

Leash Free Markham Committee
February 23, 2012
Ontario Room, Markham Civic Centre
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Attendance: Jordan Dewitt, Chair, Annie Cheng, Chris Dunn, Laura Gold, Darlene Macartney and Nory Takata

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Items
1. Call to Order	The Leash Free Markham Committee convened at 7:00 p.m.	
2. Introductions	The Committee Members briefly introduced themselves.	
3. Board and Committee Orientation	Ms. Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator, provided a Board and Committee Orientation.	
4. Framework for Off Leash Parks in Markham	Mr. Nory Takata, Parks Planner, provided a brief overview of the framework of Markham's Off Leash Parks.	
5. Election of Officers	The following members were elected as officers: Jordan Dewitt – Chair Darlene Macartney - Secretary	
6. 2012 Meeting Dates	The next meeting of the Leash Free Markham Committee will be held on Thursday, April 5 at 6:30 p.m. at Markham Civic Centre. Future meeting will be determined based on Members availability. The Clerk was asked to book a room, send out an outlook meeting request and circulate the members contact information to the Committee.	Book a room, send out an outlook meeting request and circulate the members contact information to the Committee – Laura Gold

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<p>7. Request for Councillor Representation</p>	<p>Moved by: Darlene Macartney Seconded by: Chris Dunn</p> <p>That the Off Leash Markham Committee request that Council appoint a Member of Council to the Committee.</p>	
<p>8. Future Agenda Items</p>	<p>The Committee discussed potential agenda items for upcoming meetings:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to secure prospective lands for off leash parks? • What lands are owned by the Town that could be used for an off leash park? • Who does the petitioning for the off leash park? • A strategy for proactively looking for off leash dog parks (Note: the Committee thought that a park was needed in East Markham and in Markham Centre) • Having leash free hours at Markham Parks • The basic requirements for having an Off Leash Park in Markham <p>The new members were recommended to go to the existing Off Leash Parks if they had not done so already. Darlene and Chris agreed to compile a list of agenda items related to the current issues at Markham’s Off Leash Markham Parks.</p>	
<p>9. Next Meeting Date</p>	<p>Thursday, April 5 at 6:30 p.m. at Markham Civic Centre.</p>	
<p>10. Adjournment</p>	<p>The Leash Free Markham Committee adjourned at 8:35 p.m.</p>	