

MINUTES
THORNDALE DOG PARK AD HOC COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023
3:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL OFFICE

PRESENT: T. Heeman, Council Representative
M. Smibert, Council Representative
J. Wischlinski, Community Member
K. Hallman, Community Member
L. Barnes, Community Member
S. Williams, Community Member
S. MacDonald, Staff Representative
J. Wood, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

1. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

No pecuniary interests were disclosed at this time.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

(A) **Nominations for Chair.** S. MacDonald called for nominations for the Chair position of the Thorndale Dog Park Ad Hoc Committee and the following person was nominated: K. Hallman. It was then:

Moved by: M. Smibert
Seconded by: J. Wischlinski
(Resolution #TDPAC-01-2023)

RESOLVED THAT nominations be closed, and that K. Hallman be appointed as the Chair of the Thorndale Dog Park Ad Hoc Committee. Carried.

3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

(A) **Nominations for Vice- Chair.** The Recording Secretary called for nominations for the Vice-Chair position of the Thorndale Dog Park Ad Hoc Committee and the following person was nominated: T. Heeman. It was then:

Moved by: L. Barnes
Seconded by: S. Williams
(Resolution #TDPAC-02-2023)

RESOLVED THAT nominations be closed, and that T. Heeman be appointed as the Deputy Chair of the Thorndale Dog Park Ad Hoc Committee. Carried.

4. REPORTS OF STAFF

- (A) **Committee Terms of Reference.** S. MacDonald opened discussion and summarized the terms of reference.
- (B) **2023 Budget.** S. MacDonald opened discussion noting the 2023 capital budget of \$36,000 which was based on Dorchester's Dog Day Park costs.

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- (A) **Committee Member Introduction.** The Chair, K. Hallman opened discussion and welcomed a round table introduction of each committee member.
- (B) **Location.** K. Hallman opened discussion on the potential location of the Dog Park. Points being considered were as follows:
 - proximity and accessibility
 - parking availability
 - municipally owned land
 - specific land costs if land needs to be cleared and avoiding cutting trees.After discussion, it was then:

Moved by: K. Hallman
Seconded by: L. Barnes
(Resolution #TDPAC-03-2023)

RESOLVED THAT that the staff resource be directed to seek advice from the planning department and determine all the municipally owned lands within the Thorndale area, with maps to be considered at the next meeting.
Carried.

- (C) **Direction to Staff and/or Recommendation(s) to Council.** S. MacDonald opened discussion to advise the committee on how to make directions to staff and recommendations to council, as they directed above.

6. CORRESPONDENCE – None.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

8. NEW BUSINESS – Thorndale Fair board and Agricultural Society member attended the meeting to provide public input on the location of the Dog Park and advised that using the horse paddock on the fairgrounds is not an ideal location due to concern of safety, as well as the amount of clean up and maintenance, the seasonal closures due to paddock being in use for events and how it negatively would effect the way they operate their business and the fall fair.

9. CLOSED SESSION – None.

10. SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS

After discussion amongst the committee members regarding the 2023 meeting schedule, it was then:

Moved by: M. Smibert
Seconded by: T. Heeman
(Resolution #TDPAC-04-2023)

RESOLVED THAT that the following schedule of events dates for 2023 be approved:

Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

Noting that such dates and times may be subject to change and that all meetings will be held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Office located at 4305 Hamilton Road, Dorchester. Carried.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, it was:

Moved by: T. Heeman
Seconded by: S. Williams
(Resolution #TDPAC-05-2023)

RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m. Carried.