TORONTO Member Motion

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM55.3	ACTION			Ward:11

Creation of the first Dog Off-Leash Area in Ward 11, York South-Weston - by Councillor Frances Nunziata, seconded by Councillor Frank Di Giorgio

**** Notice of this Motion has been given.***
**** This Motion is subject to referral to the Parks and Environment Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.***

Recommendations

Councillor Frances Nunziata, seconded by Councillor Frank Di Giorgio, recommends that:

1. City Council approve the installation of a dog off-leash area within the Hydro corridor at the southwest corner of Woolner Avenue and Rockcliffe Boulevard.

Summary

While there are certain lands within Ward 11 which, in practice, are used as a dog off-leash area, there is no designated dog off-leash area in the ward.

Over the years, Parks, Forestry and Recreation has considered fifteen possible sites for dog off-leash areas, with only one possible site meeting the criteria as set out in the *People, Parks and Dogs Off-Leash Policy* ("the Policy").

In June 2013, a Public Information Meeting was held to consider a proposal for a dog off-leash area at Woolner Park, which met all the criteria under the Policy. At the meeting, concerns were raised regarding the proposed area's proximity to the playground.

On Thursday, June 26, 2014, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, at my request, held another Public Information Meeting, this time to consider an area located within the same Hydro corridor as Woolner Park, at the southwest corner of Woolner Avenue and Rockcliffe Boulevard, for a dog off-leash area. While this location does not meet all the criteria set out in the Policy, there is ample room for a dog off-leash area and it is far away from the playground at Woolner Park.

The proposal for a dog off-leash area at the southwest corner of Woolner Avenue and Rockcliffe Boulevard was unanimously supported by the community at the Public Information Meeting.

(Submitted to City Council on August 25 and 26, 2014 as MM55.3)

Background Information (City Council)

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