

15<sup>th</sup> April 2019

To: Kincardine Mayor and Council

Good afternoon, :

My name is Helen Gitter-Rothe and I am writing on behalf of the Kincardine Lions Club. Our club is requesting permission to once again hold a "Walk for Dog Guides", starting at 10am, on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> 2019, ending at 2pm.

The Walk will be at the Davidson Centre. We are anticipating approximately 30 walkers, whom we will provide with appropriate bags for cleaning up after their pets. We will also supply water for both dogs and walkers, and members of our Lions Club will be on hand to help out with directions, etc. Liability for the walk will be covered both by our club's event insurance, in conjunction with Lions Clubs International Insurance, copy of which we will supply.

The purpose of the Walk is to raise funds for the Lions Foundation of Canada, whose mission is to provide Dog Guides, at no cost, to Canadians with a medical or physical disability. From guiding their handlers through their daily lives to getting help when it's needed most, Dog Guides play a crucial role in the lives of those they serve.

The dogs are trained in the categories of:

Canine Vision for people who are blind or visually impaired

Hearing Ear for people who are deaf or hard of hearing

Autism Assistance for children who have autism spectrum disorder

Service Special Skills for people who have a physical disability

Seizure Response for people who have epilepsy

Diabetic Alert for people who have type 1 diabetes with hypoglycemic unawareness

The cost of training these dogs is around \$25,000, none of which is paid by the client, as previously mentioned. As you can imagine, raising these funds is an ongoing challenge, and one of the main fundraisers is the Walk for Dog Guides, which is sponsored by Pet Valu, the company which donates all the food and veterinary care throughout the lives of these dogs.

I hope you will help the Kincardine Lions Club to help others, by allowing the Walk for Dog Guides to take place.

Respectfully submitted,



Helen Gitter-Rothe  
Chair - Walk for Dog Guides

cc Karen Keiffer – Parks and Recreation Director