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To: Chair and Members
Lambton Area Water Supply System Joint Board of Management

From: Clinton Harper
General Manager

Subject: Park Agreement – LAWSS Forest Standpipe

Recommendation

It is recommended that the LAWSS Joint Board of Management endorse the attached agreement.

Background:

In 2019, LAWSS was approached by an advocacy group in The Municipality of Lambton Shores requesting that a section of the green space on the north side of the Forest Standpipe, within the Forest Standpipe compound, be repurposed as a dog park and make accessible to area residents.

There is approximately 0.5 acres of green space on the north side of the Forest Standpipe that may be re-purposed for the requested use without affecting the operation or maintenance of the Facility. In 2019, the LAWSS Joint Board of Management agreed in principal to re-purposing an area of LAWSS property as a dog park and directed staff to work with the local municipality and advocacy group to establish an agreement to this effect.

Comments:

With the assistance of LAWSS legal council, an acceptable agreement between the “club” and the advocacy group. The finalized agreement is attached to this report and awaits a final endorsement by the Board.

Consultation:

An associate at George Murray Shipley Bell, LLP, along with OCWA-LAWSS Operational Staff, were consulted in the development of the attached agreement.

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Financial Implications:

The agreement is designed in a way that protects LAWSS from liability and to ensure that LAWSS is not financially impacted by the construction, ongoing maintenance and operation.

This report was prepared by Clinton Harper, LAWSS General Manager

Attachment(s):

DRAFT Forest SP Public Dog Park Agreement (Rev. Sept 17, 2020)

Forest Standpipe – Site Aerial