



Town of Aurora
Community Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date:	Thursday, October 10, 2019
Time and Location:	7 p.m., Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall
Committee Members:	Sera Weiss (Chair), Barry Bridgeford, Councillor Rachel Gilliland, Balpreet Grewal, Janet Mitchell, Jennifer Sault, Laura Thanasse
Members Absent:	Chris Gordon, Denis Heng (Vice Chair), Chris MacEachern
Other Attendees:	Techa van Leeuwen, Director of Corporate Services, John Firman, Manager, Business Support, Sara Tienkamp, Parks and Fleet Manager, Lisa Warth, Manager, Recreation, Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

The Chair welcomed new Committee member Laura Thanasse.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Jennifer Sault

Seconded by Janet Mitchell

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, including the following additional item, be approved:

- Delegation (a) Marion Howell, Resident; Re: Item 2 – CAC19-003 – Future Off-Leash Dog Park Locations

Carried

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50*.

3. Receipt of the Minutes

Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2019

Moved by Balpreet Grewal

Seconded by Barry Bridgeford

That the Community Advisory Committee meeting minutes of June 20, 2019, be received for information.

Carried

4. Delegations

(a) Marion Howell, Resident

Re: Item 2 – CAC19-003 – Future Off-Leash Dog Park Locations

Ms. Howell, on behalf of residents in her neighbourhood, expressed support for the staff report recommendation.

Moved by Barry Bridgeford

Seconded by Laura Thanasse

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to Item 2.

Carried

5. Matters for Consideration

1. CAC19-002 – 276 and 310 Hartwell Way – Non-Programmed Park Design

Staff provided an overview of the staff report and two preliminary design concepts for a natural, non-programmed park at the north end of the Community Wildlife Park. The Committee and staff discussed various aspects of the proposed park features including dog park size, naturalized playground

options, the structure and management of community gardens, parking, and concerns regarding the setback/barrier to residential rear yards and coyote presence in the area. The Committee inquired about the public consultation process respecting the proposed community gardens and staff provided clarification. The Committee suggested including accommodation for green vehicles, an open space between the dog park and children's play area so that the two amenities are not adjacent, a water feature in the dog park, and portable toilets.

Moved by Jennifer Sault
Seconded by Laura Thanasse

1. That Report No. CAC19-002 be received; and
2. That the comments and suggestions regarding Report No. CAC19-002 – 276 and 310 Hartwell Way – Non-Programmed Park Design be received and referred to staff for consideration and action as appropriate.

Carried

2. CAC19-003 – Future Off-Leash Dog Park Locations

Staff provided an overview of the staff report and concept plan for a leash-free dog park at a future Highland Gate subdivision, noting that the identified possible off-leash dog park locations are based on residents' feedback.

The Committee and staff discussed various aspects of the potential land within Phase 2 of the Highland Gate Development including options for surface material, a path around the dog park, water feature, smaller-dog or passive-dog area, plantings and trees within the park, and agility training-type facilities.

The Committee and staff discussed various aspects of the potential Hydro One Corridor Lands including options for fencing, plantings, providing a buffer between the potential dog park and residential rear yards, interactive/agility training features including the repurposing of tunnel slides from playgrounds, parking, and maintenance vehicle access. Staff noted that Hydro One's criteria regarding conductivity in the area would need to be considered.

Moved by Laura Thanasse
Seconded by Barry Bridgeford

1. That Report No. CAC19-003 be received; and
2. That the comments and suggestions regarding Report No. CAC19-003 – Future Off-Leash Dog Park Locations be received and referred to staff for consideration and action as appropriate.

Carried

6. Informational Items

3. Memorandum from Manager, Business Support Re: Outdoor Sports Field Development Strategy

Staff provided an overview of the memorandum providing an update on the development of a strategy to address the short-term and long-term needs for outdoor sports fields, noting that the consultant's report would be brought forward to Council by the year-end. The Committee inquired about the opportunity to include washrooms and a play area at sports fields, and noted the need to protect the Town's tree canopy.

Moved by Balpreet Grewal
Seconded by Laura Thanasse

Recommended:

1. That the memorandum regarding Outdoor Sports Field Development Strategy be received for information.

Carried

4. Memorandum from Manager, Recreation Re: Aquatic Facility Feasibility Study – Update

Staff provided an overview of the memorandum including preliminary findings of the study and possible design options. The Committee discussed and inquired about various aspects including the potential for expansion of existing facilities, parking, tree removal and replacement, building to last and climate

resiliency, multi-level versus sprawling facility, and diving provisions.

Moved by Barry Bridgeford
Seconded by Janet Mitchell

Recommended:

1. That the memorandum regarding Aquatic Facility Feasibility Study – Update be received for information.

Carried

5. Memorandum from Deputy Town Clerk
Re: Advisory Committee Chair Rotation

Staff provided a brief overview of the memorandum and it was agreed that the election of the Committee's Chair and Vice Chair for the year 2020 would be addressed at the next Committee meeting.

Moved by Jennifer Sault
Seconded by Laura Thanasse

Recommended:

1. That the memorandum regarding Advisory Committee Chair Rotation be received for information.

Carried

7. Adjournment

Moved by Balpreet Grewal
Seconded by Barry Bridgeford

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Carried