

## Heather Park Dog Off-Leash Use Ideas to Reduce the Impact Feedback Sheet Summary

### General Comments:

Ninety-seven feedback sheets were received. Of those 4 provided no address and 8 were received from outside the Douglas Park Neighbourhood.

### Question 1 - *Do you agree with the ideas to reduce the impacts of dog off-leash use shown on the Revised Concept Plan A?*

Of those 85 responses received from the Douglas Park Neighbourhood the results indicate that:

Strongly Agreed	(18%)	Somewhat Disagreed	(8%)
Somewhat Agreed	(33%)	Strongly Disagreed	(41%)

51% of respondents somewhat agreed or strongly agreed while 49% somewhat disagreed or strongly disagreed. If all responses are considered 54% somewhat disagreed or strongly disagreed while 46% somewhat or strongly agreed.

### Question 2 - *Rate what you believe to be the effectiveness of each idea using a 1-4 scale.*

*Fenced area for dogs*  
*Irrigation of dog off-leash zone*  
*Fence to be removed in the summer*  
*Improved grass to better withstand wear and tear*  
*Scheduling changes for off-leash times*

	<b>Very Effective or Somewhat Effective</b>	<b>Not Very Effective or Not at All Effective</b>
Fenced area	53%	47%
Irrigation	43%	57%
Fence Removal	25%	75%
Improved Grass	53%	47%
Scheduling Changes	36%	64%

Whether a respondent agreed or disagreed with the ideas in Concept A, their assessment of individual ideas was analyzed:

Of the 5 ideas suggested only a small majority (6%) believed that fencing and improved grass would be very effective or somewhat effective in reducing the impacts of Dog Off-Leash use.

Irrigation, summer fence removal and scheduling change were considered by a larger majority to be not very effective or not at all effective.

Question 3 - *Would you agree with the following scheduling changes to dog off-leash times at Heather Park:*

Sept - May	25%	strongly agree or somewhat agree
Mornings & Evenings	75%	somewhat disagree or strongly disagree
Year Round	27%	strongly agree or somewhat agree
Mornings	73%	somewhat disagree or strongly disagree
Sept - May	18%	strongly agree or somewhat agree
Mornings	82%	somewhat disagree or strongly disagree

None of the proposed scheduling changes received majority support

Question 4 - *Do you agree with considering other Parks in the Douglas Park Community for Dog off-leash use?*

Douglas	37%	strongly agree or somewhat agree
	63%	somewhat disagree or strongly disagreed

Large majority of respondents somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with considering Douglas Park as a dog off-leash site.

Braemar	51%	strongly agree or somewhat agree
	49%	Somewhat disagree or strongly disagree

Only a small majority (2%) have an interest in considering Braemar as a dog off-leash site

Question 5 - *The Park Board may consider making changes to some aspects of the Dog off-leash sites at Queen Elizabeth Park, Oak & 37<sup>th</sup> and Nat Bailey Stadium Park. Which of these changes do you believe would improve these off-leash sites.*

	Great Improvement	Slight Improvement	No Improvement
Signage	52%	38%	10%
Benches	47%	28%	25%
Water	50%	28%	22%

Although better signage, benches and water were all considered to give some level of improvement to existing off-leash parks at Q.E., Oak & 37<sup>th</sup> and Nat Bailey Stadium, signage was identified by the respondents as having the greatest impact on improvement.