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Subject: FW: [External] Re: Sports Village - Off-Leash Dog Park
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From: Ciampa, Gina <Gina.Ciampa@vaughan.ca>
Sent: Friday, May 28, 2021 4:12 PM
To: Clerks@vaughan.ca
Cc: Coles, Todd <Todd.Coles@vaughan.ca>; lafrate, Marilyn <Marilyn.lafrate@vaughan.ca>
Subject: FW: [External] Re: Sports Village - Off-Leash Dog Park

Hello,

Please include as part of the communication for the June 2nd CW-Working Session.
Thank you.

Gina Ciampa

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From: Emilia Racippo <[REDACTED]>
Date: May 28, 2021 at 3:14:38 PM EDT
To: "Ciampa, Gina" <Gina.Ciampa@vaughan.ca>
Cc: "lafrate, Marilyn" <Marilyn.lafrate@vaughan.ca>, Ward 1 Support Staff <SupportStaff.Ward1@vaughan.ca>, SouthMapleRatePayers <southmapleratepayers@gmail.com>
Subject: [External] Re: Sports Village - Off-Leash Dog Park

Hello,

With the upcoming council meeting on June 2, covering the off Leash dog park, I wanted to express my concerns once again.

I am a resident of Hollybush Drive, where the proposed dog park could be located, and

I do NOT want an off leash dog park on the proposed lands of Sports Village. There are many reasons for this, here are some but not limited to, residents already do not pick up after their dogs, and my concern is it will create an even bigger problem than we already have, where dog waste can be found all over the sidewalks. In summer heat the neighbourhood is going to smell so badly from the garbage bins full of dog waste. You are also going to be taking away more land that families could be enjoying with their kids. Dogs off leash can be dangerous to children in the neighbourhood if they are able to escape the compound or their owner. An off-leash dog park should be in a more secluded area and not on a residential street.

I have been asking for a play-ground for children, as the closest one is a 20 minute walk. There are many kids on the street and in the neighborhood that would benefit from a park instead of an off leash dog park. Make the children a priority.

Thank you,

Emilia Rozenblit

From: Ciampa, Gina <Gina.Ciampa@vaughan.ca>
Sent: August 17, 2020 3:49 PM
To: 'emiliaracippo@hotmail.com' <[REDACTED]>
Cc: lafrate, Marilyn <Marilyn.lafrate@vaughan.ca>; Ward 1 Support Staff <SupportStaff.Ward1@vaughan.ca>
Subject: Sports Village - Grow Zone and Off-Leash Dog Park

Good afternoon Emilia,

On behalf of Councillor Marilyn lafrate, this will confirm receipt of your email outlining your concerns with the grow zone and off-leash dog park.

With regards to the grow zone, staff advised they looking for enhancing opportunities to revise the mowing program and plant grow zones with seeding to ensure these are pollinator-friendly plants throughout Vaughan (this is also in-line with the City's 'Monarch Pledge'). There are a number of benefits of doing so, including: sustainable landscaping, encourage native plant growth and reduces weed growth, reduce maintenance costs, and improve biodiversity. While these areas will not be mowed, they will ensure there is a mow-strip behind residential properties. The area in question zoned as open space as such, it is not a permitted area or play field. Attached is the modifications of grow areas within the park. There will also be two proposed locations for two picnic tables.

The link for the Local Off-Leash Dog Area Strategy can be found here.
https://www.vaughan.ca/projects/community/off_leash_park/Pages/Get-Involved.aspx. There is an online section for community engagement to share your views.

I hope this helps. Let me know if you require any additional information.

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From: Emilia Racippo <[REDACTED]>

Date: August 16, 2020 at 2:21:47 PM EDT

To: "Iafrate, Marilyn" <Marilyn.Iafrate@vaughan.ca>

Subject: [External] Sports Village Park

Dear Mrs. Iafrate,

I am a resident of Hollybush Drive, and I have 2 concerns regarding our neighbourhood, the grow zone and dog park at Sports Village Park.

My concern surrounding the grow zone is that the city is removing parkland where my kids can play and replacing it with weeds and tall grass, that is atrocious to look at. Residents are not allowed to let their grass grow out of control without being given a warning by the city or facing fines. The city is being hypocritical by allowing the grass to get out of control on city owned, but funded by tax payers, land. If you are looking for suggestions for the land why not make it even more family friendly by installing a play yard for children. The closest park to us is at Major Mackenzie and Avro, that is pretty far for most of the community to travel. I have to get in my car to drive their or walk 30 mins with small kids. It is such a beautiful area why not have residents enjoy it? If not a play area for kids then plant trees instead of just having grass grow for a nice appeal. My husband and I moved into this neighbourhood because of the beautiful park land. Please keep it beautiful by planting trees or allowing us to enjoy it with our small but growing family.

Regarding the dog park. residents already do not pick up after their dogs, and my concern is it will create an even bigger problem than we already have, where dog waste can be found all over the sidewalks. In summer heat the neighbourhood is going to smell so badly from the garbage bins full of dog waste. You are also going to be taking away more land that families could be enjoying with their kids. Dogs off leash can be dangerous to children in the neighbourhood if they are able to escape the compound or their owner. An off-leash dog park should be in a more secluded area and not on a residential street.

Please consider putting a park for children in the neighbourhood.

Thank you for your time,

Emilia Rozenblit

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