

NOTICE OF MOTION

Proposed Off-Leash Area Assessment at Bluffer's Park West Beach

Moved by: Councillor

Kandavel

Seconded by: Councillor

Saxe

SUMMARY:

In response to a community petition requesting seasonal off-leash dog hours at Bluffer's Park, our office is bringing forward this motion to explore whether the West Beach area could safely and effectively accommodate limited off-leash use during appropriate times of year, while continuing to support the wide range of recreational activities already taking place in the park.

With Scarborough still awaiting additional formal off-leash areas, this proposal represents an interim opportunity to encourage year-round community use of the waterfront, while creating space for residents to exercise and socialize with their dogs off leash in a welcoming, appropriate setting.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, to assess if the West Beach in Bluffer's Park meets the required criteria in the City's Dog Off-Leash Area Strategy, and, if the West Beach location is considered feasible, and available funding are confirmed, in consultation with the local Councillor, to proceed with community engagement about an off-leash area as part of the forthcoming Bluffer's Park Action Plan process and to include the outcome in future staff reports on the Bluffer's Park Action Plan.

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