



Approve meeting minutes – Monday, July 13, 2015, 7:30pm-9:00pm
Sobeys (Carp Road @ Hazeldean)

Meeting started: 7:38pm

1. Approve Agenda

Moved by Debby Jo, Seconded by Jennifer

2. Approve Minutes from June

Moved by Debbie Jo, Seconded by Kimberley

3. Dog Park – Q&A with City Staff 7:30pm-8:15pm

Christine Hartig (bylaw)

- Animal Care & Control Bylaw was approved by City Council in 2003, along with a policy for approval of off-leash dog parks.
- Designates parks based on point score given for size, facilities available, children structures, etc. The higher points score, more restrictive the designation (i.e. high points = no dogs; low points = dogs)
- Redesignation requires: 25 signatures – one person by house within x radius; signage at park for 3-4 weeks notifying users of the proposed redesignation; additional consultation as required.
- City of Ottawa is generous on various designations of park compared to other municipalities.
- Fenced parks are different than “off-leash”. It is not a bylaw issue, it is a parks & rec issue. Bylaw doesn’t really monitor behind a fence apart from the odd noise complaint for barking.
- Not many fenced-in parks in city (4-5 parks total!), it may be easier to get “off-leash” park
- Par-La-Ville’s point score is 25 – very high. Should be designated “no dogs”, especially due to the close proximity of houses facing parks and small size.

Paul Landry (parks & recreation)

- size governs layout, proximity to homes, etc. Smaller the area, the *more expensive*
- fenced parks typically become “mud pit” after year, cost to properly grade and maintain surface area (soft on paws; not dusty) can be expensive. The larger the park, the less wear-and-tear on the ground. You might pay more for fencing up front, but you don’t have to install and maintain an expensive surface.
- For a fenced-in park to happen, funds need to be available and a suitable location. It’s a less formal process than bylaw (for off-leash) but there has to be some community consensus (community consultation process). A community association or councilor usually would bring forward a proposal. Funding would have to be identified – either city sources or other. It’s expensive – Jack Purcell dog run was \$100,000 in capital cost, and that was several years ago.
- Currently no specific strategy or policy in place to increase number of fenced dog areas

Glen:

- Parks in Fairwinds are likely too small for consideration; moving forward people who want a fenced dog park could consider reaching out to other Stittsville communities, and have an organized approach to lobby city planners to set aside space for dog runs in new developments.

Shad:

- Has been in touch with urban planning staff and there are discussions for fenced area and other facilities in Fernbank area.
- Shea Woods could be considered as a free-run area, like a smaller scale Bruce Pit. But that land still hasn’t been acquired.

4. Councillor Shad Qadri update

- Ticks: Lyme disease is important to monitor. Let public health know location, dates. Action can be done.
- LRT: looking at expanding past Bayshore; motion put forward by Councillor Hubley.
- Shea Woods – Shad put forward a motion for staff to identify funding options. Looking at creative ways to fund it apart from city budgets

- Mainstreet CDP: planning committee approved it; goes to council for approval then entered into actual bylaw
- Wetland beside Sacred Heart named Kemp Woodlot; will have woodchip paths, plaques designating history
- Palladium Auto Park: new proposal for Myers Volkswagen on existing site.
- Traffic light at Huntmar/Maple Grove: July 20 should be start date!
- Carp Road widening: open house held couple weeks ago. Options (1) all round a-bouts; (2) one traffic light, two round a-bouts. Staff report expected in September. Shad supports at least 2 roundabouts.
- Storm ponds: across Maple Grove near city facility a pond is being created. Brigatine and Maple Grove were temporary ponds. Maple Grove will be first to go (filled in and developed with homes), likely 2 years away. Brigatine 4-5 years away.
- Safer roads Ottawa: “stop for us”; “slow down for us” => putting it on areas that are deemed essential. Don’t want to “water” down the area. People are moving them to other areas.

5. Fairwinds Annual BBQ – 8:25pm

- Not getting as many monetary donations (getting physical donations for raffles). Big D’s will come so there will be a cost (not free BBQ as in past); will donate 10% to CHEO. Majic 100 will send a crew. Fire truck. Star Wars characters. Bouncy castle will be sponsored by Kanata collision. Face painting. Shad’s snowcones.
- contacted sports community
- permits still to be confirmed

6. Finance Update – 8:30pm

- Finally closed the trust account!
- May have one remaining installment for the skating rink. City may have sent it to the wrong account.

7. Traffic Concerns – 8:35pm

- Traffic concerns #1 issue of emails sent via Fairwinds website. We asked for feedback from community on “trouble” areas. Glen will compile list and send summary to city to discuss options for improvement.

8. Other business – 8:40pm

- Carp Road Landfill update: Debby Jo and Glen attended site plan meeting. Additional activities planned in conjunction with community associations to keep pressure on city to listen to our concerns.
- Outreach/Membership: Need to get more people aware of association; have one person in charge of membership list. Jennifer suggests a “membership” card with discounts for local businesses.
- Garbage bins at parks - Request put in to do more frequent waste removal, especially at the larger parks (Par-la-Ville; Bandmaster)

Meeting adjourned: 9:05pm

Moved by Pauline, Seconded by Debby Jo

Attendance:

Glen Gower
Debby Jo Hill
Alex Chen
Jennifer Holmes
Julie Smith
Julie Alverado
Nicole Dallaway
Kimberley Prachar
Pauline Leblanc
Ayah Stretch
Craig Greeley
Paul Landry (City of Ottawa)
Christine Hartig (City of Ottawa)
Shad Qadri (Councillor)

Regrets

Samantha Ball
Candace Carson
Joe Boughner