



CITY OF ORILLIA Recreation Advisory Committee MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation Advisory Committee, Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Brooks Boardroom, Orillia City Centre

Present: Councillor Ralph Cipolla, Chair (Part of meeting)
Councillor David Campbell (Part of meeting)
Jeff Mayhew
Dave Mitchell
Mark Rousseau, Acting Chair (Part of meeting)
Paul Sheridan
Larry Smith
Michael Underhill

Absent: Amy Wagner

Also

Present: Ray Merkley, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture
John McMullen, Manager of Parks
Robin Cadeau, Assistant Clerk
Rhonda Elliott, Committee Secretary

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. with Mark Rousseau acting as Chair.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Underhill, seconded by Mayhew:

THAT the agenda for the Recreation Advisory Committee meeting held on March 27, 2019 be approved as distributed.

Carried.

Disclosure of Interest

None declared.

Deputations

None.

Minutes

1. January 7, 2019 - Special re Cannabis Retail Stores.

2. February 27, 2019

Moved by Underhill, seconded by Mitchell:

THAT the minutes of the following Recreation Advisory Committee meetings be adopted, having been printed and distributed:

- January 7, 2019 – Special

- February 27, 2019 (as amended to correct time of meeting)

Carried.

Closed Session

There were no closed session items for this meeting.

Correspondence - Information Items

1. Recreation Project Team - re Recreation Facility Construction Update.

Moved by Underhill, seconded by Smith:

THAT the memo dated March 21, 2019 from the Recreation Project Team regarding the Recreation Facility Construction Update be received as information.

Carried.

Correspondence - Action Items

1. Assistant Clerk - re Committee Meeting Schedule and Information for 2019.

There was consensus of the Committee to postpone this item to the next meeting.

Reports

1. Outstanding Council Referral re Leash Free Dog Zones.

a) Deputy Clerk - re Council follow-up memo.

b) Manager of Parks - Initial Review information.

c) Committee feedback on policy options.

Councillors Campbell and Cipolla joined the meeting and Councillor Cipolla assumed the Chair.

Moved by Mayhew, seconded by Smith:

THAT the Recreation Advisory Committee recommends to Council that the following criteria be approved for the creation of a City Policy for Off Leash Dog Zones:

SIZE: The minimum size for off leash dog zones shall be 0.4 ha (1 acre) with the determination of final size to be dependent on the catchment area, location, and the number of anticipated users/dogs it is intended to serve.

LOCATION: The location shall be generally determined with consideration for the following:

- Compatibility with the existing park's design, established uses, features and components
- Potential impacts on a park's existing functionality, condition and natural environment
- Proportion of a park to be taken up by the proposed off-leash area
- Proximity to existing off leash dog zones (shall be greater than 1 kilometre)
- Proximity to residential property boundaries (shall be at least 15 metres)

CONFLICTING USES: The off leash dog zone shall not be considered in areas posted to prohibit dogs, or in close proximity to any of the following:

- playgrounds, splash pads and wading pools
- horticultural display areas, or ornamental gardens
- skateboard bowls, tennis courts and other sports pads
- sports fields
- artificial or natural ice rinks, toboggan hills
- designated heritage, memorial, commemorative areas
- swimming beaches
- Natural Environment Area
 - Areas that have undergone tree / shrub / wildflower planting or where plans exist for such planting to occur
 - Natural shore lines with natural vegetation that would be disturbed by compaction and foot / paw traffic
 - Areas containing species of concern, including local or regionally uncommon, rare, threatened or endangered species

BUFFERS: In order to ensure adequate space and to mitigate negative impacts (i.e. visuals, noise, and odour) to neighbouring properties and other users, buffers with a minimum width of 15 metres shall exist between the off leash dog zone, other conflicting uses as listed above, and/or residential property boundaries.

FENCING: Fencing and gating shall be required as follows, with the exception of areas where adequate natural separation exists (i.e. forests, shorelines, topography):

- To prevent conflicts with other users or wildlife
- To enhance the protection of the dogs
- To separate larger dogs from smaller dogs where possible
- For the safe operation of the off leash dog zone

Carried.

Staff agreed to finalize a draft report incorporating options for locations based on the Committee's recommended criteria, for final review by the Committee at the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting

Moved by Rousseau, seconded by Sheridan:

THAT the next meeting of the Recreation Advisory Committee be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Underhill, seconded by Rousseau:

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned - 5:43 p.m.

[adopted May 26, 2019]

R. Cipolla,
Chair.

M. Rousseau,
Acting Chair.