



Staff Report

Report To: Council

Report From: Kerri Mighton, Director of Finance/Treasurer

Meeting Date: June 6, 2023

Subject: Memorandum of Understanding re: West Grey-Durham Lions Dog Park Project

Recommendations:

That in consideration of staff report 'Memorandum of Understanding re: West Grey-Durham Lions Dog Park Project', council directs staff to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the West Grey-Durham Lions for their off-leash dog park project.

Highlights:

- Council was approached in early February with a proposal from the West Grey-Durham Lions Club to install an off-leash dog park.
- In March council directed staff to work with the community garden group users and the Lions Club to investigate location options for both groups.
- The Lions Club has approached the municipality to inquire if it would be willing to receive charitable donations for the purpose of the future dog park and work with the Lions Club as a project lead.
- A draft memorandum of understanding has been prepared.

Previous Report/Authority:

At the March 7, 2023, council meeting, staff was directed to work with the with the community garden group users and the Lions Club to investigate location options for both groups.

Analysis:

The Lions Club has approached the municipality to inquire if it would be willing to receive charitable donations for the purpose of the future dog park and work with the Lions Club as a project lead. Staff has continued to work with the groups on the final location, layout, etc. The preferred location is on the south side of Saddler St. W. and

adjacent to Station St., which is the current site of the community gardens. In consultation with the garden users, the community gardens will be relocated after the fall harvest is completed. A draft memorandum of understanding has been prepared to outline the responsibilities of both the municipality and the Lions Club respecting the dog park project.

Financial Implications:

The West Grey-Durham Lions Club is fully funding the dog park project in conjunction with any donations received.

Communication Plan:

Staff will reach out to the West Grey-Durham Lions Club to sign the memorandum of understanding.

Consultation:

Kodey Hewlett, Corporate and Community Initiatives Officer

Jamie Eckenswiller, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

West Grey-Durham Lions Club

Attachments:

Memorandum of understanding re: West Grey-Durham Lions Club Dog Park Project

Recommended by:

Kerri Mighton, Director of Finance/Treasurer

Submission approved by:

Laura Johnston, Chief Administrative Officer

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