

**MAPLE GROVE PARK DOG OWNERS' ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.
ST VITAL MUSTANGS CLUBHOUSE**

1. Co-chair Richard Manley-Tannis welcomed the group at 7:10 P.M.

2. Presentation by Landscape Architect Dean Spearman:

Mr. Spearman presented his preliminary master plan for the park. This started with an explanation of the need to have a plan to identify and prioritize improvements to the park. Comments and suggestions from the audience accompanied the presentation.

Main Issues identified by Mr. Spearman:

- Deteriorating paths
- Lack of seating
- Signage
- Parking
- Lighting
- Drainage

Wish list derived from users' suggestions:

"A list" (major items most easily done)

- More benches/picnic tables
- Parking
- Improved drainage
- Signage
- Path improvements
- Increased cut grass areas

"B list" (items of less significance/increased cost)

- Fenced in puppy/small dog area
- Agility area
- Gathering Place
- Storage space for tools and supplies

“C list” (items with legitimate need but with significant obstacles such as cost, environment issues)

- Washrooms/hand washing
- Site lighting
- Tree planting
- Dust control on the road

“D list” (wonderful but problematic suggestions)

- Pond/Doggy Spray park
- Water fountains
- Warming area/overhead heaters
- Doggy Toboggan slide
- Foot bridge over the river

The report identified several existing paths in the park; based in usage, these were labeled as primary secondary , tertiary and quaternary . It was noted that some paths are subject to seasonal variations in usage due to factors such as flooding.

The draft master plan suggests that we abandon lesser-used paths and widen frequently-used paths to accommodate heavier use (paths 3 meters wide with adjacent wide grassed area for dogs), and we should develop alternate paths for use during spring flooding (temporally closing some other paths). Wood chips were recommended for flood-prone paths and crushed limestone for non-flood-prone paths.

Other Suggestions in the draft master plan:

- Creation of a 38 car parking area with nearby seating
- Relocation of the small dog enclosure closer to the parking area/entrance
- Establishment of “crossroads” areas with benches, litter bins

Suggestion from the floor:

Consider fencing the area near the impromptu parking area to restrict dogs from getting to the Perimeter Highway by following the access road. This was considered a high priority dependent on cost.

3. Beth Knight gave a brief presentation about the Canadian Animal Blood Bank. She explained the program and encouraged members to register their dogs as donors.

4 The formal part of the meeting commenced at 8:25 P.M., and the proposed agenda was accepted.

5. It was moved by Susan Bilyk, seconded by Colin Lang, that the minutes of the last annual general meeting on November 4, 2010 be accepted-- motion carried.

6. Co-chairs' report

Kelly Merkeley received a mug in recognition of her contributions to the Association.

Co-chair Lance Pucknell reported on:

- Erection of a new message board and new litter bin lids
- Additional signage to come from the City.

There was some comment about the need for (weed control) tools and related storage and the need for some culvert repair (Lance to follow up).

7. Secretary-Treasurer report

Frank Machovec reported that the bank balance for Associations accounts was currently around \$5000, and he reviewed our major expenses over the past year. The treasurer also explained the cost and need for directors' indemnity insurance. It was moved by Pat Routledge and seconded by Colin Lang that the treasurer's report be accepted—motion carried.

8. Nominations & Elections for Officers and Board

Co-chair Manley-Tannis asked for nominations from the floor, and there was some discussion about our election procedure.

The following slate of directors was elected by acclamation : after a motion by Reid Hartry, seconded by Susan Midford. Motion carried:

- Richard Manley-Tannis co-chair
- Lance Pucknell co-chair
- Frank Machovec secretary-treasurer
- Rosalyn-Junes-Smith at large director
- Jacquie Machovec at large director
- Colin Lang at large director
- Cindy Little at large director
- Kim Unrau at large director
- Michelle Tree at large director
- Don Rose at large director
- Bardee Hubka at large director

9. Bylaw review

Co-chair Manley-Tannis introduced the proposed bylaw changes, and there was some discussion about the rationale for the changes. It was moved by Susan Bilyk, seconded by Pat Routledge, that the proposed bylaw changes be accepted as circulated—motion carried.

10. New Business:

There was some discussion about the width of paths suggested in the draft master plan and the issue of some park users' attempts at "policing" of other park users. This included the definition of "aggressive dogs" and need for civility at the park.

11. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.