

The Issue

Petition from Councillor Michael Thompson with approximately 300 signatures. On file with the City Clerk.

McCowan Dog Park in Scarborough, Ontario is a popular spot for dog owners to bring their pets for exercise and socialization. However, there is a glaring issue that needs to be addressed: the lack of a water fountain specifically designed for dogs.

During the hot summer months, dogs playing in the park often become overheated and dehydrated. Many pet owners cannot carry enough water for their dogs, which limits the time they can safely spend at the park. This situation is not just uncomfortable for the dogs; it can be dangerous, as heatstroke is a real risk for dogs without adequate hydration.

Having a dedicated water fountain for dogs would make a significant difference. It would provide a continuous source of clean, fresh water for our furry friends, allowing them to stay hydrated and enjoy longer play times. It would also encourage more pet owners to visit the park, knowing there are facilities to support their pets' wellbeing.

Cities like Toronto have already implemented dog-friendly water fountains in their parks, providing an excellent model for Scarborough to follow. By taking this step, we can make McCowan Dog Park a safer and more pleasant environment for everyone.

We urge the City of Toronto and the Parks, Forestry & Recreation division to prioritize the installation of a dog water fountain at McCowan Dog Park. This addition would reflect the community's commitment to providing a healthy and accommodating space for our pets.

Please sign this petition to support the installation of a water fountain for dogs at McCowan Dog Park. Together, we can initiate this essential improvement and make a positive impact on our community and our pets' lives.