

Off Leash Dogs in Eglinton Park

Following a Community meeting last Summer a working group of 3 dog owners and 3 non dog owners, including ARECA Director Patrick Smyth, has been working through issues and concerns in Eglinton Park.

At first the focus was on the matter of dogs off-leash but the committee has expanded its mandate to consider all issues including sanitation, garbage and public safety. A plan is now being developed that will strive to achieve an overall improvement for all park users. In this regard local dog owners have made a significant contribution and look forward to being part of the improvements.

Work is being facilitated by Councillor Stintz and City Staff with a view to bringing a proposal for a pilot project to a public meeting. All involved with this initiative firmly believe that changes are needed in Eglinton Park and welcome the opportunity to bring about community based solutions.

Councillor Stintz has included this issue in her website and states that, "the existing by-law that requires dogs to be leashed at all times is currently being enforced in Eglinton Park." Please visit <http://www.karenstintz.com/dogs> to send your comments. All comments will be summarized and posted on the issues page of the website.

ARECA is a volunteer community association representing the views of residents in matters that affect our community in North Toronto. ARECA represents the area bounded by Eglinton Avenue West, Yonge Street, Roselawn Avenue, Avenue Road, St Clements Avenue and Chaplin Road. If you live in the ARECA area please join your community association. To join send a cheque for \$20 (\$10 seniors) for your 2006 membership, along with your name, address and phone number to Avenue Road Eglinton Community Association, c/o Membership Secretary 23 Elwood Boulevard, Toronto M4R 1B8. Note if you wish to receive fax or email updates from ARECA please include these with your membership details or email us at information@areca.info.