

TO: Board Members - Parks and Recreation

FROM: General Manager - Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: DOGS OFF-LEASH IN PARKS

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board approve the dogs off-leash locations identified in this report.

BACKGROUND

On September 28, 1998 the Park Board approved increasing the number of park locations allowing dogs off-leash during morning and evening hours and requested staff to report back with a list of recommended sites by November 30, 1998.

DISCUSSION

During the past month staff have meet with representatives from the SPCA, Vancouver Animal Control, and Vancouver Dog Owners Association and identified the following locations as appropriate for off-leash dogs during specified hours. Selections have been made with respect to established criteria. Park sites have been distributed throughout the city.

Park Site	Off-Leash Hours
Nelson Park	6 am to 8 am and 5 pm to 10 pm
Hillcrest Park	6 am to 10 am and 5 pm to 10 pm
Balaclava Park	6 am to 10 am and 5 pm to 10 pm
Killarney Park	6 am to 10 am and 5 pm to 10 pm
Burrard View	6 am to 10 am and 5 pm to 10 pm
Charleson Park	6 am to 10 am and 5 pm to 10 pm
Sun Rise Park	6 am to 10 am and 5 pm to 10 pm
Connaught Park	6 am to 10 am and 5 pm to 10 pm
Coopers Park	6 am to 10 am and 5 pm to 10 pm

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Park Site	Off-Leash Hours
Falaise Park	6 am to 10 am and 5 pm to 10 pm
Fraser River Park	6 am to 10 am and 5 pm to 10 pm
Fraserview Golf Course Perimeter	6 am to 10 am and 5 pm to 10 pm
George Park	6 am to 10 am and 5 pm to 10 pm
Kingscrest Park	6 am to 10 am and 5 pm to 10 pm
Musqueam Park	6 am to 10 am and 5 pm to 10 pm
Portside Park	6 am to 10 am and 5 pm to 10 pm
Quilchena Embankment	6 am to 10 am and 5 pm to 10 pm
Spanish Bank (West of Concession)	6 am to 10 am and 5 pm to 10 pm
Sparwood Park	6 am to 10 am and 5 pm to 10 pm
Sunset Park	6 am to 10 am and 5 pm to 10 pm
Strathcona Park	6 am to 10 am and 5 pm to 10 pm
Sunset Beach Bay 4	6 am to 10 am and 5 pm to 10 pm
Trout Lake Park (North End of Park Between Parking Lot and Lake)	24 hours/day
Vanier Park (West of Maritime Museum Parking Lot)	6 am to 10 am and 5 pm to 10 pm
37 th Avenue and Oak Street Park	6 am to 8 am and 5 pm to 10 pm
Locarno Beach	6 am to 10 am and 5 pm to 10 pm
Jones Park	6 am to 10 am and 5 pm to 10 pm
Tecumseh Park	6 am to 10 am and 5 pm to 10 pm
Heather Park	6 am to 10 am and 5 pm to 10 pm
Valdez Park	6 am to 10 am and 5 pm to 10 pm

While the above hours are subject to change, site signage will identify park specific information to ensure the public is aware of the rules related to the program.

CONCLUSION

The acceptance of off-leash locations will depend largely on dog owners accepting responsibility for the actions of their pets. With the help of the Vancouver Dog Owners Association and staff from Vancouver Animal Control, the Park Board will be able to provide park land for everyone to enjoy.

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