TORONTO

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NOTICE OF MOTION

Minimum Park Size for the Creation of New Off-leash Areas in City Parks

Moved by: **Councillor Vaughan**

Seconded by: **Councillor Perruzza**

SUMMARY:

City Council adopted the People, Dogs and Parks Off-leash Policy ("the Policy") in July 2007 which recognizes the social benefits that dogs experience in parks and the need to accommodate the well-being of the urban canine population.

The Policy sets out guidelines for the provision of off-leash areas for dogs in City-owned or operated parks, green spaces, waterfront areas and alternative sites ("City Parks") and allows that City Parks be considered on an individual basis for off-leash areas based on specific site amenities and opportunities available.

Recognizing the tremendous pressure to balance the needs of multiple and diverse user groups on small-sized urban green spaces and parks, the creation of new off-leash areas should be limited to parks and green spaces with a minimum size of 2 acres.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the City Solicitor and the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation amend the People, Dogs and Parks Off-leash Policy to prohibit the creation of new off-leash areas for dogs in parks and green spaces with a smaller area than 2 acres and any necessary Bills be introduced to give effect to this amendment.

July 15, 2008

According to Chapter 27, Council Procedures:

Notice given	(v)
Fiscal Impact Statement provided	
Should have Fiscal Impact Statement prior to debate Requires two-thirds to waive requirement if Council wishes to debate	*
Should be referred to Parks and Environment Committee Requires two-thirds vote to consider at this meeting	(v)
Motion Recommendations are Urgent	

* Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer