li>- Carol Mitchell – Parkway Belt</li> <li>- Daniel Scouten – Paul Coffey</li> <li>- Laurie Usypchuk – Quenippenon Meadows</li> <li>- Bob Dowling – Totoredaca</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ellen Lockley – Lakeside</li> <li>- Rodrigo Sandoval – Membership and Communications</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Vacant – Fundraising and Events</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jenna Prokop, Community Development Coordinator, Community Services Department   Park Operations, Parks, Forestry, and Environment Division - City of Mississauga</li> </ul>

- ❖ Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:05pm and seconded.
- ❖ Introductions: not necessary
- ❖ Apologies and Regrets: Ellen Lockley – Lakeside, Rodrigo Sandoval – Membership and Communications
- ❖ Quorum  
There being 11 of 14 or 79% directors present, more than minimum 2/5<sup>th</sup> or 40% directors in attendance, a quorum was declared at 7:06pm.
- ❖ Minutes from June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, Board Meeting  
Moved and seconded at 7:06pm that the minutes be approved.
- ❖ Agenda  
Moved and seconded at 7:06pm that the agenda be approved.

Mississauga Security Services: no show, take off agenda

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City of Mississauga – Jenna Prokop:

- **Etobicoke Valley**
  - Updates about Region of Peel, East Trunk Sanitary Sewer Offline Storage Facility, Project Number 18-2441, planned start late 2022
    - Project tender closed, contract to be awarded and contract executed, notification in mid August for further timeline, notification will be posted at the park and on Peel Region website and in local newspaper, update next meeting
- **Garnetwood**
  - Approval received and work order created to move shed away from back gate corner where lawnmower comes in, getting hit and knocked around by lawnmowers, to platform beside willow tree update, no timeline yet, update next meeting
- **Jack Darling**
  - 311 ticket created high priority to check gate, should be completed Aug.4<sup>th</sup>
  - Rocks are preferred for filling holes dug by the dogs rather than soil, open 311 request for this
  - Can dogs swim off leash, and then be put back on leash when out of the lake, update next meeting
- **Lakeside**
  - Weeds and burrs overgrowing, encroaching on gate areas and on benches
    - City staff did go July 29<sup>th</sup> to trim grass and weeds
    - Volunteers can bring in weedwhackers in conjunction with city permission, with say 1 hour temporary park closure
- **Parkway Belt**
  - Fencing quote approved around pool of muddy water south side, awaiting timeline from contractor, will provide update
  - Parking lot lines desired to be repainted, there are existing concrete parking curbs, so painting lines is not required, checking with traffic department, will update next meeting
  - Pebbles covering mud between inner and outer gates always get washed out onto pathway during rains by water running out of park, possible to use pavers instead
    - Jenna created 311 request, update next meeting
  - Jenna will follow up on faded street signs
- **Paul Coffey**
  - 2 new benches have been installed inside park, thank you!
  - Place 311 request to deal with infestation of thorny weeds, possibly thistles
  - Signage to park will be installed as park development progresses in phase 2, same with shed and bulletin board, Jenna has created 311 requests for these 2 items
  - Water tap is available by gazebo for use by dog park users
  - What is the overall size of park? Any chance leash-free park could be expanded?
  - Will a parking lot be installed off Professional Drive? A lot of the park members are asking about it.

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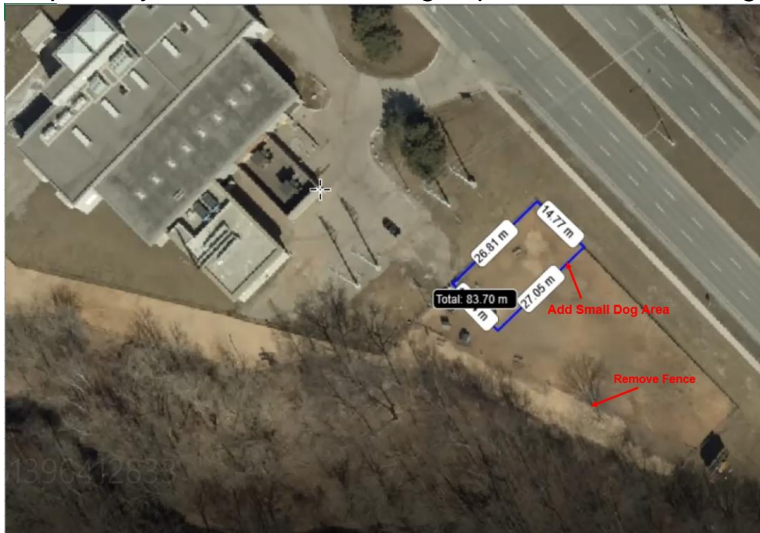
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- For lighting in the park for winter months, there is a hydro pole right beside the park, any chance a light could be installed on this pole?
- For questions on this phased project, please send an email to [paulcoffeypark@mississauga.ca](mailto:paulcoffeypark@mississauga.ca)

### • Quenippenon

- Water source work order created for staff to plan creating water line, create project scope, may move into 2023 budget, park leased from Region, update next meeting



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- Jenna will be meeting with fencing contractor, as no city staff capacity to do fencing
  - Planning and recommendation are to remove chicken wire fence line, and add a Small Dog area
  - One entrance gate into vestibule, then another gate into Small Dog area, and another gate into main park
  - No more separation of North and South sections of park anymore
- Newer benches and tables received, thank you!

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- One newer table is accessible for wheelchairs



- Fence repair outstanding, dogs can escape, Laurie will send picture and map, and Jenna will follow up
- Region fixed the deep ruts in the parking lot, thank you!
- Parking lot has no parking lines, possible to get parking curbs? Jenna will follow up
- Shed has sunk down into ground, unable to open in the winter, needs to be raised up, and needs new hinges, Jenna created 311 request
- **Totoredaca**
  - Planned watermain replacement, Project Number 15-1138, no update yet regarding front parking lot construction from Region of Peel, planned start late 2022, new notice board at back gate on supervisors list to do when project begins, update next meeting
  - Remaining trees in back forested area to be cut down, Jenna put in 311 request, update next meeting
  - Grass was cut, thank you, but trimming was not as good, around gates and fence lines
  - Bob met with security supervisor online
  - Requesting still meeting with supervisors for gates, sanitation and grass cutting
  - North gates in need of repair, service request # 5799515
  - Requested 2 yards of fill to fix holes, service request # 5783319
  - Lebanese festival, still some garbage near rear parking
  - Sheds – other parks and groups are getting walk-in sheds, possible to replace our doghouse sheds with similar or more accessible?
- **Sutera** contract will be ending in the next year, then City will open up a bid for other suppliers, possibly someone new to come in, locations in parks to be determined on a case-by-case basis, depending on access and underground utilities, will keep us posted
  - <https://www.stcatharinesstandard.ca/news/niagara-region/2019/06/09/niagara-falls-off-leash-bark-park-officially-opens.html>

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- <https://www.sutera-inground.com/post/from-poop-to-power-mississauga-creating-natural-energy-from-dog-waste>
  - <https://www.sutera-inground.com/post/the-power-of-poop>
  - Environmentally friendly, proper waste mitigation, ok to put up signage
  - Veronica will create some social media slides
- **Wind / sun shelters**, no update yet, new director of parks just started, keep on agenda
  - **Leash-Free policy**, Jamie, Jenna and other staff are reviewing the Leash-Free policy, once update draft completed, will be reviewed with us before going to City Council later in the year
  - **Virtual Town Hall** organized by Ward 7 Councillor Dipika Damerla on Thursday July 21/22 at 7-8:30pm to see details of the **proposed leash free dog park at Huron Park** and give your feedback
    - No one attended from Leash-Free
    - Bruce and Catherine signed up, but never received invite or link from organizer, did not realize needed to go to Councillor's website to log into meeting, were expecting web invites, our apologies
    - More care needed by LFM to ensure we attend Councillor's meetings to advocate for more Leash-Free Zones
    - Councillor and consensus at meeting did not approve proposal
  - Our responsibility to monitor for these types of town halls or meetings for new parks
- ❖ City Counsellors: Parks:
- [Ward 1](#) Etobicoke Valley
  - [Ward 2](#) Jack Darling, Lakeside
  - [Ward 3](#) Garnetwood
  - [Ward 4](#)
  - [Ward 5](#) Parkway Belt, Paul Coffey
  - [Ward 6](#)
  - [Ward 7](#)
  - [Ward 8](#)
  - [Ward 9](#) Quenippenon, Totoredaca
  - [Ward 10](#) Churchill Meadows (2023)
  - [Ward 11](#)
- ❖ Vacancies
- Fundraising and Events Director
    - Notices posted at all parks and on social media to fill the vacancy
- ❖ Park Rep Updates
- a) Etobicoke Valley: Catherine:
- Park in good shape
  - New volunteers started



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- 311 has been very efficient and responsive
  - Was not able to join July 21<sup>st</sup> Huron Park Ward 7 town hall due to remote vacation
- b) Garnetwood: Margaret:
- Park in good shape
  - Back gate still needs repair, falling apart, will contact 311 and copy Jenna and Angie
  - Mulch has been delivered to cover of 2 big muddy pools back by the trees, but this may not work and be washed away
  - leaving long grass along fence lines inside and outside park and around gates
- c) Jack Darling: Sue:
- Park in good shape
  - Creating 311 ticket to fill holes with rocks
  - Gate issues at entrance near washrooms, not closing properly, expecting repair Aug.4<sup>th</sup>
  - Parking fills up quickly on weekends
  - leaving long grass along fence lines inside and outside park and around gates
- d) Lakeside: Ellen: regrets
- Weed overgrowth issue disussed earlier with Jenna
- e) Parkway Belt: Carol:
- Park in good shape, grass cutting being done on a timely basis, but leaving long grass along fence lines inside and outside park
  - Gate has been fixed
  - Standing by for fencing to be completed, as discussed with Jenna
- f) Paul Coffey: Daniel:
- seeing more attendance and slowly growing membership
  - Users comment on distant parking, remote location and lack of signage
  - needs weeds, holes, concrete chunks taken care of
  - needs shed, bulletin board, shovels, etc.
  - biggest concern is access to park in the winter, and lighting after sundown
  - continuing to create 311 tickets persistently for going issues, escalate to Angie if necessary
  - Water available at gazebo
- g) Quenippenon: Laurie:
- Park is in good shape
  - Spraying by city dramatically improved gypsy moth situation
  - Looking forward to getting chicken wire fence removed and small dog area

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- Poop bags placed strategically around park along fence, much better compliance now
- Sutura poster desired for bulletin board to encourage usage
- Fence repair still needed where dogs can escape
- Shed has sunk down into ground, unable to open in the winter, needs to be raised up, and needs new hinges
- leaving long grass along fence lines inside and outside park

### h) Totoredaca: Bob:

- Park is in good shape
- Gates need repair in front entrance, service request # 5799515
- Requested 2 loads of fill to fix holes, service request # 5783319
- Shed is dog-house style and not accessible to Bob as discussed with Jenna
- Grass cutting being done on a timely basis, but trimming around gates and fence lines would like to see improved, and deal with burrs
- Would like to be notified when city staff visit to meet in person, including forestry, grass-cutting, gates, and security

### ❖ Board Updates

- President – Angie:
  - Grass cutting is fine, but they are leaving long grass along fence lines inside and outside parks and around gates
  - Weed and burr overgrowth around parks including near benches impeding enjoyment, discussed volunteers versus city staff versus third party removal
- Vice President – Kevin:
  - Purina grant received, they would also like to send employee volunteers to do park cleanups, etc.
- Treasurer – Rose: Purina grant deposited
- Financial update – Edison:
  - Presented YTD revenue, and will include YTD expenses next month

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- Fundraising and Events – vacant
  - Discussed Halton Hills Leash Free banner ads fundraising
  - City has sponsorship and advertising we could take advantage of, will contact [sponsorship@mississauga.ca](mailto:sponsorship@mississauga.ca)  
<https://www.mississauga.ca/services-and-programs/business/sponsorship-and-advertising/>



- Membership and Communications – Rodrigo: regrets
  - Reviewed membership analysis and progress towards goal
  - Member list by park was sent out July 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Discussed definition of membership



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- IT and Website – **Hugo**: regrets
  - **Please setup Paul Coffey drop down choice for new sign ups**
- Social Media – Veronica: will create Sutera posters and social media

Next Meeting is the September Board Meeting on Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17pm.

Minutes taken by Bruce Hunter, Secretary.