

Patenaude, Lindsey

From: Patenaude, Lindsey
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 11:55 AM
To: Patenaude, Lindsey
Subject: FW: Letter Regarding Off Leash Dogs near Lakebreeze Drive

From: [Email Redacted]
Sent: June 3, 2021 9:07 PM
To: Gallagher, June <JGallagher@clarington.net>
Cc: Anderson, Duncan <DAnderson@clarington.net>
Subject: Re: Letter Regarding Off Leash Dogs near Lakebreeze Drive

EXTERNAL

Hi June,

I think we're making this more complicated than it needs to be. It looks like, yes, you are correct, item 3.5 and 3.7 on your by-law letter needs to be removed. I will tell my fellow dog walkers this is delayed by a few days. My letter was fairly clear in stating what needs to be done, though. It's fair and reasonable and removes the 'coward and bully' factors. Most of the rest of the letter was to simply explain the circumstance, but if explanation isn't needed, then that's fine too. Ive re-pasted what is to be done again, below...

Please reclassify this as a "Leash-Free dog park" so as to allow responsible dog owners, in reasonable control of their dogs, to go leash-less, unless they are requested otherwise by fellow park visitors. This should be done as soon as possible, so that we can all enjoy the summer on the lake, particularly now as we (hopefully) crawl our way out of this horrible covid crisis and back to some kind of normality.

We seemed to have missed having this completed by the May 31 date. Too bad, I dropped everything and sent this letter, as requested by Lindsay, got it in just under the wire to get this changed by May 31, I had thought anyway. Pretty irritating. I'm a busy guy and dont really have a lot of time for this stuff. I pushed off much more important business to do this according to our time table. Change is to be made, and made quickly please. The more sensible and efficient alternative, as I have said repeatedly, is to simply give the names of those who are complaining so we can have a discussion directly. Im not sure why this seems so objectionable. It's basic common sense. Ive spent far too much time on this already. Please make it happen week of June 7, and confirm once change is complete so I can tell the dog walker gang to "release the hounds" 😊

You also mentioned you wanted my address. A bit of a brave request when all I was asking for was the name of complainers dont you agree? But yea sure, Im at [Address Redacted]

I can be reached by my cell phone below if anyone needs to call for more clarity.

Thanks

[Name and Phone Number]

Redacted]

On Thu, 3 Jun 2021 at 15:23, Gallagher, June <JGallagher@clarington.net> wrote:

Hi [Name Redacted],

Thank you for your correspondence. Your correspondence pertains to items that are dealt with in different ways. So, I am writing to seek clarification.

1. If you are requesting that Council make a change to create an additional off-leash dog park in the area of Lakebreeze Drive, in addition to the [existing off-leash dog parks](#), this would require Council direction and approval and we would ask that you make this clear, in writing, so that we can add it to an upcoming agenda.
2. If you are requesting that Council make a change to the [Responsible Pet Owner's By-law 2013-24](#), regarding off-leash dogs and dog parks, this would require Council to pass an amending by-law. If this is your request, could you please provide more information on the change you are requesting and then we can place it on an upcoming agenda? If it helps, I can direct you to section 3.5 & 3.7 of the by-law, which speaks to pets at large and leash-free dog areas.
3. If you have concerns about your interactions with Municipal Law Enforcement officers, we would ask that you submit a [formal complaint using the online form](#) or contact Duncan Anderson, Municipal Law Enforcement Manager, copied here or 905-623-3379 ext. 2110, who can also discuss the above matters. Enforcement matters cannot be considered by Council and we would ask that these not be included in correspondence intended to be placed on the agenda.

Additionally, in accordance with a Council resolution, all correspondence submitted for consideration on an agenda must contain the author's mailing address, so we would ask that you add it to your correspondence regarding items 1 and 2 above. The agenda deadline for the next upcoming General Government Committee meeting is noon on Wednesday, June 16th.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Thanks,

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From: [Email Redacted]

Sent: May 28, 2021 3:57 PM

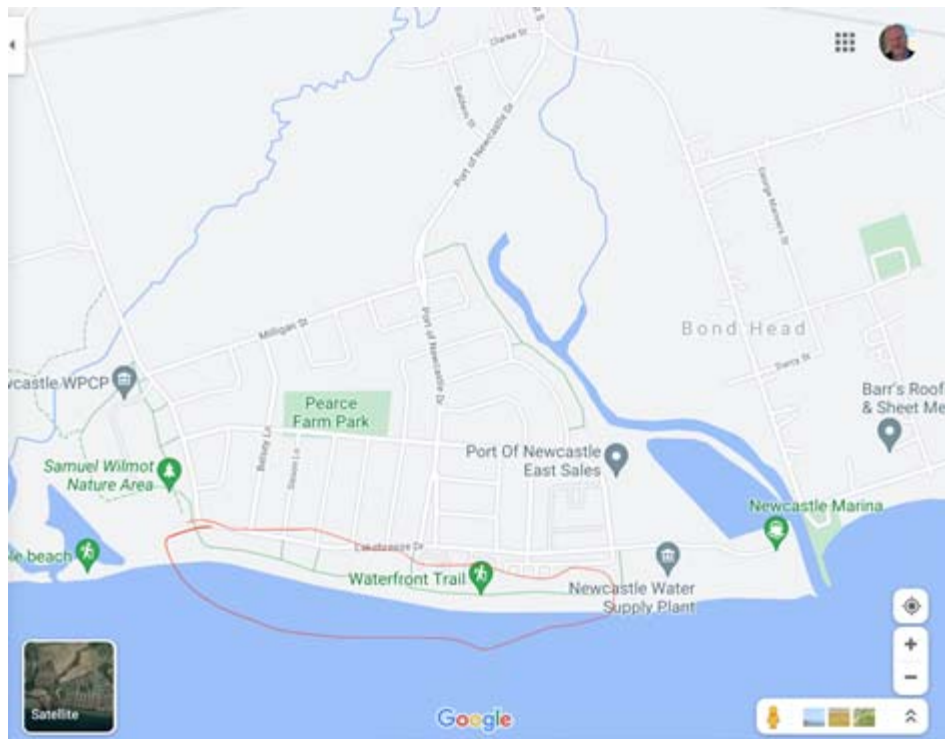
To: ClerksExternalEmail <clerks@clarington.net>

Subject: Please forward to the desk of the Mayor and Members of Counsel of Clarington

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To Whom it may concern,

I am, and have been for several years, a Port of Newcastle resident living down on Lakebreeze Drive adjacent to what I, and everyone around here, has mostly referred to as "the dog park". More specifically, here in red...



Apparently, as I now know, there is a difference between a dog park and an off-leash dog park. Unfortunate to discover this after the fact, for first time dog owners like me.

There is a group of us which meet in a very penned off area of the park to allow some much needed exercise and socialization time for the dogs. There have been several interactions and warnings from the local by-law officer, who is responding to complaints about us gathering together with our dogs. It's ridiculous and unnecessary, and has been referred to from many in the group as bullying. Which I would tend to agree.

So when faced with the choice to simply request that a dog owner "leash up", or to spend taxpayer money to request a paid city official tell you to do it, without a reason needed, enables those who are inclined to hide behind these by-laws to bully with impunity if they so desire. Perhaps they aren't bullies, and have a perfectly good reason to complain, in which case, what's the problem? No one said no yet. It's simply not acceptable to carry on like this.

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As a final note, if the by-law officer wishes to really make a difference, then perhaps a little time spent catching and fining those who leave dog poops behind, is a better use of taxpayer money. You wont get any arguments on that.

Thanks in advance.

Sincerely,

[Name and Phone
Number Redacted]