



方卓怡 市議員 **Paula FLETCHER**

**Councillor** Toronto-Danforth Ward 30

November 15, 2016

To: Parks & Environment Committee

Re: Re: Legalizing a Dog Off Leash Area on lands west of Greenwood TTC Yards

Dear Chair and Members,

For over 20 years residents of the Pocket have used the buffer area west of the 31 acre Greenwood Yards as an informal, unapproved off leash area without incident. Over the past 6 months the city, the TTC and the community have been grappling with ongoing enforcement issues related to off leash dogs in these lands.

This land is owned by the city and has been under the management of the TTC. There is an existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the local Pocket Community Association (PCA) that deals with community use. The community has long asked to formalize and legalize off leash activity in this area. As the property is under TTC management, this has not been possible.

For many months, I have been meeting with the TTC, the City, the PCA and members of the Pocket dog community to seek a solution.

With staff support, I am making the following recommendation to Committee which would:

- bring the subject property back to the City under the management of Parks
- grandparent the subject property and;
- formalize the use as an existing, non-conforming Dogs Off Leash Area (DOLA).

Municipal Licensing and Standards has agreed to be responsible for enforcement in this location to ensure it complies with Parks Bylaw Chapter 608.

I ask the Committee to support the following motion:

*City Council, upon the City lands located along the westerly edge of the buffer area located to the west of the TTC Greenwood yards ( the subject lands) coming into the Operational Management of Parks, Forestry and Recreation; and upon the Pocket Community Association releasing the Agreement with the TTC related to the subject lands, approve the regularization of the long-standing use of the subject lands as a dog off-leash area and grandparent the subject lands, in current condition, as an existing, non-conforming dog off-leash area; and exclude it from use by commercial dog walkers.*

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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