

## Off-Leash Dog Area Ad Hoc Committee Minutes

Place Minnow Lake Place  
Community Meeting Room  
1127 Bancroft Drive, Sudbury  
Wednesday, February 24, 2010  
7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Carmen Birtwistle, Julie Vaillancourt, Julie Sykora, Carissa Viau, Peter Seto, Jackie Charest, Louise Antonioni, Danielle Charest, Lesley-Anne Bardeggia, Chuck Viau, Pierre Perreault, John Lindsay (President of Minnow Lake C.A.N), Chris Gore (City of Greater Sudbury- Leisure Services)

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at: 7:04 pm.

### APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES:

Moved by – Julie Sykora  
Seconded by – Julie Vaillancourt

That the January 27 and February 10, 2010 Committee Minutes be approved.

**Carried.**

### AGENDA:

1. Discussion on structure of the Committee
2. Elections
3. Committee Name

**Carried.**

#### **1. Discussion on the structure of the Committee**

Pierre started the discussions on the structure of the Committee by asking everyone's view on the need for a structured Committee. He also shared that he had received some feedback via email from some members that they found the way in which business was being done and/or proposed seemed "too structured", "political" even "cumbersome".

Pierre share that a structure committee could possibly be pushing people away from participating as members of the Committee or participating at meetings.

Pierre invited everyone to add their view on the need or the style of structure of the Committee. Although many viewed that a informal structured committee would be beneficial on some levels, it would pose other problems which would ultimately affect the outcome of the goal of the Committee which was to have the City Council support the creation of a framework and Off-Leash Dog Area within the City of Greater Sudbury.

In the end, it was felt that a general structure was needed if we wanted to see the goal of an Off-Leash Dog Area created in the City of Greater Sudbury. Furthermore, it was felt that having a Committee with some structure and aided by a broad support from residents throughout the City of Greater Sudbury would be view favourably the members of the City Council.

Everyone agreed that their needed to be some form of a structured Committee. After a brief discussion, it was felt that the following roles where necessary for the success of the Committee's work.

**Chairperson:** to chair meetings and coordinate the work of the different sub-committees and to ensure everything is advancing to our goal.

**Lead on Research:** to chair a sub-committee of interested residents/members that would assist with identifying key components of our presentation to City Council. The Committee's work would be initially reviewing the finding of other communities across the Province or Canada that have developed a proposal to their respective City Councils.

**Lead on Communication:** to chair a sub-committee of interested residents/members that would assist with identifying key communication tools and resources for the success creation of a Off-Leash Dog Area. The Committee's work would be looking at building support in the community by maintaining an Internet presence whereby we can keep people informed and garner support. Make contact with other like minded people, organizations and committees.

**Lead on Fundraising:** to chair a sub-committee of interested residents/members that would assist with identifying key strategies to raise funds for either the creation or maintenance of an Off-Leash Dog Area. The Committee's work would initially be low-key as they would have to start by developing a list of potential donors (e.g.: individuals, groups, associations, business, etc.)

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**Recorder/Secretary:** to assist the chair in keeping a record of what was discussed and presented at the Committee meetings. This would also assist in keeping the community and new residents/members to the committee. It would assist the Chair in his duties of keeping the Committee moving forward while providing some collective record of discussions and actions to be taken.

## 2. Elections

The following people agreed to take on the following roles on the Committee.

Chairperson:	Pierre Perreault
Lead on Research:	Julie Vaillancourt
Lead on Communications:	Lesley-Anne Bardeggia / Julie Sykora
Lead on Fundraising:	Danielle Charest
Recorder/Secretary:	Carmen Birtwistle / Julie Sykora

## 3. Committee Name

Lesley-Anne proposed a list of possible names for the Committee. She identified that it would be important that the Committee has a recognizable name that would assist the work of the Committee in identifying and garnering support from the Community.

Julie V. offered to format into an easy selection sheet whereby members could pick their favourite name (ie: abbreviation) either by a ranking system or purely by choice.

## ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 8:09 p.m. to meet again on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Place Minnow Lake Place, community meeting room (103) on the first floor. (Please use Lakeside Entrance).

***\*\*Note\*\* : members are strongly encourage to bring their own copy of the Agenda and other related documents to each and every meeting.***

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Recorder