

MOTION ON NOTICE

2. Temporary Expansion of Fenced, Off-leash Dog Area at Hinge Park

MOVER: Commissioner Coupar

SECONDER:

WHEREAS:

1. Many Vancouverites value the opportunity to take dogs to parks for exercise and socialization, a healthy activity for both dogs and dog owners;
2. Dog owners are some of the city's most frequent park users, often using parks at off-peak hours and providing valuable 'eyes' in our parks;
3. The Vancouver Park Board provides 36 designated "off-leash areas", four of which are fenced including Hinge Park;
4. The Park Board has received many comments about off-leash areas, including concerns that current off-leash area locations and hours are not satisfying demand.
5. The new development at the Village on False Creek and the surrounding area appear to have a greater concentration and number of dogs than was previously anticipated;
6. The Vancouver Park Board is currently exploring ways to improve the City's off-leash area network;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board, subject to conducting a suitable public consultation similar to that of the recently-approved temporary community garden located on City-owned land to the east of the Village on False creek, support a temporary expansion of the fenced, off-leash area for dogs on City-owned land on the west side of Hinge Park, with all details to the satisfaction of the General Manager of the Park Board and the City Engineer.