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Fraser River Park Off-leash Update January 7, 2010

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Background

- Popular off-leash destination
- Large passive area and water access are appealing
- Current off-leash hours - 6 am to 10 am & 5 pm to 10 pm
- Petition received asking for all day access
- Consultation - site signs and notice on Park Board website
- 112 responses – 88 in favour, 24 opposed
- Winter hours are an issue in late afternoon and evening
- November 2 Board Meeting - Staff recommendation - adjustment of hours:
 - ❖ October 1 to April 30 – off-leash all day
 - ❖ May 1 to September 30 – 6 am to 10 am & 5 pm to 10 pm
- Board refers item back to P&E Committee to look at alternatives

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- Apply to the whole park
- Daylight hours in the winter restrict off-leash times to morning
- 5 pm during summer hours conflicts with picnics and other events

Staff met onsite with proponents and Animal Control to discuss alternatives:

- East and west portions of the park can be treated differently
- Seasonal hours could still apply to a portion of the park

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Alternate proposal:

- Fraser River Park West:
 - ❖ Off-leash all day, year round
- Fraser River Park East (Multi-use Area):
 - ❖ Off-leash all day from October 1 to April 30
 - ❖ Off-leash 6 am to 10 am only, May 1 to September 30
- Provides year round off-leash access
- Provides seasonal opportunities for picnics and events during warm weather months

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