

## Questions and Answers for Councillor Chris Fonseca AGM, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### A. Parks and Recreation: services, conditions, enhancements

1. Recent incidents involving dogs running off leash in the area of Shaver Trail and Trail 11 and Animal control now patrolling the offenders is admirable but points to another need for the community – a second leash free zone. The area in question has a very large dog population and it is a significant trek to the Garnetwood Park leash free area. Garnetwood is the go-to location for dog walkers from outside our community, while also serving the eastern residents.

We are asking the city to consider Beachwood Park for a secondary off-leash area to serve the western area and reduce the temptation for off-leashing dogs along the trails in this area. Perhaps new community funds could be channelled in this direction. This is not a new request and was actually first suggested when discussing the allocation of community funds for Forest Park.

I had staff look into to see if Beechwood was feasible for a dog park. At this time all requests for leash-free zones are evaluated using the criteria outlined in the City's corporate policy 05-01-13, Leash-free Zones. These zones are typically 1 to 2 acres in size, located away from play structures and active sports fields with sufficient buffers from surrounding houses to reduce any noise conflicts. The City is currently undertaking an update to the Future Directions Master Plan which include public consultation when there will be opportunities to provide feedback on leash free zones. Your inquiry will be kept on record to help inform the review of the master plan which is targeted for completion in 2024. Once again, I will be asking staff to consider other configurations such as smaller off-leash parks for smaller parks.

While on the topic of dogs, if the city decides to go with a dog waste disposal system, we have already strongly suggested that this location also be designated for this program.

The locations that RHA has mentioned have been noted. They are the process of getting a tender for the project and the dog waste disposal program will start in 2023.

2. During our last meeting with Parks in regards to the Splash Pad, we were advised that bicycle racks would be installed at Garnetwood Park. What is the status – when will they be installed?

The Bike Rack for Garnetwood Parks will be installed shortly. Staff had planned on having it in place for the opening of the spray pad season. Of particular note, there are four inverted “U” bike parking units that were installed with the spray pad that are intentionally positioned as a physical separator and directional guide.

3. With recent vandalism causing the washrooms to be closed. Is the city considering putting security cameras in this area to avoid future damage? Again, this is not the first-time occurrence of damage in the park. Police patrols do not appear to be any deterrent.

Staff are in very early stages looking into places security cameras in parks for issues like this. They have to work with legal

4. Loose trash in the park west of Ponytrail rd. between Apartment at 4100 Ponytrail and Townhouses at 1855 Maple Ridge is an issue. Especially after any strong winds. How can this be addressed? Will there be more garbage cans added to Trail 11?

**RHA comment: Park maintenance has been advised of this situation and we awaiting a response.**

## **B. Roads and Maintenance**

1. Is there a schedule for updates for road and curbs? Many streets were done last year – what is planned for this year?

**RHA comment: The original response was Capilano Crt., however, in a follow-up letter to a resident on Marblethorne, this was amended to include: Marblethorne Court, Garnetwood Chase and Garrowhill Trail, which will also be repaired as part of the same project**

2. The new paved pathway (Trail 11) that goes through the hydro lines and ends at Audubon. Are they going to finish the paving of the last couple of meters onto Audubon? They stopped paving just before the sidewalk and need to continue to the road, as all the other are finished this way.

**RHA Comment: This question was not answered and we will follow-up with the councillor to ensure that this work is completed.**

3. My question is in regards levelling of sidewalks on several streets in the neighborhood, specifically Pallisades, Beechnoll and Claypine Rise. The sidewalks were all marked with spray paint several years ago but have never been raised up to meet the rest of the concrete slabs. There are many walkers on these streets and I have seen many near falls because of tripping on the raised sidewalk sections. When will this work be completed?

All sidewalks in the City are inspected annually and any deficiencies are marked using an orange spray paint. Minor deficiencies are monitored from year to year and when they become moderate or severe, they are scheduled for repair through either the City's sidewalk jacking contract or replacement program.

In regards to the three streets in particular, Pallisades Lane and Beechnoll Avenue underwent sidewalk repairs between 2018 and 2020 to address the moderate to severe deficiencies. Claypine Rise is scheduled for sidewalk jacking this year. At the same time, staff will review Pallisades Lane and Beechnoll Avenue for any sidewalk issues that we can address while we are working on Claypine Rise. If there are any follow-up questions or if you would like me to reach out to any residents individually, to provide more information, please let me know

- A. There are a lot of trees marked with an X along Beechnoll north of Bough Beaches, which are obviously going to be marked for removal. Why are they being removed?

The red dots on the trees indicate that they are to be pruned and not removed.

## B. Safety

1. Is there a regular schedule for patrolling of parks and trails?

Yes, the Bike Ambassador program is back this summer and will be patrolling parks and trails. I have confirmed Trail 11 is also on this list.

2. When a burglary occurred in our neighbourhood, on a mid-week day in the early afternoon, the police did not response for three hours. They said the reason was there was no threat to human life. While, we understand that there are priorities in law enforcement, failure to attend the scene of a crime gives criminals the impression that the police are not pursuing thefts and minor crimes. As our tax dollars support Peel Regional Police, how do we as a community ensure that our community is served on a timely basis?

I understand your frustrations when it comes to Peel Police. I have brought this up to Peel Police several times. I suggest you sign up to the virtual meeting town halls that Division 12 hosts and raising this question. My office will let you know when the next one is.

## C. Rockwood Signage

1. What is the status?

The drawings and locations have been submitted.

2. Is there any cost for maintenance?

I have heard from staff that once the signs are up, they are part of the Heritage Mississauga signs that are up kept.

3. Who would pay for replacement if vandalized?

If they are vandalized, maintenance has different solutions to clean the signs themselves and if they have a contractor that can help clean them.