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From: Meezan Kotylo [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2019 9:58 AM
To: Canestraro, Laura <Laura.Canestraro@vaughan.ca>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: FAA January 21, 2019 meeting video link

Hello Laura ,

Happy Friday

Thank you so much for the link .

Yes I would like to order a copy of the video .Where do I pay when I pick it up ?

Secondly I am attaching my presentation that I would like to be attached to the minutes of the council meeting .Would you please put it in the right hands or let me know who to direct it to .

Also would someone from the city get back to me on the deputation that I presented . If so what may be the timeline so I can diarize it for follow up.

Thanks
Ann
[REDACTED]

On Tue, 1/22/19, Canestraro, Laura <Laura.Canestraro@vaughan.ca> wrote:

Subject: FAA January 21, 2019 meeting video link
To: [REDACTED]
Date: Tuesday, January 22, 2019, 2:59 PM

Hello,

Please use the link below
to view the FAA January 22, 2019 meeting.

http://archive.isiglobal.ca/vod/vaughan/archive_2019-01-21%20FAA%20PM.mp4.html

if you would like a copy
of the video, please contact me and I can get it ready for you.

The fee for recording of
meetings would be \$43 plus HST.

Have a nice day

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Dog Parks -Council proposal Jan 21 /19 – Vaughan city hall

I have 2 request s that I would like to put forward to council for consideration .

The 1st is to consider having a DOG park where pet and humans can socialize . I recently did a survey in Vaughan with a small sampling of 90 respondents. The purpose was to focus on pet nutrition,however I included a question asking:"**which pet services would you like to see more of in your Vaughan community "**.

At the time this question was asked for general interest.

I was somewhat surprised with the results of what pet parents wanted. The results were:

- 83 % said they wanted more dog parks
- 82 % said they wanted dog-friendly restaurants
- 52 % said they wanted splash water parks
- 50 % said they wanted a web site dedicated to pets
- and 44 % wanted water fountains for their fur babies.

This led me to research what was happening in other parts of the world and I was surprised to discover that dog parks are now being designed differently to includes a wealth of dog pleasing features such as climbing rocks, tunnels, water fountains, dog washing stations, pond for splashing and agility courses.

Making dogs feel at ease by placing them in a setting that feels naturally familiar and where they can leap over and go under logs, climb rocks, splash around, not only provides pets with much needed exercise but it also exercises their brains which is important too.

We think of off-leash parks as being primarily for the benefit of our beloved dogs. However, off leash parks offer just as many benefits or even more to humans. They are community centres where friends and neighbours gather to relax and hang out. Seniors who live alone would be able to participate with pets which is good pet therapy for them .

Social networks are developed with people of similar interests.

People - including myself- say"I never knew my neighbor until I went to the park".

Personally I met and became friends with so many people in the park that I would not otherwise have met.

According to stats Canada, 1 in 3 household have a pet. Vaughan is no different and has a very large pet population; therefore it is important that the city stake out 4-legged-friendly zones to make sure our pets and pet parents are getting the best experience. Providing such spaces becomes increasingly important as cities like Vaughan continue to grow.

Dog parks benefit the community by promoting responsible dog ownership by preventing dogs from infringing on other community users such as joggers, cyclists, or people who may be afraid of dogs .

It would be nice to see Vaughan become the leader in this area and make **the top list of communities in the world with dog parks**, where fur babies can scamper off-leash with stimulating activities and where pet owners can kick back while their dogs play and frolic to their hearts' content. Dog parents know that after a good workout a tired dog leaves you alone. Ha!

My second request is for more community gardens. I know the city already has some; however there is still a need for more.

community gardens are:

1. low cost to establish
2. low maintenance –they can be run by volunteers
3. strong community participation
4. positive results

I am requesting budget to be put aside for these two much needed community amenities.

Thank you for your consideration