Date: February 2nd, 2024

Woodstock City Council,

Parkrun Woodstock is seeking approval to run Woodstock Parkruns every Saturday at 9am, starting from early spring to mid/late fall, at Roth Park. The official event begins at 9am, with set-up starting at 8:30am and ending at 10:00am.

The event organizers are seeking approval to host a weekly 5k run at Roth Park, with participants being encouraged to walk, bike, or jog to the event. The event is non-competitive, with an expected attendance of 10-20 participants, including volunteers. Parkrun is a registered non-profit, and the event is entirely free, with no paid registration required. A free online-registration is used to send run times via email after each completed run.

The route proposed is to head out by the gates near the parking lot, running along the trail for 2.5k, and then turning around. The event organizers use minimal equipment, such as a flag with a removable stake and small pylons (5cm tall), which are set up at the start/end, turnaround point, and along the route.

 Parkrun Woodstock does not require the use of washrooms or pavilions, and the trail remains open to the general public during the event. Runners are instructed to give way to anyone else using the trail and to stay on the right side of the path. The organizers plan to promote the event through word of mouth initially, followed by sharing information with local Facebook groups and running clubs.

Furthermore, Parkrun Woodstock aims to foster a sense of community by encouraging participants to gather for coffee after the run, supporting local businesses like Early Bird Coffee and Beantown. Parkrun has its own insurance. The UTRCA, which maintains the property, will also be consulted for approval.

City of Woodstock staff have reviewed and approved (pending Council approval) this request. We are seeking City Council's approval to host Woodstock Parkrun at Roth Park.

Sincerely,

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