



Minutes

Municipality of Thames Centre

Thorndale Dog Park Ad Hoc Committee

October 17, 2023, 3:30 P.M.

**Municipal Office - Council Chambers
4305 Hamilton Road, Dorchester, ON**

Members Present: T. Heeman, Chair/Council Representative
K. Hallman, Vice-Chair/Community Representative
M. Smibert, Council Representative
L. Barnes, Community Representative
S. Williams, Community Representative

Members Absent: J. Wischlinski, Community Representative

Staff Present: S. MacDonald, Director of Community Services & Facilities/Staff Representative
J. Nethercott, Recording Secretary
D. Brown, Staff Representative

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called the meeting to order at 3:38 p.m.

2. Disclosure Of Pecuniary Interest

No pecuniary interests were disclosed.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Moved by: L. Barnes
Seconded by: S. Williams
(Resolution # TDPAC-24-2023)

THAT the minutes of the Thorndale Dog Park Ad Hoc Committee meeting held on September 19, 2023, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

4. Presentations/Delegations

No items.

5. Reports of Staff

5.1 Installation Update

D. Brown Parks & Facilities Supervisor reported that the parking lot has been completed and on Friday October 20 the contractor will be marking out the fence lines in anticipation of erecting the fence within the next two weeks.

5.2 Budget

D. Brown Parks & Facilities Supervisor reported that of the \$36,000 budget, \$32,625 has been committed between the parking lot and the fencing.

Committee discussed signage costs.

Moved by: T. Heeman
Seconded by: S. Williams
(Resolution # TDPAC-25-2023)

THAT Thorndale Dog Park Ad Hoc Committee hereby approve the cost of the Rules Signage be taken from the 2023 Dog Park budget.

Carried.

Moved by: K. Hallman
Seconded by: L. Barnes
(Resolution # TDPAC-26-2023)

THAT the Thorndale Dog Park Ad Hoc Committee request Thames Centre Council consider funding the cost of the Donor Board Signage for the Thorndale Dog Park at a cost of up to \$5,715.00 in the 2024 Budget.

Carried.

6. Committee Business

6.1 Grand Opening

Discussion was had around hosting a Grand Opening either in the fall or waiting until the Spring.

Moved by: L. Barnes
Seconded by: K. Hallman
(Resolution # TDPAC-27-2023)

THAT Thorndale Dog Park Ad Hoc Committee hereby proceeds with a soft opening in the fall once the fencing is complete and work with staff to set a spring date for a Grand Opening

Carried.

6.2 Fundraising

Fundraising Sub Committee Chair K. Hallman reported that the Sub Committee has met twice and requested costs of pieces of agility equipment from staff and reviewed the requirements for donations. S. Williams, Community Member brought forward a discussion around setting fundraising goals and opportunities for naming rights.

Discussion was held around the cost of agility equipment and possibly a shelter, with staff to report back on the costs of such items.

7. Correspondence

None.

8. Unfinished Business

None.

9. New Business

Includes other business items requiring direction.

None.

10. Scheduling of Meetings

The next meeting is scheduled to be held November 21, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss it was:

Moved by: L. Barnes

Seconded by: K. Hallman

(Resolution # TDPAC-28-2023)

RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

Carried.