

City Council

Motion without Notice

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| MM47.71 | ACTION | | | Ward: 17 |
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Creating A Dogs Off-Leash Area in the Pleasant View Community - by Councillor Shelley Carroll, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher

** Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.
* This Motion is subject to referral to the North York Community Council. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.
* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

Recommendations

Councillor Shelley Carroll, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to work in consultation with the local Councillor on the construction of an enclosed dogs-off-leash area in Old Sheppard Park, and to hold a community consultation meeting to present designs.
2. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, and the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, in collaboration with the local Councillor to confirm sources of funding from local community benefit funds and to report through the 2023 Budget process.

Summary

Pleasant View is a neighbourhood located northeast of highways 404 and 401, and is home to families, youth and residents of all ages. This community continues to face growing development pressure due to the anticipated Sheppard Subway extension and an increased need for amenity space to serve all residents in the neighbourhood.

As part of the City's Participatory Budgeting Pilot program, the community selected an Off-Leash Area project for implementation. Unfortunately, staff were unable to site the project, stalling it for many years. After much negotiation with staff, Old Sheppard Park has been identified as a potential location for an Off-Leash Area.

Given the growing number of dogs and new residents in nearby vertical communities, it is imperative that potential contraventions of the Off- Leash-Area Policy be resolved in order to proceed with a community consultation.

This Motion is urgent as to advance the design and planning during the Council recess.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM47.71

