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Attachments: Off-Leash Dog Park for the Mackenzie Ridge Area June 2, 2021 930am Item 3 .pdf

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Please note that I would like to submit the attachments and do a deputation on June 2 at 9:30am (Item 3).

Best.

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May 31, 2021

Dear Mayor and Vaughan Councillors,

Neighbors who are part of the Mackenzie Ridge Ratepayers Association have been advocating for an **off-leash dog park in NMRP** (**June 2 at 9:30am – Item 3**). They pointed out that an off-leash dog park in the NMRP will be positive in terms of not impacting neighbourhoods in terms of parking, leaving a mess close to neighbour's houses, or bothering neighbours. Due to the size of the NRMP and facilities/services, NMRP can provide water for dogs, washrooms for pet owners, and not be visible or obstruct views of homeowners. We hope that within the next few years, a NMRP off-leash dog area will be built to serve Vaughan and the rest of the region close to it.

Neighbours who are part of the Mackenzie Ridge Ratepayers Association also support the potential pilot project of an off-leash area for dogs and their owners on TRCA lands. Please see some suggested sites (see below) close to the Trans Canada pipeline near Nevada Park and up the Trans Canada pipeline trail going west toward the Kirby and Keele area. These areas being suggested for a pilot project provides alternatives that could work for many neighbours in terms of not being too close to houses, away from the Trans Canada pipeline, but still close to a well-used walking trail. The preferred choice is more typical of the Oak Ridges Moraine, in terms of providing some hills for dogs, yet still being relatively level. It is between Maplewood Ravines - Laurentian (Nevada Park) and Peake Point neighbourhood/park. This choice is close to NMRP where there is water, restrooms, and other facilities.

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