

## City Council

### Notice of Motion

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### **Grange Park Revitalization - Proposed dogs off-leash area - by Councillor Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton**

*\* Notice of this Motion has been given.*

*\* This Motion is subject to referral to the Parks and Environment Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

### **Recommendations**

Councillor Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to work in consultation with the local Councillor and the Grange Park Advisory Committee toward the construction of a unique, enclosed dog off-leash area in Grange Park, in conjunction with the Grange Park revitalization, led by the Grange Park Advisory Committee.

### **Summary**

Grange Park, located in the heart of downtown Toronto, serves as a community hub for the thousands of residents all those who call this neighbourhood home. As the community continues to grow, it is important that the local resources and greenspace are enhanced and improved to better serve the growing population in the community. Grange Park has also been the subject of a redesign process that has been led by the Grange Park Advisory Committee, with representatives from the Art Gallery of Ontario, the local community association, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, Ontario College of Art and Design University, University Settlement, St. George the Martyr, and the local Councillor's office, who have been collaborating on the project for almost 10 years.

After years of community design and consultation, construction for the Grange Park revitalization is slated to begin in the Fall of 2015.

A significant number of residents have expressed that a dedicated space for dogs is needed in the neighbourhood. While the proposed dog off-leash area does not meet the Parks, Forestry, and Recreation Off-Leash Policy, there will be consultation by Grange Park Advisory Committee with the local Councillor and City staff in order to address concerns, including exploring options for tree protection, as well as fencing and other measures to mitigate potential impact on nearby residences.

The process for designing and implementing the dog off-leash area will be incorporated into the



broader park redesign, under the leadership of the Grange Park Advisory Committee. Funding for the proposed dog off-leash area would be provided by the Art Gallery of Ontario, which is jointly funding the park redesign with the City of Toronto.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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