

Meeting Date: April 15, 2019
Department: Community Services
Prepared By: Robert Lilbourne, Director
Reviewed By: Greg McClinchey, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: **Strathroy-Caradoc Dog Owners Association (SCDOA) Request for Subcommittee Status of the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC)**

RECOMMENDATION: THAT: Report CS 10-2019 entitled Strathroy-Caradoc Dog Owners Association (SCDOA) Request for Subcommittee Status of the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) for information and further;

THAT: Council concur with the recommendation of CDAC and grant the SCDOA's request of becoming a subcommittee of CDAC.

BACKGROUND

The Strathroy Caradoc Dog Owners Association (SCDOA) has been an active group of individuals committed to the beautification and development of our local off leash dog park for over 11 years.

The discussion about a dog park first came about back in 2006 when a couple of residents approached the previous director with the idea. For a couple of years, the search for appropriate land to develop a dog park took place. In 2008 another resident came forward requesting the development of a dog park and these two residents worked together closely with the municipality over the next number of years.

In 2010 the current property was chosen as the appropriate location and the fundraising began and the creation of the SCDOA was created with elections for an executive in July of 2010.

This small but mighty committee was very successful in its efforts with developing the dog park in its early days. The SCDOA has been responsible for beautification of the park and member management since its creation.

The overwhelming success of the park has seen a significant number of users attend the park, whom have certain expectations.

COMMENTS

This request was first considered by staff and subsequently recommended to the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) for their review.

There was significant discussion around the importance of the dog park to the community development and the economic benefits. Further discussion revolved around potential future expansion into other communities as well as an additional dog park in Strathroy.

The Terms of Reference for the Dog Park Advisory Committee (DPAC) will be developed for approval at the next CDAC meeting in May.

The funds of the SCDOA would be transferred over to the Municipality and put into a separate bank account specifically for the Dog Park and the mandate of the committee.

CDAC recommends that Council approve the Strathroy-Caradoc Dog Owners Association to become a subcommittee of CDAC called the Dog Park Advisory Committee (DPAC).

FINANCIAL

None

CONSULTATION

Mayor

CAO

Department Staff

CDAC

ATTACHMENTS

Letter from the SCDOA

Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc
Community Development Advisory Committee
Rob Lilbourne, Director of Community services.

March 25, 2019

Rob,

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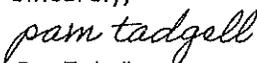
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The committee feels that this will allow us to grow even more in a positive direction. The mandate of the committee would not change (beautification and member management) unless otherwise directed by CDAC and our Council.

Strathroy-Caradoc continues to see more homes built every year which in turn means new residents. Many of these residents are looking for locations such as our park. Dog parks are getting people out into the community, meeting others, getting exercise and in some cases, this is where they learn about community events.

Sincerely,



Pam Tadgell,
Vice President SCDOA For Donny Guest

Donny Guest
President, Strathroy-Caradoc Dog Owners Association