



Date: January 5, 2001

TO: Board Members - Parks and Recreation
FROM: General Manager - Parks and Recreation
**SUBJECT: Parks Control By-Law Amendments to Support
Dog Off-Leash Program**

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT the Board amend the Parks Control By-Law as outlined in Appendix 1 of this Report.**
- B. THAT the Board recommend City Council amend the appropriate Sections of the Animal Control By-Law to support the Park Board Dog Off-Leash Program.**

POLICY

The Board approves all amendments to the Park Control By-Law.

BACKGROUND:

In 1998 the Park Board implemented a Dog Off-Leash Program and approved twenty-nine (29) sites where dogs would be allowed off-leash during specified times.

Now that the program is in place, changes to the Park Control By-Law are needed to reflect how the program operates and to successfully enforce the program.

Once the Park Control By-Law is changed, amendments to the appropriate sections of the Animal Control By-Law will provide the needed co-ordination to ensure greater compliance to the rules governing dogs off-leash within the City.

This report describes the changes to the Park Control By-Law that are needed and why.

DISCUSSION

What Needs to Change?	Why?
Park Control By-Law says <u>all</u> dogs must be on a leash	The Dog Off-Leash Program provides locations & times when dogs are allowed off-leash
Park Control By-Law lacks clarity around where dogs are prohibited	The General Manager may want to prohibit dogs from certain areas (i.e., keeping dogs off sports fields)
Park Control By-Law lacks connection to the Animal Control By-Law	Contravention of the Park Control By-Law needs to be enforced by Animal Control
Park Control By-Law restricts dogs from access to water.	The Dog Off-Leash Program provides access to water at Spanish Banks, Vanier Park, Sunset Beach and Trout Lake.
Park Control By-Law does not specify locations where dogs are allowed off-leash.	The Dog Off-Leash Program specifies sites that allow dogs off-leash

SUMMARY

The amendments recommended in Appendix 1 will provide staff with the By-Law changes that are needed to deal effectively with the Dog Off-Leash Program.

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BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

A By-law to amend
the "Parks Control By-law",
being a By-law enacted by the
Board of Parks and Recreation

THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION, in open meeting assembled,
enacts as follows:

(1) Section 9 of the Parks Control By-law is amended in subsection (a) by deleting all that part commencing with the word "howsoever" and ending with the words "General Manager" and by substituting the following:

"except that a dog which is in the custody of a competent person is permitted

(i) in any area, except where the General Manager has posted the notice referred to in subsection (aa), if it is on a leash not exceeding 2 and ½ metres in length, and

(ii) to be off a leash in an area designated in Schedule 1 of this By-law within the time limits established by the General Manger and posted within the area."

(2) Section 9 is further amended by inserting after subsection (a) the following new subsection:

"(aa) Despite subsection (a) the General Manager may post areas where dogs or other animals are prohibited, including limitations in time."

(3) Section 9 is further amended in subsection (b) by deleting all those words commencing with the words "Any dog, fowl or other animal" and ending with the words "impoundment under this section," and substituting the following:

"Any dog, fowl or other animal found in any park, beach or bathing beach in contravention of this by-law may be impounded and shall then be subject to the provisions of the Animal Control By-law,".

(4) Section 9 is further amended in subsection (c) by deleting the word "However," and by substituting the words

"Except as permitted by subsection (a) and".

(5) Section 14 is amended in clause (c) by inserting immediately before the word "cause" the following:

"except as permitted by section 9 (a),"

(6) Section 21 is amended in the second sentence by inserting immediately after the phrase “the swimming of any animal” a comma and the following:

“except as permitted by section 9 (a),”

(7) Section 22 is amended in clause (i) by inserting immediately before the word “bring” the following:

“except as permitted by section 9 (a).

(8) The parks Control By-law is further amended by attaching thereto as Schedule 1 the following:

‘SCHEDULE 1 - PARKS AND AREAS OF PARKS WHERE DOGS ARE PERMITTED TO BE OFF LEASH

Stanley District:

Nelson Park
Charleson Park
Coopers’ Park
Portside Park
Sunset Beach (Bay behind the Aquatic Centre)

Vancouver East District:

Killarney Park
Sunrise Park
Falaise Park
Perimeter Pathway Around Fraserview Golf Course
Kingscrest Park
Sparwood Park
Strathcona Park
John Hendry Park (Trout Lake - North Side)
Jones Park
Tecumseh Park
Dusty Greenwell Park

Queen Elizabeth District:

Balaclava Park

Fraser River Park

George Park

Musqueam Park

Quilchena Embankment

Spanish Banks (West of Concession)

Sunset Park

Vanier Park (West of Maritime Museum Parking Lot)

37th and Oak Park

Locarno Park Extension (1 block south of beach between Trimble and Sasamat Streets)

Heather Park

Valdez Park

Nat Bailey Stadium (South to the Racquet Club)"

Queen Elizabeth Park (upon Park Board approval)

(9) This By-law comes into force and takes effect on the date of its passing.

DONE AND PASSED by the Board of Parks and Recreation this _____
day of _____, 2001.

Chair

General Manager