

**Pocket Community Association (PCA)
Minutes of TTC Committee, 16 July 2014
at the home of Diane and Don Smith**

Present: Susan McMurray (Chair), Diane & Don Smith, Gilles Durot and Llana Nakonechny.
(Regrets from Jeff Otto)

Context: This meeting follows the Community Consultation held at St. Leonard's Hall on 14 May 2014. The community provided input into remediation and improvement of the greenspace known as the west side of Oakvale Green (which has been defined and respected in a Memorandum of Understanding signed by the TTC and the Pocket Community Association). Minutes of that consultation can be found in the PCA website. At that meeting, the TTC Committee committed to examine all the community input and consult again regarding an action plan.

Mandate of the TTC Committee: The purpose of this committee is to serve as a channel of communication between the PCA, representing The Pocket community, and the TTC regarding remediation and ongoing maintenance of the west side of Oakvale Green, and to make recommendations for action to the TTC as appropriate. The liaison persons on behalf of communication between the PCA and TTC are Diane Smith and Gilles Durot who can be reached at ttc@thepocket.ca Diane and Gilles will report on their activities to each TTC Committee meeting. Minutes of each TTC Committee meeting will be published in the PCA website. Enquiries will be made as to whether any residents near to the south end of the greenspace wish to serve on this committee. Expressions of interest in this regard are welcome.

Proposed Course of Action:

1. Diane will invite Virginia Dabrus and Diego Sinagoga, perhaps with other TTC representatives to meet with the TTC Committee in September 2014. The purpose of this meeting is to alert the TTC to issues that may be recommended by the TTC Committee or raised by local residents at a Community Consultation to be held in late October or early November 2014. Items to be considered at this meeting with TTC include:
 - The five issues which the TTC Committee considers as immediate priorities, including (1) condition of the north-south pathway, (2) general erosion of the greenspace, (3) condition of the laneway going north from Shudell Avenue, (4) water ponding in the low area on both sides of the bridge, just north of Queen Victoria, and (5) condition of the trees,
 - Signage throughout the greenspace providing guidance to first-responders in case of an emergency call. We recognize that the formal address of the greenspace is fixed, but it would be helpful to 911 operators and first-responders to have signs saying Oakvale Green (Phin-Oakvale entrance), Oakvale Green (Queen Victoria entrance) and Oakvale Green (Shudell entrance),
 - Consideration to remove the north-south chain link fence between Shudell Avenue and Queen Victoria since this fence does not represent the property boundary of the southern portion of the greenspace and it appears to serve no practical purpose,
 - Consideration to repair the chain-link fence at the eastern end of Queen Victoria and install a self-closing gate at that entrance.

2. Schedule a Community Consultation meeting in late October or early November to inform Pocket residents about progress to date and seeking their input and advice regarding the above-named issues as well as the following considerations:
 - Establish a community notice/bulletin board in the greenspace?
 - More lighting? If yes, lighting hardware should direct the light downwards so that it does not shine in the windows of adjoining residents,
 - Placement of garbage cans including another garbage receptacle at the southern end of the greenspace? If so, arrange for bin emptying so that the ground cover is not damaged, and the receptacle is located some distance away from homes on account of odour,
 - Installing a bench in the northern part of the greenspace along the existing maintained path?
 - Develop a gardening facility? (The committee sees this as a lower priority, and if it potentially is to proceed a group of interested residents would need to make a recommendation to the committee),
 - Rename the greenspace?
3. Arrange for substantial publicity in announcing the Community Consultation. This includes flyers to be posted around the Pocket informing residents about the 14 May Community Consultation, and posting announcements in the PCA website and Facebook.
4. Potential for future revision of the Memorandum of Understanding to clarify language about the dog on-leash provision in the MOU and reference the historical basis of the greenspace. Locating foundation documentation related to the creation of Oakvale Green would enhance any revision. Don to follow up on earlier request for documents to Virginia Dabrus and Diego Sinagoga.

Minutes prepared on 19 July 2014 by Don Smith.