

## City Council

### Notice of Motion

MM35.14	ACTION			Ward:18
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### **Creating a Dog Off-Leash Area in the Junction Triangle - by Councillor Ana Bailão, seconded by Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon**

*\* 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 Ana Bailão, seconded by Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to hold a community meeting in the first quarter of 2018 with the Ward Councillor in the Junction Triangle neighbourhood to present:
  - a. a possible design for a dog off-leash area at Erwin Krickhahn Park; and
  - b. a summary of current parks with dog off-leash areas that are in similar in size to Erwin Krickhahn Park, even if created prior to the establishment of the current People, Dog and Parks Off-leash policy.

### **Summary**

In 2016, Councillor Bailão requested City staff to undertake a full review and assessment of all parks in Ward 18 to determine the suitability of a possible new dog off-leash area location as a result of continuous requests from residents inquiring about the need for such a facility.

As a result of the review, only Dufferin Grove Park came back as a location that might be suitable, so long as the dog off-leash area is done in conjunction with capital works in the park, meets certain policy criteria as well as have public support. The process to establish a dog off-leash area in Dufferin Grove Park is ongoing. For other parks in Ward 18, it was determined that insufficient space, permitted and well used sports fields, play areas and wading pools has contributed to the unsuitability to host a dog off-leash area.

However, another area of Ward 18 where a dog off-leash area is strongly needed and which has substantial community interest is in the growing Junction Triangle neighbourhood. There is already an established dog owners association at Erwin Krickhahn Park who have expressed their willingness to work with City staff and Councillor Bailão to ensure a successful and

responsible off-leash facility. This specific park has a significant green space area and a buffer zone to mitigate noise as it runs parallel to an active rail corridor and could potentially become a suitable area for a dog off-leash area.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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