



**Parks and Recreation
Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda**

Thursday, September 15, 2016

7 p.m.

**Holland Room
Aurora Town Hall**

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**Town of Aurora
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda**

Date: Thursday, September 15, 2016

Time and Location: 7 p.m., Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

1. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

2. Approval of the Agenda

Recommended:

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

3. Receipt of the Minutes

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2016

Recommended:

That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting minutes of June 16, 2016, be received for information.

4. Delegations

5. Matters for Consideration

1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Terms of Reference – Revised

Recommended:

1. That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Terms of Reference -- Revised be received; and
2. That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee provide comment.

6. Informational Items

2. Memorandum from Manager of Parks

Re: Pet Waste in Public Parks and Open Spaces

Recommended:

1. That the memorandum regarding Pet Waste in Public Parks and Open Spaces be received for information.

3. Club Aurora Membership Pass Summary Report for June and July 2016

Recommended:

1. That the Club Aurora Membership Pass Summary Report for June and July 2016 be received for information.

4. Extract from Council Meeting of June 14, 2016

Re: Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee and Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of May 31, 2016

Recommended:

1. That the Extract from Council Meeting of June 14, 2016, regarding the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee and Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting minutes of May 31, 2016, be received for information.

- 5. Extract from Council Meeting of July 12, 2016**
Re: Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2016

Recommended:

1. That the Extract from Council Meeting of July 12, 2016, regarding the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting minutes of June 16, 2016, be received for information.

7. New Business

8. Adjournment



**TOWN OF AURORA
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Date: Thursday, June 16, 2016

Time and Location: 7 p.m., Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

Committee Members: Councillor Michael Thompson (Chair), Councillor Tom Mrakas (Vice Chair), Juergen Daurer, Richard Doust, Eric McCartney, and Brian Trussler

Member(s) Absent: Stephen Kimmerer

Other Attendees: Christina Nagy-Oh, Program Manager, Environmental Initiatives, and Samantha Yew, Council/Committee Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

1. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**Moved by Brian Trussler
Seconded by Councillor Mrakas**

THAT the agenda as circulated by Legal and Legislative Services be approved.

CARRIED

3. RECEIPT OF THE MINUTES

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2016

**Moved by Richard Doust
Seconded by Juergen Daurer**

THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting minutes of April 21, 2016, be received; *and*

THAT the minutes be amended to remove the words “and indicated that the recorded number of memberships is the highest Club Aurora has experienced.”

CARRIED AS AMENDED

4. DELEGATIONS

- (a) **Christina Nagy-Oh, Program Manager, Environmental Initiatives
Re: Item 1 – Memorandum from the Program Manager,
Environmental Initiatives, Re: Corporate Environmental
Action Plan (CEAP) Update**

Ms. Nagy-Oh provided comments during discussion of Item 1.

5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 1. Memorandum from Program Manager, Environmental Initiatives
Re: Corporate Environmental Action Plan (CEAP) Update**

Staff gave an overview of the CEAP Update and requested that feedback be provided by email to the Program Manager by mid-July. The Committee inquired about various aspects of the Update and provided suggestions.

**Moved by Juergen Daurer
Seconded by Councillor Mrakas**

THAT the memorandum regarding Corporate Environmental Action Plan (CEAP) Update be received; and

THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee provide comment to be considered by staff in the preparation of the CEAP update.

CARRIED

2. Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Terms of Reference – Revised

The Committee discussed various aspects of the proposed revised Terms of Reference.

**Moved by Councillor Mrakas
Seconded by Richard Doust**

THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Terms of Reference – Revised be received; and

THAT the comments provided by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) be considered by staff in preparation of the revised PRAC Terms of Reference; and

THAT a revised PRAC Terms of Reference be presented at the next PRAC meeting for consideration.

CARRIED

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3. Club Aurora Membership Pass Summary Report for May 2016

The Committee inquired about monthly membership targets.

**Moved by Juergen Daurer
Seconded by Eric McCartney**

THAT the Club Aurora Membership Pass Summary Report for May 2016 be received for information.

CARRIED

**4. Extract from Council Meeting of May 10, 2016
Re: Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of
April 21, 2016**

**Moved by Brian Trussler
Seconded by Juergen Daurer**

THAT the Extract from Council Meeting of May 10, 2016, regarding Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting minutes of April 21, 2016, be received for information.

CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS

The Committee expressed concern regarding the amount of pet feces left in public play areas and sports fields, and provided information outlining the risks of leaving pet feces in public areas. The Committee discussed ways in which this problem could be addressed, including a public education program, and a potential ban of pets from public equipment play areas and sports field play surfaces.

New Business Item No. 1
Moved by Richard Doust
Seconded by Juergen Daurer

THAT the information regarding pet defecation be received; and

THAT staff provide additional information regarding pet defecation in public areas at the next Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting.

CARRIED

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Mrakas
Seconded by Brian Trussler

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE NOT BINDING ON THE TOWN UNLESS ADOPTED BY COUNCIL AT A LATER MEETING.



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE - REVISED

1. PURPOSE

To provide policy advice and assistance to Council through the Parks and Recreation Services Department respecting the delivery of Parks and Recreation programs and activities within the Town of Aurora; ~~to act as a liaison with the community, providing an informal mechanism to both obtain and disseminate information relevant to the Department's mandate.~~

2. MEMBERSHIP

The Committee shall be comprised of five (7) Members as follows:

- Two (2) Members of Council; one appointed as Chair for a two-year term, the other appointed as Chair for the following two-year term;
- Four (4) citizen Members;
- One (1) citizen Member from the Sports Council.

3. TERM

The Committee shall be appointed for a ~~two~~four-year term, ~~with the option of a further two-year term~~ and will be concurrent with the term of Council.

4. REMUNERATION

None.

5. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS

- ~~Solicit and assess community feedback with respect to service levels, costs, priorities, issues and concerns pertaining to the delivery of leisure services within the community;~~
- Provide analysis and commentary on policy initiatives, core document review/updates ~~and similar departmental recommendations~~ to Council on Leisure Parks and Recreation Services matters;
- Assist the Parks and Recreation Services Department in evaluating community needs, prioritizing and recommending changes to Council regarding the Leisure Parks and Recreation Services Master Plan;



- ~~Facilitate communication by serving as a liaison along with a citizen liaison between the Town and various community groups;~~
- Review and comment on annual Parks and Recreation Services capital objectives ~~within the context of the Town of Aurora Strategic Plan, the Master Plan, the Departmental Pricing Policy and long-range community development objectives;~~
- Receive and comment on the merits of proposals and concepts for new ~~Parks and Recreation Services-related~~ projects brought forward by ~~the Department~~, individuals, community groups and the public or private sector;
- ~~Become fully conversant with existing Parks and Recreation Services programs and facilities in the community;~~
- ~~Review the Strategic Plan, the Parks and Recreation Services Master Plan, the mission statement of the Department and become familiar with their contents;~~
- Review policy-related reports prepared by the Director of Parks and Recreation Services and provide input on those reports;
- ~~Liaise with and provide ongoing encouragement to community groups and agencies which provide recreation-related programs and activities;~~
- ~~Periodically seek input on matters relevant to the provision of leisure services, especially in areas where service levels could potentially be impacted by such factors as budget constraints, user fees, financial reallocations, etc.;~~
- Form sub-committees to deal with specific new initiatives, policy issues, problems areas and identify strategic solutions;
- ~~Meet on an as-required basis with volunteer groups, community organizations and associations to foster partnerships, promote and encourage communication, determine problem areas and identify strategic solutions; and~~
- Undertake other assignments as may be requested by Council from time to time; ~~and.~~
- ~~Provide advice and consent to the Parks and Recreation Services Department through the Special Events Co-ordinator with respect to the delivery of Department-operated annual events.~~

6. MEETING TIMES AND LOCATIONS

Third Thursday of every second month at 7 p.m. with the exception of July and August. Additional meetings of the Committee may be called by the Chair to address urgent matters.



7. STAFF SUPPORT

The Parks and Recreation Services Department provides technical support to the Committee.

The ~~Legal and Legislative Services~~ (?) Department provides administrative support services to the Committee.

8. AGENDAS

Agendas are set by the Director in consultation with the Chair.



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Town of Aurora
Parks, Recreation and Cultural
Services

Memorandum

Date: September 15, 2016
To: Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Members
From: Jim Tree, Manager of Parks
Re: **Pet Waste in Public Parks and Open Spaces**

Recommendations

1. That the memorandum regarding **Pet Waste in Public Parks and Open Spaces** be received for information.

Background

“New Business Item No. 1

Moved by Richard Doust

Seconded by Juergen Daurer

THAT the information regarding pet defecation be received; and

THAT staff provide additional information regarding pet defecation in public areas at the next Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting.

CARRIED “

Pursuant to the above-noted request emanating from the June 16, 2016 PRAC meeting staff are pleased to provide the following information;

The issue of inappropriate removal of pet waste from municipal parks and open spaces is a very complex and difficult problem facing most if not all municipalities at some level.

Currently the Town of Aurora has some measures in place to mitigate the impacts of uncontained pet feces in our parks and open spaces that include;

- 180 permanent stationary trash receptacles in the Parks System
- An additional 50 receptacles placed in high traffic areas during summer months

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- Stoop and Scoop signage at the majority of parks and open space points of entry and known problem areas
- Biweekly and weekly removal of accumulated trash
- Ongoing Staff observation and monitoring of problem pet running at large areas
- By-law enforcement and monitoring of problem areas
- Acting on public complaints and reports of pets running at large

With the above measures staff are confident that there is a reasonable level of serviced in this particular area in view of the available level of human and financial resources however, notwithstanding this there will always be a level of non-compliance among a minority of pet owners who refuse to take responsibility for their animal waste.

It is also important to note that staff remain in close contact and frequently communicate with our major sports organizations and only rarely do we receive any reports of pet feces contamination on our sports facilities. In the event that staff are advised of a problem area very often the issue is the result of a repeat offender frequenting the same location and we have been able to swiftly curb the activity through our By-law enforcement staff.

In terms of additional measures that could be implemented to further reduce the inappropriate behaviour of pet owners there are a number of strategies that could be considered.

These strategies are listed in the table below along with an applicable cost rating of, low, moderate or high. This is simply for information and discussion purposes and in the event that the Committee wishes to explore any of these measures in greater detail, staff could provide further information and cost impacts upon receiving Council direction to do so.

STRATEGY	COST	COMMENTS
Public Education Program	Low to Moderate	Public education program could be conducted at a low to moderate cost depending on methods used. using the local newspaper Notice Board , Web site and electronic municipal signs at ACC1 and SARC would be low cost.
Green Bin Collection	High	Green bin collection and provision of biodegradable collection bags are being provided in some municipalities; this would require a significant increase in service levels and associated costs. May not be completely effective due to contamination of the waste stream by the introduction of plastic or other items being deposited in the bins resulting in the green bin contents being diverted to landfill
Dedicated or “stepped up” by-law enforcement	High	Additional by-law enforcement could be deployed to patrol and enforce the stoop and scoop by-law more diligently, significant costs would result

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Banning of pets from various parks	Low	Banning of pets from parks has been practised by some municipalities ,however this would require significant public discussion and consultation and could be met with considerable resistance
Create additional off leash pet runs	Moderate to High	The current off leash pet run appears to be operating in a satisfactory manner under the Adopt A Park volunteer program where all pet waste is managed and disposed of by the volunteers. Additional off lease locations could be considered. depending on how these location were operated costs could be significant and much public consultation would be required in site selection
Public survey	Low	To better gauge the issue Staff could conduct a public survey to determine the level of concern in the community regarding off leashed pets and the associated waste problem

For additional information purposes staff have attached several articles on the matter of pet waste collection in other municipalities

Attachments

Attachment 1 – Pet Waste Management in other Municipalities

Attachment 1

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Dog Waste Program - Parks



In an effort to meet Council's waste diversion goals and address what has been identified, by two Parks Waste Audits, as comprising 25% of the park waste stream, Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation launched several dog waste pilots in select parks across Toronto in 2007.

Following extensive research into what municipalities across the world are successfully doing with their dog waste, an analysis was conducted on the most suitable options for application in a Toronto park context. Those options included: a Green Bin pilot program, a carry in / carry out pilot program and a septic waste pilot program.

Of the three pilots, only the Green Bin pilot showed success. It was expanded to 17 locations. The Green Bins were placed next to litter and recycling bins, and accompanied by signage explaining the pilot. The signs also requested that individuals use the paper bags and scoops provided to ensure that all of the bin contents are compostable. Both regular and biodegradable plastics impede the composting process, as they are removed and sent to the waste stream in the automated organic processing plant, which does not distinguish between these two types of plastic.

At present, only 3 of the Dog Waste Green Bin sites remain active, due to high contamination of the bins with plastic and garbage and noise and disturbance caused by night time collection in residential areas. The 3 sites still operating are:

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Gerrard/Carlaw Parkette
Greenwood Park
Malta Park

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Stinky problem: Vancouver spending \$75K to keep dog poo out of landfill

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They may be cute and cuddly, but with more than 350,000 dogs living in Metro Vancouver, the 500 tonnes of poop produced each year is a real problem.

Officials say dog poop, which contains high levels of pathogens, is turning landfills into a toxic mess. Metro Vancouver wants the feces out of the trash and into the sewer system – and has tried several methods to just that.

"Ideally, what we want is the public to be able to take their waste and flush it down the toilet at home... that's the goal," said Doug Petersen, operational supervisor of Metro Vancouver regional parks, smiling as he acknowledges the "ick factor" may be too high for people to get on board with that idea.

PHOTOS



Resident and pet owner Daniel Allen cleans up after his 6 1/2 month puppy in the dogwalk area of Roseville Estates North on May 17, 2012. (AP / Pioneer Press / John Doman)

A doggie toilet area in North Vancouver was rarely used. At an Aldergrove dog park owners scoop into a tank that's regularly emptied, but the region hasn't had success replicating the project elsewhere.

The only thing that seems to work is separate red bins for dog waste, located next to regular garbage cans. Owners dispose the steaming packages into the bin, the bags are cut open, and the waste is taken by truck to Richmond's Iona Sewage Treatment Plant.

Bill Droeske owns Scooby's Dog Waste Removal Service, the company that is responsible for cutting open the poop bags and transporting the feces.

"It's kind of a gross job, and it's manually intensive," Droeske said. "People have suggested that I invent a machine, but I'd rather not. I'd rather employ people."

The City of Vancouver is spending \$75,000 to put the bins into three parks, and with this Droeske's poop projection is expected to double to nearly 1,400 litres a week.

In fact, the idea is so popular with dog owners that an extra bin was added to a Port Moody neighbourhood last week because one wasn't enough.

"The bins are working well – lots of people are using them," said Petersen. "We tested it for a while with several parks and we saw the success, so we're going to be expanding those bins into more regional parks into the next number of years."

"We're trying to help people understand, and make sure we do the best we can to get it there."

With files from CTV Vancouver's Nafeesa Karim

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Dog Waste Diversion Program

Now it's even easier to keep Pickering Parks clean. Residents can use biodegradable bags provided by the City when stooping & scooping in the pet-friendly areas listed below. Dog waste is removed on a regular basis and disposed of in an environmentally responsible manner.

Pickering's Dog Waste Diversion program is available at these locations:

Alex Robertson Park

Brockridge Park

Bronte Square (pedestrian bridge)

Bruce Hanscombe Memorial Park

Diana Princess of Wales Park

Dunmoore Park

Esplanade Park

Forestbrook Park

Grand Valley Park, dog off leash area (3 stations)

J. McPherson Park

Major Oaks Park

Millennium Square

Instead of going to a landfill, dog waste from these locations is processed and disposed of at the Region of Durham's Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant.

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One of many no-dog signs installed around municipal park/green space at the corner of Rue de l'Eglise and Bellevue in Vaudreuil-sur-le-Lac, Saturday, October 24, 2015. Town council has banned dogs in city parks, even if on a leash, because of too much poop is left behind when dogs use the park. (Peter McCabe / MONTREAL GAZETTE) *PETER MCCABE / MONTREAL GAZETTE*

The small town of Vaudreuil-sur-le-lac has had enough complaints about dogs in public parks. Citing public health and safety reasons, town council has opted to ban dogs from entering any municipal parks.

The new regulation in the town of about 1,320 residents has been in force for about two months. Mayor Claude Pilon said council took action after dealing with repeated cases of poop littering park spaces. He said the vast majority of residents are satisfied with the dog-control measure that forbids dogs in parks at any time, whether on a leash or not.

"It's a question of security. It's a question of dogs, of complaints also," Pilon said, adding dog excrement has soiled park spaces, from playgrounds to soccer fields.

Over the years, the town communicated with people regarding this issue and held awareness campaigns, but not everyone complied, so we had to legislate, the mayor said.

"Some people didn't respect the environment and the parks," he said, adding the new regulation wasn't tabled without reasons. "Some people let their dogs do their business all over the field. It's not right.

"There's also the issue of security," he continued, noting children may not know how or when to approach a strange dog and are at risk of being bitten.

"It's also about prevention and safety. About 90 per cent of the population are OK with this (park ban). We will go with what the majority of people want."

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Owners are also reminded that the town requires their pet to have a dog licence, which cost \$10 and is good for a year.

Dog bans in other towns

Meanwhile, the Montreal borough of **Pierrefonds-Roxboro** had loosened the reins on its dog-walking ban in certain parks between May 15 and Sept. 15 as part of a pilot project.

In May, borough council modified a bylaw to allow pet owners to walk their dog on a leash through some 17 parks that include green spaces that do not have play areas for children, including l'Anse-aux-Chêne, Monk, Promenade-Lalande and St-Barnabas. The ban on walking dogs in parks with playgrounds was maintained. Pierrefonds had once permitted dogs to be walked on a leash in its parks between 2003-2006, but following complaints, had reintroduced a ban.

The **Lachine** borough bans dogs from entering its parks, playgrounds or public squares, though there are a few of exemptions indicated by signs. Dogs are allowed in sections of Railway Park near 10th Avenue and Victoria Street; the dog run at 55th Ave. and Highway 20; at Stoney Point River Park, between 45th and 56th Avenues, from 6 to 10 a.m. and 6 and 10 p.m.; as well as the exercise area near Victoria Street and 28th Ave.

The **St-Laurent** borough also bans dogs from general parks and playground areas. The borough has set up about six dog runs, which are fenced areas, spread throughout its territory. People can walk their dogs on a leash along streets.

MEMBERSHIP PASS SUMMARY REPORT

	Combo Sold	Equip/Weights Sold	Group Fit. Classes Sold	Total membership passes
<i>December, 2015</i>	34	58	6	953
January, 2016	103	94	13	1093
February, 2016	81	79	13	1111
March, 2016	71	61	19	1094
April, 2016	60	82	16	1070
May, 2016	88	71	17	1097
June, 2016	30	53	12	1049
July, 2016	48	41	8	1143



**EXTRACT FROM
COUNCIL MEETING OF
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2016**

7. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 1 (with the exception of sub-items 7, 8, 11, 13, and 19), 2 and 3 were identified as items not requiring separate discussion.

**Moved by Councillor Pirri
Seconded by Councillor Kim**

THAT the following recommendations with respect to the matters listed as “Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion” be adopted as submitted to Council and staff be authorized to take all necessary action required to give effect to same:

1. General Committee Meeting Report of June 7, 2016

THAT the General Committee meeting report of June 7, 2016, be received and the following recommendations carried by the Committee be approved:

(21) Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee and Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of May 31, 2016

THAT the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee and Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting minutes of May 31, 2016, be received for information.

CARRIED



**EXTRACT FROM
COUNCIL MEETING OF
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016**

7. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 1, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, and 16 were identified as items not requiring separate discussion.

**Moved by Councillor Humfryes
Seconded by Councillor Pirri**

THAT the following recommendations with respect to the matters listed as "Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion" be adopted as submitted to Council and staff be authorized to take all necessary action required to give effect to same:

11. Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2016

THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting minutes of June 16, 2016, be received for information.

CARRIED