

## Mississippi Mills – Dog Park Working Group

Thursday, April 22, 2021

Virtual Meeting conducted via Zoom

Start Time: 2:00 pm

Present: Councillor John Dalgity  
Vicki Lowe  
Terry Ainsworth  
Laurel Cook  
Sandra Franks  
Calvin Murphy (Staff Representative)  
Dawn McDonald (Recorder)

Calvin Murphy lead the group through a question by question review of Version 2 of the Dog Park Survey.

The group agreed that the following changes should be incorporated into Version 3:

- Ask respondents to include their Name on the survey
- Use the IP address to limit the survey to only one response per household
- Limit the survey to Mississippi Mills residents only
- Remove Question C.2 – What time of day would you typically use a dog park?
- Change Question C.4 to ask residents to rank the top 5 amenities that they would like to see included in a dog park
- Change part two, Question D.1 so that everyone can express their concerns regarding a dog park, not just those who don't see a benefit in having one.

Calvin to report back to the Group on whether it is a liability concern for the Municipality if the off leash dog park incorporates multi use trails that are shared with walkers/hikers and cyclists. Depending on liability, Question E.2 may need to be removed from the survey as well.

The option of funding the dog park through proceeds derived from increased dog licensing fees was briefly discussed as well as the benefit of having on line access to purchase dog licenses and the policing of dog park users.

Councillor Dalgity agreed to put together an electronic version of the Dog Park survey for review of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee at their next meeting on May 25, 2021.

A final version of the survey, with today's agreed upon changes, will be sent out to the Dog Park Working Group along with the minutes from today's meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:43 pm