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To: Infrastructure and Environment Committee

Re: Exploring the Feasibility of an Off-Leash Dog Track along the York Beltline Trail

Summary:

Due to the lack of Dogs Off-Leash Areas (DOLA) in the local vicinity, I would like to propose the inclusion of an off-leash dog track, or dog off-leash area along the York Beltline Trail.

I have heard from many residents, both dog walkers and other York Beltline users that this is an area with a great need for a dedicated and fenced off area for dogs. With the ongoing expansion of the DOLA program, and the ever-increasing number of Torontonians who are acquiring dogs, the York Beltline is in need of this type of park infrastructure to safely accommodate the off-leash dog use already occurring there and to reduce the potential for user conflicts that could result in disputes or dog bites.

Motion:

- 1) City Council request the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation (PF&R) to explore the feasibility of an off-leash dog track, or a dog off leash area (DOLA) along the York Beltline Trail west of William R. Allen Road, as part of the Council approved report for IE6.8 - Citywide Approach to Dogs Off-Leash Areas by the 3rd quarter of 2024.

Best regards,

Deputy Mayor Mike Colle
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