

Scarlett Mills Park Off-Leash Area

Survey Summary Report



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Project Background

Scarlett Mills Park is located at 235 Edenbridge Dr. in Etobicoke York. The City is adding a dog off-leash area (OLA) in the open area northeast of the parking lot on Edenbridge Drive. The proposed OLA will be small in size at approximately 2000 square metres. The scope of work may include:

- New fencing with entrance gates
- New surfacing
- Benches/seating elements
- New tree plantings
- New accessible pathway

The OLA design will be developed in consultation with the community.



Survey Objectives

The City conducted an online survey to obtain feedback from community members to inform the development of a new dogs off-leash area (OLA) at Scarlett Mills Park. Survey participants were given the opportunity to review the proposed location for the OLA and provide specific feedback about the project.

The survey was available to complete online from December 15, 2020 to January 8th, 2021. The project team was notified by a member of the public that the survey link on the project page was broken. As a response, the survey was extended to January 13, 2021. The survey received a total of **587 survey** responses, which included input from **1,141** individuals (survey respondents were encouraged to fill out surveys with their families, children and other people in their household).

Feedback from the survey will help inform the final layout and design of the Scarlett Mills OLA.

Notification

The online survey was promoted through the following channels:

- Facebook and Instagram advertisements targeting area residents
- Promotions through the local Councillor's Office
- Park signage
- Project webpage: www.toronto.ca/ScarlettMillsOLA



Feedback Summary

Park Users

72% of survey respondents currently visit Scarlett Mills Park with their dog.

Of those 72% – **21%** visit the park with their dog a few times a week, **19%** visit the park with their dog daily and **10%** once a week.

The primary way of accessing Scarlett Mills is on Foot, followed by car. (Respondents were able to pick multiple options).

- 57% on foot
- 51% By car
- 6% by bike
- 3% Other

The majority of survey respondents spend **up to an hour** at Scarlett Mills Park.

- 38% up to an hour
- 30% 30 minutes
- 11% 15 minutes
- 10% up to 2 hours
- 7% less than 5 minutes
- 4% over 2 hours

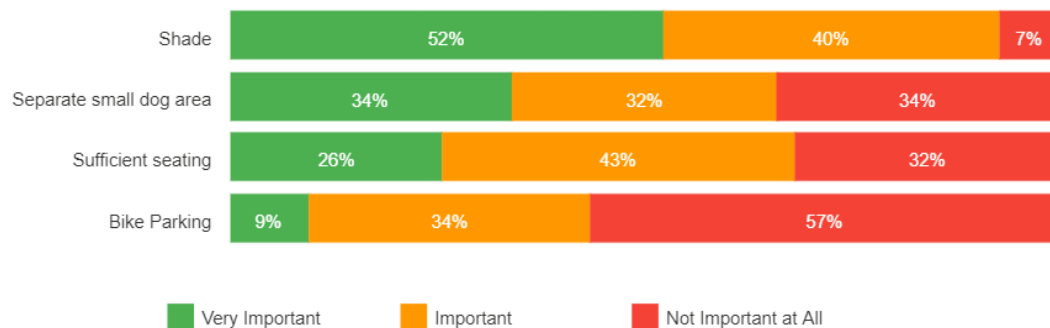
Only 2% of survey respondents were commercial dog walkers.

Most dogs that visit the park are **medium sized between 40 – 80 lbs.**

- 40% Medium 40 – 80 lbs.
- 29% Small 20 – 45 lbs.
- 18% Extra small 10 – 20 lbs.
- 13% Extra-large 80 – 100+ lbs

Design Features and Considerations

Survey respondents identified shade as the most important design feature for the OLA, followed by a separate area for small dogs.



When asked "how can Scarlett Mills Park become more welcoming for all users?" the answer was as follows:

- 37 responses adding a water fountain
- 28 responses adding parking
- 23 responses adding waste bins
- 21 responses having a small dog area
- 20 responses installing an OLA
- 19 responses not installing an OLA
- 18 responses adding shade
- 13 responses ensuring pathways are accessible with mobility devices
- 13 responses ensuring the OLA is properly fenced in
- 12 responses adding signage that clearly indicates rules of OLA
- 11 responses adding seating
- 10 responses adding picnic tables
- 8 responses not using pea gravel in the OLA
- 5 responses adding trees
- 3 responses ensuring OLA is big enough
- 2 responses adding washrooms
- 2 responses adding a playground at Scarlett Mills
- 2 responses ensuring OLA is well lit

When asked "do you have any specific comments or ideas about the new Off-Leash area planned for Scarlett Mills?" the responses were as follows:

- 55 responses excited or enthusiastic about the proposed OLA
- 52 responses requested adding a water fountain
- 51 responses requested no pea gravel
- 21 responses requested that an OLA wasn't installed
- 20 responses requested a small dog area
- 15 responses requested that the OLA was big "enough "
- 14 responses requested the OLA was fenced in

- 11 responses requested appropriate signage indicating the rules of the OLA
- 11 responses requested an off-leash trail
- 10 responses requested waste bins
- 5 responses requested mud/drainage was addressed
- 2 responses requested trees
- 1 responses requested seating

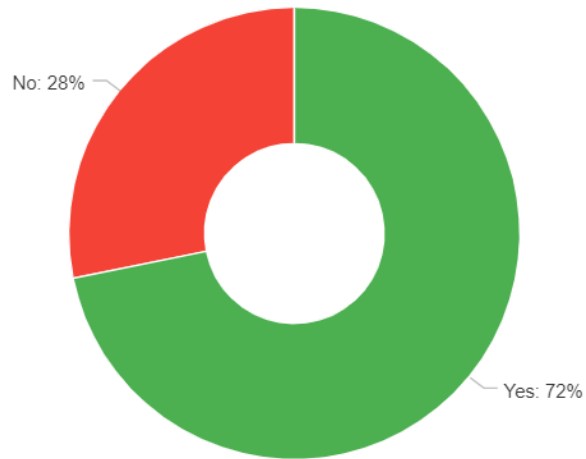
Additional feedback received via email and voicemail

As a result of the survey and the notification send via mailed flyer, and through social media promotion, the project team received 4 phone calls and 3 emails.

- One caller asked for specific details regarding location of the OLA, and details about fencing and size.
- One caller noted that the space is used for having lunch and suggested that the proposed OLA be further back from Scarlett Road. Furthermore the caller requested pea gravel wasn't used as surfacing and that shade was considered.
- One caller indicated that they weren't notified about the project. They requested the project be relocated and had specific questions regarding funding. Furthermore, they raised concerns about the OLA being open 24 hours and about the size. The same caller followed up with an email asking questions regarding fencing, whether other sites had been considered, whether noise was considered and how smell and dog waste would be managed.
- One caller indicated enthusiastic support for the project.
- One email indicated that they opposed the project.
- One email indicated that the email address on the flyer promoting the survey was incorrect. They also raised concerns regarding some of the demographic questions on the survey. Furthermore indicated that they were opposed to the project and suggested that the project should be stopped.

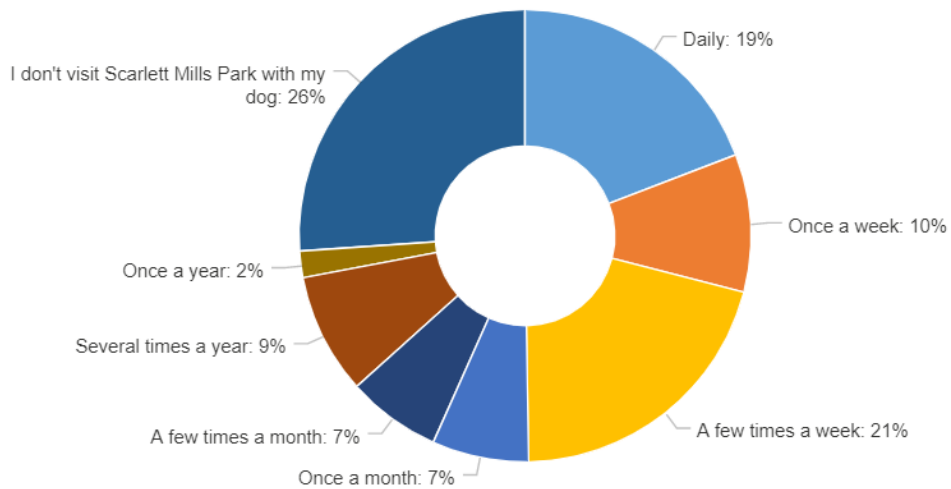
Appendix A: Quantitative Response Summary

Do you visit Scarlett Mills Park with your dog?



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How often do you go to Scarlett Mills Park with your dog?



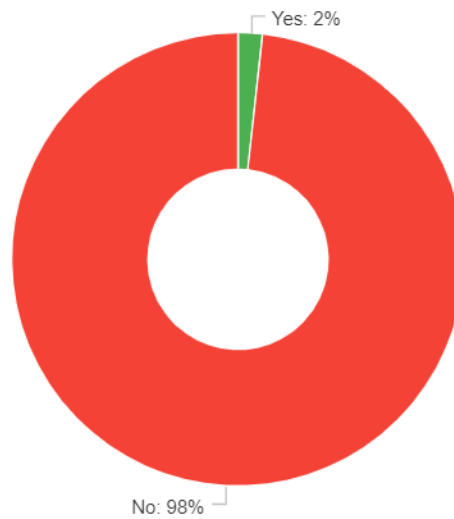
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How do you typically access the site? (choose all that apply)

| | Count | % of responses | % |
|-----------------------|-------|----------------|-----|
| By car | 282 | <div></div> | 51% |
| On foot | 312 | <div></div> | 57% |
| By bike | 34 | <div></div> | 6% |
| Mobility device | 2 | <div></div> | 0% |
| Other, please specify | 17 | <div></div> | 3% |
| | 647 | | |

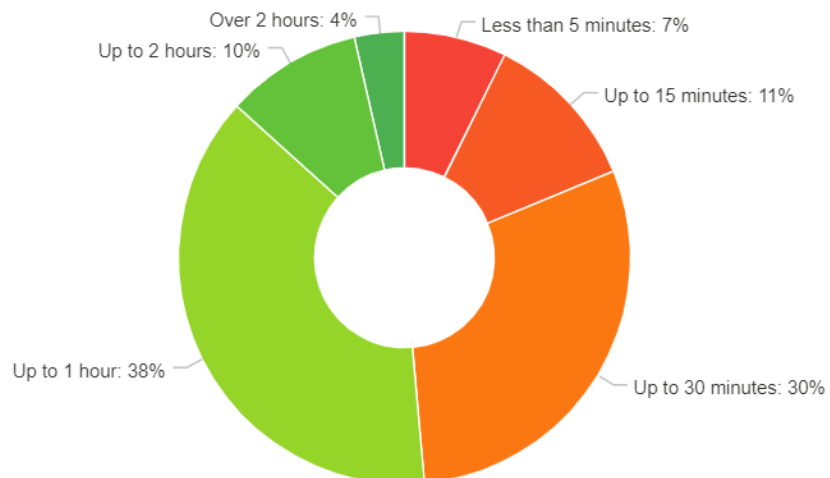
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Are you a professional/commercial dog walker?



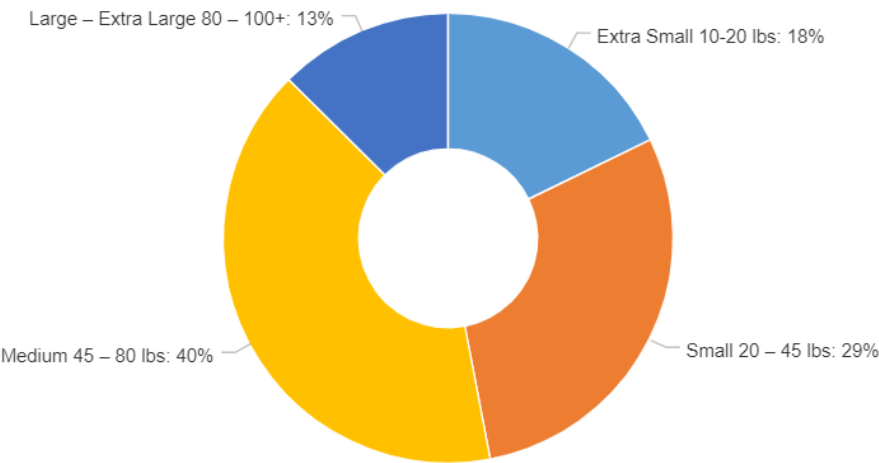
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How long do you usually stay at Scarlett Mills Park?



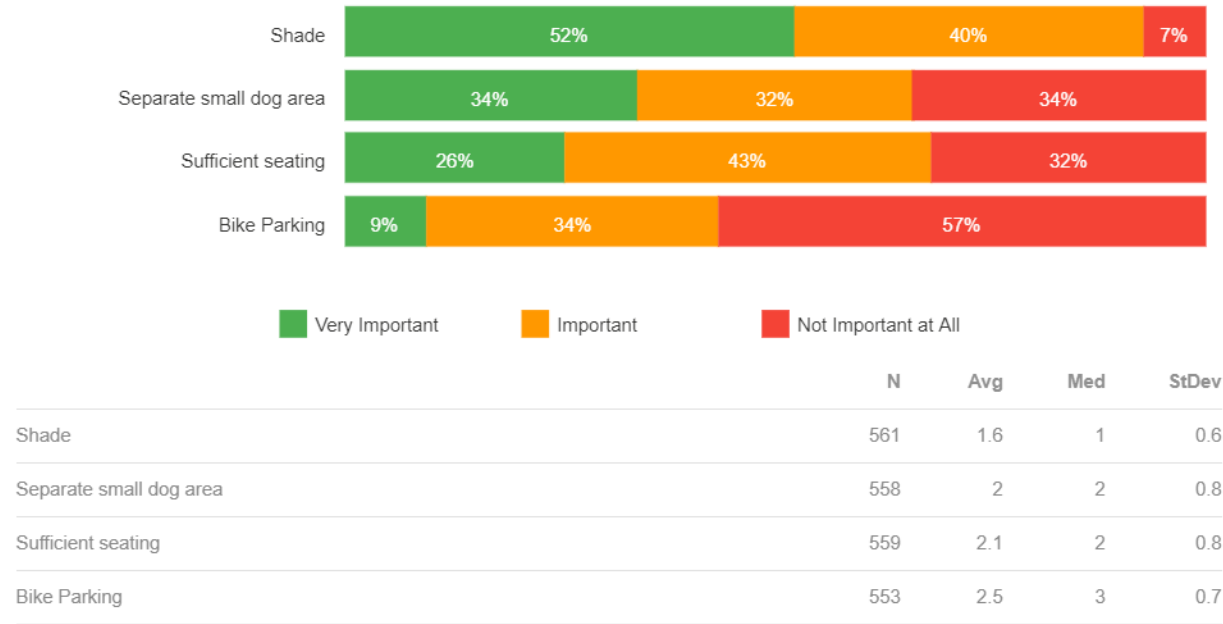
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How big is your dog?



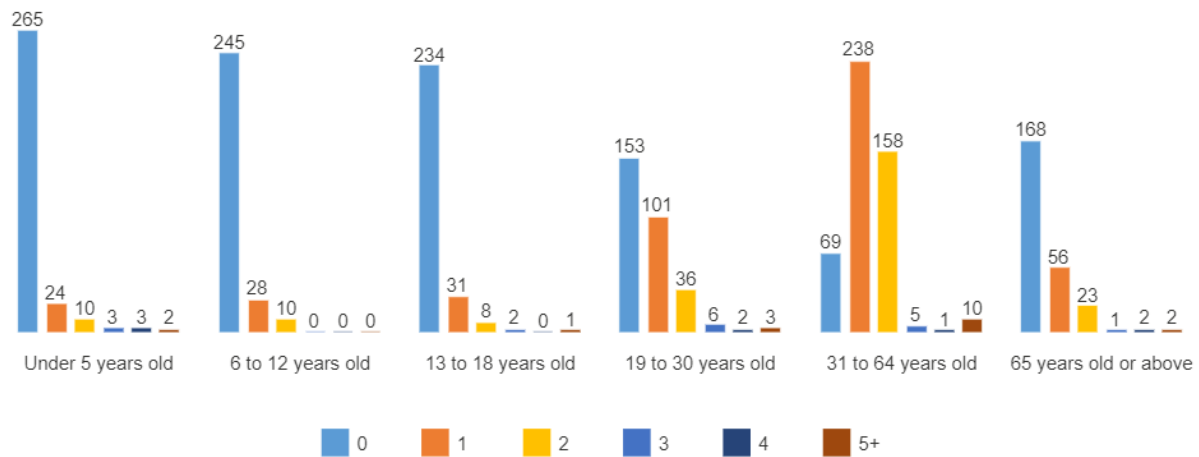
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How important are the following design features in an off-leash area?



Demographics

How many people of each age group participated in this survey?



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Total responses per age group include:

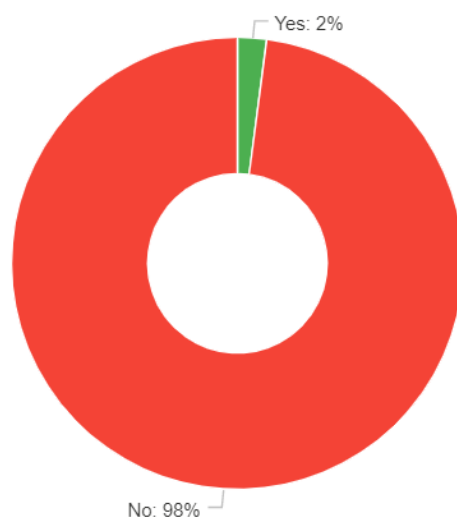
- 75 kids under 5
- 48 kids between the ages of 5 and 12
- 58 teens between the ages of 13 and 18
- 214 young adults between the ages of 19 and 30
- 623 adults between the ages of 31 and 64
- 123 seniors aged 65 and above

Please select the racial backgrounds that people who completed this survey identify with. Select all that apply.

| | Count | % of responses | % |
|--|-------|----------------|-----|
| Black (African, Afro-Caribbean, African-Canadian descent) | 17 | | 3% |
| East Asian (Chinese, Korean, Japanese) | 25 | | 5% |
| Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, Inuk/Inuit) | 6 | | 1% |
| Latino (Latin American, Hispanic descent) | 40 | | 7% |
| Middle Eastern (Arab, Persian, West Asian descent, e.g. Afghan, Egyptian, Iranian, Lebanese, Turkish, Kurdish, etc.) | 10 | | 2% |
| South Asian or Indo-Caribbean (e.g. Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan, Indo-Guyanese, Indo-Trinidadian, etc.) | 14 | | 3% |
| Southeast Asian (Taiwanese descent; Filipino, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Thai, Indonesian) | 13 | | 2% |
| White (European descent) | 385 | | 71% |
| I don't know/Prefer not to answer | 74 | | 14% |
| Other, please specify | 22 | | 4% |
| | 606 | | |

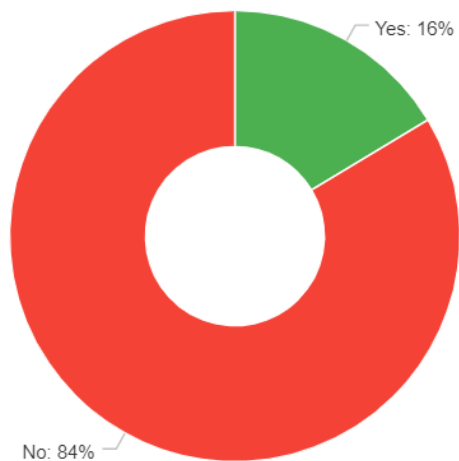
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Indigenous people residing in Canada are those who self-identify as First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit, Métis, Aboriginal, Native or Indian. Does anyone participating in this survey identify as Indigenous to Canada?



N 531

Disabilities, both visible and invisible, include physical, hearing, seeing, developmental, learning or mental health conditions, chronic illness and addictions. Disabilities may be from birth, caused by injury or accident, developed over time, or result from the combination of a person's condition and barriers in society. Does anyone participating in this survey identify as a person with a disability?



N 537

Do survey participants rent or own their home?

| | Count | % of responses | % |
|--------------------------|-------|----------------|-----|
| Owner | 408 | <div></div> | 75% |
| Renter | 112 | <div></div> | 21% |
| Neither owner nor renter | 28 | <div></div> | 5% |
| | 548 | | |

N 545

Appendix B: Scarlett Mills Park Today



This area of Scarlett Mills Park includes:

- Large open green spaces
- Picnic tables
- Mature trees
- A parking lot
- A densely vegetated slope along the south side of the park

Proposed Off-Leash Area Location

Below is an image indicating the proposed location for the new Off-Leash Area at Scarlett Mills Park.



Proposed off-leash area location

Note: Location is approximate. Final layout and extents will be determined through the design process.



Appendix C: Text Responses

How can Scarlett Mills Park be more welcoming for all users?

- Lighting, waste bins, signage indicating small breed area, welcoming entrance (planter boxes?)
- The gate to the dog park should be locked and accessed via a pass. The pass would be provided to those owners who have licensed and vaccinated their dog(s).
- Safety - separate area for smaller dogs
- More paths. It gets soggy and more seating
- The off lease area is an important step
- Don't create an off leash area
- Accessibility, walkways, entrances, and even terrain need to be considered so ALL bodies are able to utilize the dog park. In addition safety should be priority, considering lighting to keep participants out of the dark.
- Scarlett Mills, James Garden and Lambton Woods are all great public areas for dogs when on leash.
- Lowered curb from path to bike lane on Scarlett
- Amenities for kids - play area, water feature
- More trees for shade. But I use it regularly.
- Washrooms, dog poop bag dispensers, water fountain,
- Don't remove green space from children and families for this. There is ample green space, trails sidewalks in the city to walk dogs
- Most people walk their dogs in James Gardens and along the Humber. The dog park needs to connect to these areas and not stand alone. Right now it's not really a park it's just unused land.
- I have never been
- There should be separate time for small dogs alone as my dog was attacked by a large German Shepherd
- I think regular inspection by parks employees is key here. Ensuring that garbage doesn't overflow or any damage comes to the facilities will help keep the area nice and welcoming to dogs and their owners.
- Landscaping flowers
- Have a small dog area, provide free bags, a water station for dogs/humans, have a community board for posts of missing dogs/ lost keys etc
- Clean up goose droppings
- Shovel path ways, accessibility
- Park lights so the dog park is safer at nighttime
- Parking for people who will drive there!
- Seating inside and outside dog area
- Water fountain
- Rules in place for people to be aware of i.e. vaccinated dogs, no aggressive dogs.
- Dog park is a must! Benches, paths and shade
- Dogs should be in off leash enclosed area not every one enjoys stepping into poop that hasn't been picked up. only
- Having a dog park
- Cleaned on a regular basis
- Double gates to prevent dogs running on to the main road.

- Seating, water station, shade, regular garbage pickup.
- Picnic tables
- Providing a water fountain, of course with the end of the pandemic
- www site
- More parking
- We good fam
- A playground. There just isn't much there now. I'd use a fenced in area for my dog, too. A large lawn-area like it is now isn't very useful to my little kids or my dog.
- Sufficient lighting for use at night
- Flower beds. Defined walking paths (now its just all grass). Picnic tables. Children's playground. Water features. Pool. Splashpad. Tennis courts. Lawn Bowling / Bocce. Mini golf. Skating rink. Soccer nets. Ball hockey area with hockey nets. Basketball hoops. Coffee / snack kiosk.
- Theres nothing there now. Any features would make it more of a feature.
- An enclosed off leash park would be nice
- A clear separation of dog users and passive recreation.
- Having a separate entrance for the small dog area vs having to enter through the big dog area with my two small dogs.
- Accessible gates
- Off leash dog park, fully fenced in. Note the hours of operation and that dog walkers (people with more than 1 or 2 dogs MUST visit within certain hours
- Garbage cans
- Dog friendly vegetation, welcoming design
- Adequate parking
- Separate the big and small dog areas
- The larger the area the less likely dog fights will start. Grass, sand and wood chips (in that order) are the nicest surfaces. Separate small dog area is really nice to see :)
- Just add an trail everyone to walk around
- Less trash left lying around in the summer from picnics
- Parking for all transportation
- Garbage bins water fountains to refill bottles or dog bowls for hot summers
- I think that it needs better access
- A few sections might be good, an area for walking and separate area for playing
- Get rid of the geese & their poisonous droppings!
- By having a off-leash park
- Parking and not too long a walk into the off leash
- This location does NOT need a dog park as there is an underused one at Raymore Park
- Trash bins
- Attractive fencing, lots of shade and water for the dogs.
- Pebble or pea gravel surface (like that at Raymore Park) can be uncomfortable for some dogs, as it makes their pads raw after playing there. Grass or sand surface at this new park would be greatly appreciated.
- More garbage cans. Security people walking the park and bike lanes.
- garbage patrol...litter and remains of open fires are problems
- Leave as is.
- This area of Etobicoke has so many nice parks without anywhere for my dog to run around. This would give the park so much more to offer, and people from the area will bring their dogs to play and meet other in the neighborhood.

- Water bowl/fountain
- Lots of garbage bins for poo bags, double gates to secure dogs in area, plenty of parking for dog owners.
- A dog park!
- Add a dog park
- Have picnic tables/seats so we can enjoy outdoors and washrooms/toilet all year round
- Big
- Water for dogs
- Have trees in the dog park for shade
- there is not much there other than some picnic tables, a pathway thru it would be a good idea
- No pebble or pea gravel for base harmful to dogs paws and potential injuries to dogs and owners. Accessible to all dog owners with handicaps or limited mobility.
- Put trees *inside the dog park*
- Please no pea meal gravel! It's very unhealthy for dogs paws
- Access to water and toilet
- It will be wonderful if people can drive into the park close to the off leash area. Great for people who need to make sure that their pet gets exercise but they themselves might have mobility issues.
- Make it easy to access with safe fencing, at least 5 feet high for the dog park.
- Smaller sectioned areas for different sizes of dogs and separate for puppies
- It will be good to have water for the dogs.
- Don't build a dog park. It has plenty of families accessing the park. There is a massive dog park up the street that rarely gets used.
- Accessible parking
- Trash bins for dog waste.
- Ensure water availability
- ban dogs
- night lighting, water supply in DOLA
- Not sure
- A dog park, not with a pebble/rock turf and with some shade.
- Accessibility: for example, if it rains/snows, will there be a concrete path for wheelchairs still?
- Ensure that the area for small dogs has their own entrance. And add lighting to the the area area. That will be very useful in the early hours of the morning and in the early evenings in the fall.
- Do not believe in dog parks
- Who is responsible for cleaning up the dog poop?
- It currently is welcoming for all users
- Enclosed from traffic.
- barrier free access paths. Better lighting
- Not using large pebbles on the ground for the dogs, instead, either sand or grass
- N/A
- Water accesible for pets and owners
- Water fountain for people and dogs, keep nature
- As a parent in the area, I would much rather appreciate a playground in the area. The nearest play structure to our house is over kilometer away, and it is frustrating that a park as big as James Gardens combi ed with Scarlett mills doesnt have a palyground!

- As long it is kept clean
- By having an off leash dog run area...
- Grass area and concrete area. Avoid the small wood floors that can be a choking hazard.
- Retain it as an area that invites a quiet area in which to enjoy nature.
- build a zoo instead
- I believe the off leash area will make it much more welcoming. I live close by but use the off leash area at high park
- Included a dog park in this area
- Install a playground and /or splashpad
- It would very beneficial for the area. As dogs parks are very few in are area
- Parking required
- ban dogs from this park
- Lots of shade for dog area, and a water fountain for the dogs
- More pathways
- Have a nice sign. Separate spaces for small and big dogs
- park benches and more shade
- I would like to see Scarlett Mills Park and area developed sort of like the High Park area is: fenced in, dedicated trails for dogs that are separate from bike paths, which, I know might be a lofty goal, however, I think this is the most critical issue facing this area and future development as all of these condos are being developed in and around the area. Perhaps you can leverage the federal government's tree planting grants to help divide bike vs. dog areas. Also, please make sure that all park benches and garbage cans and picnic tables and fencing use 100% recycled plastic and recycled composite plastic boards. There are some really, really nice products now.
- I would go if there was an off leash area
- It will be a great destination if passed.
- More picnic tables.
- Areas to sit safely, shade off Leash area for dogs, access to water and if possible human washroom. Well Lit. Accessible first those with disabilities or elderly.
- **DO NOT MAKE THIS AN OFF LEASH AREA-DOGS ARE A MENACE TO WALKERS AND BIKERS**
- More bench spaces and closed off spaces
- Have a play area for kids and picnic tables for family bbq etc
- A off leash area with no pebbles
- Area to fill up water bowls
- Dog park, water fountain,seating
- Bike parking, OLA, more shade, more seating, proper care for the grass because it becomes spikey in some areas during the summer, baseball area
- More seating/accessible washrooms.
- Please ensure there is a separation for large and small dogs
- More tables , benches, trees
- Benches and shade
- More garbage cans and pathways
- ensure smooth pathways for wheelchair accessibility
- natural landscape design, rocks, logs, trees, mulch
- Lighting for fall & winter evenings/nights lots of shade for dogs and their owners ample car and bike parking

- Better fenced/delineated areas for people playing/ eating/ and dog friendly areas!
- Separate section for small dogs, space for parking, sufficient lighting.
- Off leash
- Accessible for wheelchair users
- Ensure WC accessible
- Don't just build a box like Kipling and lakeshore we need a trail like high park
- Having an area for dogs would be great
- Somehow managing foul odours so that the community is not bothered
- Dogs are animals, can attack, for the safety of the other visitors, the park should not be leash free. Dogs are free at home for more than 18 hours.
- Add a off leash dog park :)
- Garbage containers for dog waste, fresh drinking water
- Adequate parking and gravel at entrances/high traffic areas so that it doesn't become a mud pit like some of the other city dog parks
- Add separate small dog area for safety like Thompson park did
- Green bins for poop, water fountain and year round bathrooms for humans
- Winter car parking
- Having a small dog section
- Put in kid friendly climbers and slides. Maybe a water feature for hot summer days.
- adding picnic benches, fountain for filling dog bowls
- By adding the dog park
- Accessible Washrooms. Walking paths to picnic areas. We currently go further down to James Gardens (Mom is 84)
- Easy to find parking
- Shaded areas are important!
- Fenced off leash dog park. Also add a separate bike lane....the bikers always almost run over those of us walking
- Garbage bins on the other side of the Park would be great, not just by the parking lot
- It can have more seats along the park so people can sit
- Separate bike path and walking path somehow with strict signs for users. Riders complain about slow walkers, people with strollers and running small kids. And vice versa. People with small kids and dogs complain about speeding bikers. Lots of new bikers since COVID that don't use rules. No bells, no helmets, speeding. The regulars (bikers) usually polite riders. The small parking lot is always full of people sitting in cars and smoking weed. Always tried to avoid that area as they all have attitude and you never know if someone has a weapon in the car. Just scary when you see 5 cars full of men standing and swearing and being loud.
- Having extra doggy bags on site so that the owners can pickup after their dogs.
- No gravel cover the dogs don't like it. Grass or dirt is much better
- I do use OLA in Raymore Park. NO shade there. They eventually planted trees but too small to provide shade. Maybe a fast growing tree variety can be used.
- Family friendly area, well-lit and maintained
- Better signage
- Its already welcoming, but dog park would be amazing
- Leave it as is.
- By having a off leash park
- More trees, less bikers speeding past people and ringing their bell at pedestrians trying to force them off the road. Off leash area is concerning with the busy streets there like

Scarlett and edenbridge as many people in the park already can't control their dog. It would be better to have them kept on leash to avoid injuries to other dogs and people.

- I've been living in this area for 12 years, I find as the years go by family with kids use this big area for picnics or playing with their kids
- Parking
- Separate entrances for small and large dogs. Lots of garbage bins for disposing waste and to give people less excuses to clean up after their dogs. Ample lighting for evening visits.
- Keeping the area clean if dog waste and garbage.
- Separate entrance for small dog area
- by having the OLA
- Do not put an off leash dog park.
- I think It's already nice, a dog park is a great addition.
- I think it has to be big. If it's not big enough to be able to throw balls for big dogs to run a lot then we will just continue to use the big open field for our big dog.
- Needs
- Provide free parking
- numerous garbage containers at different locations for dog dirt
- Open as an offleash area that's accessible and controlled in some manner.
- Please please please make it so dogs of all sizes large and small) can enjoy the off leash area.
- I find it already to be welcoming
- Leave it as is and don't fence it in. Don't enforce the leash bu law in the area and that's it.
- Seating in and outside of the dog area. Fountain for dogs in the park
- Accessibility areas
- A playground (away from Scarlett Road's air pollution) would be a great asset!
- With all the items above and more picnic tables I believe it will become more welcoming.
- Take into consideration accessibility for all people (scooters, shade, water fountains for dogs etc)
- No pea gravel- grass, sand or mulch!
- An off leash area will reduce friction between dog use and walking / biking users. Too many bikes are on the walking paths, and dogs are often (improperly) of leash because they need to run and there is no nearby area where dogs can be run off leash safely or legally. There should be more control and monitoring of cycling in the park in general, as large groups of fast cyclists are regularly present and they don't all respect the safety of users who are walking. Speed bumps would be helpful, many cyclists are aggressive and don't dismount under the Scarlett Road underpass as required.s
- With different activity areas, I will go to the park from another city
- Trees and art.
- More benches
- Not have gravel, include a walkway.
- 1. Water fountain to offer to dogs for drinking purposes. 2. A waste feature for playing in. 3. A kids park area adjacent to OLP where kids can play while dogs are playing
- A fountain or something that dogs could drink from might be nice on hot days.
- Having 2 separate spaces for small and large dogs would make the space more welcoming for all dogs and dog parents.

- Ensure design does not take away from natural landscape and beauty of the park with ugly chain link fences. Make sure enough room/ located properly for local children and families to play without being too close to the park
- The dog park will be a great addition.
- It's already welcoming
- An off leash park area will make this part of the park more usable and enjoyable.
- I don't have a dog but i am against off-leash parks that aren't fenced. Many dogs are badly trained and jump on people. I don't feel safe in these situations.
- Some nice bench seating , maybe some outdoor workout area
- Set off leash trails
- By putting an off leash Area it would make the area great my dog hates weston dog park because it's covered in pebbles no grass? WE NEED GRASS !!!
- Double gates, good access to garbage make sure any holes are rapidly filled kn
- Garbage cans
- Keep it clean
- Having designated space for dogs
- If people pick up there dog poop
- Splash pad /park theres nowhere for kids to play
- General comment for all parks, I see dogs off-leash frequently with no real effort to resolve - which makes parks not welcoming to my family in general (unfortunately). I've never seen an enforcement officer in either Scarlett Mills Park or along the Humber River Recreational Trail or Chapman Valley Park which are the 3 places I walk.
- Dog poop bags and disposal area
- A bench or two
- Have waste disposal bins readily available or exits and inside by seating.
- Accessibility friendly. Fining dog owners who fail not to pickup after their dogs
- Keep as much green space as possible
- By providing all the above details
- a water fountain
- Access to a foot pedal drinking fountain for less contact
- Taps to give water to the dogs (exp. High Park OLA)
- a few more benches would be nice
- Good signage
- Locate the Off-Leash Area to where barking dogs (until 11 pm or 24 hours/day) will not disturb local residents.
- Parking for cars
- create a leveled pathway from the park to the paved pathway along the river
- Signs trail for owners to walk inside the park. Good snow and other maintenance.
- Parking for everyone
- Interesting layout vs square fenced in box. Some seating around the area. Surface not gravel.
- More parking
- Provide proper waste receptacles and fencing that is accessible for those with mobility devices, consider having asphalt path or trail to a seating area within the off leash area, provide seating
- Adding an off leash area
- More garbage bins with closer access. More picnic tables around shaded trees.
- Garbage bins for disposal. Safe walking paths. Hand rails. Water spouts. Parking.

- Fence it off with a gate
- Have benches for walkers and people who enjoy the park
- N/A
- N/A
- Communicate available. Long hours. Parking.
- Entrance signage along Edenbridge Dr
- A meandering paved path for those with mobility issues can use their scooters, caregivers can walk their dogs and seniors at the same time, and parents with strollers and their dogs can all access the OLA and greater park area. A seasonal path (no winter plowing), so that the cross country skiers have smooth access.
- Adequate seating and shade for humans and dogs is necessary.
- Make the parking lot available during the winter months. Right now the gates are closed so people are parking on the shoulder of Edenbridge Drive.
- Ensure floor is good for small dogs
- Water available to fill up bowls
- Cleaner
- parking
- Nice large size for the dogs to do many zoomies (running around in large laps)
- NO DOG PARK! This is a small park which in the spring/summer/fall is full of picnickers, walkers, joggers and bikes. The lawn is often covered with families and picnic blankets as there are not enough picnic tables. So please provide more picnic tables - not a dog park! This is solely a quiet, residential area.
- Accessibility, include ramps if landscape requires it i.e. larger hills.
- Having an off-leash area
- Do not build an off-leash area. Allow street parking on Edenbridge Ave. Do no gate parking lot. Leave lot open during winter.
- Keep the park as it currently is.
- Not have an off leash area
- Putting in a dog park will effectively discourage everyone else from using the park. The grass will be destroyed and children won't be able to use the park with an influx of dogs.
- By having the dog park
- It's funny that someone again decides to put a Off-Leash area where Ms. Luby desired for a garden without who live in the neighborhood. Again, why can't it put across street? My wife is terrified of all animals, what would happen if the dog gets away from the owner and bits someone? People picnic in that area and we have a big park that this park could be on the other side of the road. I'd really like to hear some good reasoning for why it should be located there.
- Port a pots
- Lots of garbage cans for dog litter.
- Have dog and human access to water
- Washrooms, picnic area, splash pad?
- Do not cut off walking access to the Humber trail for non dog owners/lovers. Footpath access to the Humber from the parking lot and from the end of Allanhurst is important.
- Good signage for off leash area
- Ensure that it's enclosed and that it's safe for all dog sizes.
- Make it large. Have water and waste desposal
- Having a seperate area for small and large dogs
- Make sure it's fenced in

- More seating outside OLA, easy access to parking, garbage bins dedicated to pet waste, water fountain for pets
- Neighbours on Edenbridge might object. Would you consider the east side of Scarlett Rd. Dogs like to run in the bush so not all the bushes and trees would need to be cut down
- Make sure the fence is high enough so that dogs can't jump over. Make sure there is sufficient shade.
- More parking, or street parking access. I live in the area and in peak season it's ridiculous how many cars are around
- Size and safety
- Please make accommodations for extra small dogs.
- Eliminate dogs off lease

Do you have any specific comments or ideas about the new Off-Leash Area planned for Scarlett Mills?

- It's needed
- Need Faucet for drinking water in the summer for dogs like in high park dog park
- See response to question 8
- Excited to have a space for my dog to run around close to home
- Accessible water fill up areas for dogs especially during summer
- It's about time. For years I thought it was a good place for an off leash area
- Glad to see this initiative in my neighborhood
- Larger and more interesting the better
- One comment is that there are a lot of Canadian Geese in the area and they leave a sufficient amount of poop on the grounds in the area. Dogs have been prone to eating this and it's not healthy for them. I also have seen coyotes in the area crossing Scarlett road. I love the location my only concern is the existing wildlife in the Humber River. Not sure what anyone can do about it, this is just a general comment that should be taken into consideration. Maybe the fenced area will prohibit the geese from landing there and keep the coyotes out. But I'm walking distance from this park and think it's exactly what the neighbourhood needs. There are A LOT of dogs. Thank you!
- Add a playground
- Please include a FUNCTIONING water fountain, and NO pebbles. Dirt is best for dogs...
- Dog-friendly surface. Pea gravel isn't ideal.
- Ensure fencing height is tall enough. Shade. Water fountain/ hydration for dogs.
- No
- Don't sacrifice any trees to build it. Also, secret...I go there to check out morels in the spring. Too much traffic would ruin that special ecosystem in Toronto. Rather see the dog park in already more disturbed areas. Like behind the Edenbridge Centre
- Yes as a taxpayer in this area I do not support this.
- You need access to water for the dogs in summer and I would suggest a composting area for poop. An area for small dogs and puppies is required as larger dogs get pack mentality and will attack. Rock climbing area for dogs and people could be fun.
- Looking forward to this as I am in the area. Hope there is a small dog area with separate entrance and good fencing all around. Water fountain is desirable.
- Make it larger. Include a fenced off leash walking path through the forested area. We frequent High Park as well as we want to walk with the dog off leash.

- I am 1000% for it. This is one of my mother's favorite parks to walk through, and helps to keep her healthy. A new offleash area will be great for everyone.
- Play structures for the dogs, like slides, bridges etc. Make it interactive
- The sooner the better!
- Please ensure water source and drinking pan for dogs
- Please implement a small dog area!
- Much needed
- It's great to have a water source for dogs to drink.
- Park lights at nighttime
- Make sure there's good drainage on the park
- I would definitely start going to this park if there were an off-leash dog area! There are none near Rexdale.
- Extra garbage cans and bags to pick up poop
- I love this, I think it will bring a sense of community to dog owners. Perhaps some agility equipment? That would be incredibly beneficial for the dogs!
- Use ground cover that is good for both winter and summer on dogs paws. ie- sand or wood chips not grass as it gets muddy and not rocks/gravel as it's very hard in their paws.
- That would be awesome!
- Make sure the fence is tall enough so the dogs cannot jump it and run to the river
- Great idea
- This is an amazing idea we really need something like this specially to have our lovely dogs having fun. Thank you
- Cool cool
- I have a greyhound and the off leash at Woolner and Jane is so small with so many tree barriers, she can't get exercise in it. Please consider unobstructed running "tracks" that don't require tight turns. I'd consider only small seating arrangements to discourage people from hanging out together ignoring the dogs. At High Park that's happened, people hang out for a long time while their pit bulls wrestle and get wound up.
- Maintained pathway from parking lot and from Edenbridge Dr. Must be fully fenced in. Sufficient garbage bins. NO SAND in the park - there is sand at the High Park dog park and it stinks like crazy (like dog pee) and stays on shoes and paws and smells up our car. Water bottle fill-up station. A water feature in the summer for dogs to cool off would be nice but in a separate area so the dogs can't run in the water if owners don't want them to get wet. Sufficient parking so people don't start street parking.
- Completely fenced in area with gates for entrance
- A separate areas for small dogs, and not one thats only accessible by crossing through the large dog area would be best. Also, small dogs can't run on very large and uneven surfaces. There are other poorly designed dog parks in the city that arent used for these reasons.
- Fencing a must
- If the design is nice I will definitely go have a stroll with my pup
- It is needed!
- Using wood chips for the ground material instead of gravel as they did at Raymore Park b/c it is hard to walk on. Also see comment above about having a separate entrance for small dogs. I'd definitely visit Scarlett Mills more often if there was a small dog OLA.
- Wood chips are a good base instead of grass that can become muddy
- Please make sure it is big enough

- Great idea. There are no off leash parks in this area. Please make the fence tall enough so dogs can't jump out. Grass is better than gravel on dogs feet. Installing dog water fountains like at other parks is a good idea. Access to shade within the dog park is also a good idea. Making it large enough for dogs to have room to run and play is best. Thanks. Looking forward to it's completion!
- A hose for dogs to have clean drinking water would be great!
- Ensure the ground is maintainable. grass has to be cut and may brown quickly, pebbles are hard on a dogs paws. Sand is a sound alternative!
- Very good idea
- Water fountains at dog and human level, spare dog waste bags
- An excellent plan. Thank you for this.
- See above
- Nice and big is great. Just so glad you're putting one in :) will definitely visit more often with an OLA present :)
- Please no pea gravel. It's not accessible for handicapped owners and the dogs hate it and limp around on it
- No
- Thank you! My dog will love it and so will I
- Lots of bins for waste
- Before this is done get rid of the geese & their poisonous droppings! Keep it maintained & clean.
- Making it big and well design for dogs not being a let to get out while they are off leash also having poop bags since sometimes dog owners forget them or have them finished that way they don't have an excuse to not pick up their dogs poop
- Make it big and varied.
- NO PEA GRAVEL, Shade is extremely important for the summer. Access to water if possible. Not a mile walk into the off leash area.
- This looks like a done deal/rubber stamp consultation
- Use woodchips or river stone to decrease mess and increase usage of park
- I'm all in favour let's get it done quickly. Please have a separate entrance to the off leash area for small dogs (unlike Raymore Park).
- Pebble or pea gravel surface (like that at Raymore Park) can be uncomfortable for some dogs, as it makes their pads raw after playing there. Grass or sand surface at this new park would be greatly appreciated.
- I think it is a fantastic idea. Dog/human RULES posted . No aggressive dogs allowed.
- I'm so excited for this off leash dog park!!
- I would use it
- Do not waste tax payer dollars on something not needed
- I believe an off leash park would be an amazing adoption to this park. Its huge and has so much space. It would also give me less travel time, by taking my dog to the park and letting her run around after work. This is a wonderful idea!
- Please leave the grass. The off leash park that was created in another area of Etobicoke (weston/lawrence area) used gravel/rocks and no dog wants to go there!!
- Wood chips turf
- I am really happy about this idea! I visit the area and James gardens several times per week, an off leash would be fantastic!
- Having an area for small dogs would be amazing! It is very hard to find this in the city and many small dogs are intimidated by larger dogs which discourages us from using

dog parks. If there was a space for our two small dogs to run around leash free and not have to worry about large excited dogs coming up to them we would use it very often.

- No
- A parking lot is a must, and also lighting for night especially during the winter, bathrooms, drink/wash stations
- Make the area either stones or wood chips to prevent mud
- Grass preferred, NO PEBBLES, lots of shade (trees), available drinking water, tall fencing
- No pebbles for the floors!
- Please please no pebbles like Raymore park, they are literally the worst thing you can do to a park
- i think it is a excellent idea, the park is not used alot & this would be a good use of it
- Have an accessible water source for pets and some shade for summer months.
- Don't make it all gravel like Sir Winston Churchill.
- Waste cans for disposing of doggy poop. Water availbilty for summer weather to fill up doggy bowls.
- Great idea. DO's: 5 foot fences, water fountain, shade options, two entrances with double gates, obstacles for dogs (tree logs, rocks, ramps)
- Water source, shade, natural ground cover or a very hearty grass (no pea gravel) that can with stand the dogs running and minimum 5 foot chain link fence.
- Please DO NOT used little stones, that heard dogs leggs and paws. The stones gets very hot in summer and burn the dogs paws. Leave the grass and the mature trees just add a fence around. Also, it will be good that small dogs does not need to go throught big dogs area to acces the small dogs area. We learn from all the mistakes done at Raymore dogs Park. Bad design, bad material, no shade, no water. All wrong. We cannot use the park.
- Don't build it. Dog parks are fit neglectful owners and dig walkers. Causes aggression.
- Water fountain
- No pebbles! They hurt dogs feet.
- Please do not use gravel where the dogs will be.
- Should be latge enough to accommodate 30 plus dogs at one time
- bad idea
- night lighting, water supply in DOLA, incorporate trails and more space for areas for use by dogs and owners to move and walk more
- Should have a tap for fresh running water for dogs in the warmer months and disposal facilities
- The dog park at highpark is a great example. It also has a water tap..very important.
- Trees, rocks, woodchips. How can you make it more enriching for dogs and not just a boring fenced in grass area
- Please model Scarlett Mill after Jack Darling (off leash in Mississauga). It has multiple areas for dogs
- I think energy and money would've better spent on attending on needs of people in need not dogs
- Who is responsible for cleaning up the dog poop? I do not have a dog and I really don't want to deal with the smell of dog poop.
- I am concerned about turning this park into an off-leash area. The main reason is it will turn this area from multi-use to single-use. Currently this area sees a lot of traffic by families: picnics, kite flying, ball playing, catch and just general running around. There

are often very small children here. Its special for these activities based on the large area of green space and also the fact that the grass is relatively clean (not a lot of goose poo, unlike James Gardens). We use this area very frequently. Currently dog owners use the area during off peak hours and run their dogs and, i realize this is contrary to the bylaw, but the dog owners using the area are responsible and leash their dogs when needed and its working well as a shared space.

- 2 access gates for safety (dogs and people)
- Not using large rocks or pebbles on the ground for the dogs, instead using grass or sand. The dogs enjoy it more, small dogs hurt their paws with the rocks
- Do everything necessary to ensure the area is safe for non-dog-owners - i.e., pedestrians walking near/around the area
- Please include poop bag station and drinkable water area (either fountain for humans that can refill bottles for their dogs or dog specific fountain). Also PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE do not use gravel or small pebbles in the dog park like the one further up Scarlett Road, the pebbles are not good for dogs to run on, grass and or mulch like downtown parks is better enjoyed by the dogs.
- Lots of garbages and kids playground close
- This project should be put on hold until the public has been properly consulted. There is already inadequate parking in summer for persons playing tennis, persons parking to walk along the river trail and persons wishing to use the park for pleasure and picnics with their families. In summer many persons are forced to park along Edenbridge. Further, an OLA can become an eyesore of bare mud - witness High Park and Col Sam Smith OLAs. This will destroy and ruin the present pristine layout of the park.
- Make it grass and not stone or wood chips and an area to fill water bottles for the dogs
- Love this idea! Thank you!
- A water supply, definitely grass and not gravel or wood chips. High fence and some seating.
- It is a wonderful idea there are no off leash accommodations for dogs at all in this part of the city
- See answer 8.
- 1. I am annoyed that this is presented as a given when we are asked to participate in a survey - 'Scarlett Mills Park is getting a dogs off-leash area'. What choice is there for the public? 2. Personally, I find having an off-leash area for dogs a conflict with the nature of this park. I believe if this 'proposal' is implemented it will forever change what has been a quiet, peaceful area in which to enjoy walking, biking, and picnicing. 3. Implementing this proposal will inevitably and sadly mean dogs are favoured over wildlife.
- wasn't informed about this during consultation period. Enforce leash laws on bicycle path and educate dog walkers that leashes should not obstruct cyclists
- It would be nice if the off leash area had access to the Humber river for dogs that love to swim
- This is a great idea!
- I think it is a great idea
- Access to the water
- Not at this time.
- thanks for asking after you already decided to go ahead
- Add a water fountain for the dogs, and a little hose and kiddy swimming pool (like at high park dog hill)
- Clear signage for dog users

- A soft surface would be preferable. Pebbles are too rough on the paws. Also a water fountain would be great
- no ok
- In the future, if the Scarlett golf course is to be decommissioned (which I seem to hear from time to time), you would be well advised to keep a great, great percentage of this as greenspace for dogs and, perhaps, even re-forest some of the areas using grants from the federal government for tree planting.
- Great idea.
- No
- I really don't like small fenced in dog parks-usually too many dogs too close and then negative interactions occur. Prefer walking type OLA like the property Mississauga has in the Etobicoke Creek OLA. The hydro right of way south of Dundas south of the tracks between Royal York and Montgomery Rd would be better.
- A water tap for dog water.
- Please don't have dog tickets there who act like they are looking for law breakers.
- I'm so excited this made my year! If maybe adding hills or ramps the dogs can run up and down from and a water fountain.
- DO NOT MAKE THIS AN OFF LEASH AREA-DOGS ARE A MENACE TO WALKERS AND BIKERS
- An area for water refills would be perfect!
- It is not needed as there is one at raymore park
- The parking lot in the picture is fairly close and could have a path leading to it. I know there are 2 other parking lots down the street which are much larger, so it might be nice if this lot was dedicated to the dog park. High park has running water and people bring old dog bowls for all to use. It would be really great if there could be running water as well. Granted, in the winter they shut it off so it does not freeze, but it is really nice to have on hot summer days. Lastly, there is another dog park in the junction (Baird) that uses wood chips which is great. The one off of Scarlet near La Rose is terrible and uses stones. We never go there as my dog always ends up with blisters.
- Please add water pump for the dogs, and remove the pebbles from the floors the dogs do not like it
- I like the set up at Thompson Park with the separate areas for different dogs, that being said if it's more of a fenced in trail walk for the dog I'm supportive of that too!
- I would prefer more off leash trails, rather than small fenced in areas. Grass is better than gravel for dog feet.
- Access to (drinking) water would be great
- Do not make the area with pebbles it is very hard on dogs paws
- More city bins for the poop bags will be needed. Drinking fountains especially in the summer and of possible splash pads not only for dogs but also kids during the summer.
- I look forward to seeing more pets around the area, its always a joy seeing a neighbor's pet enjoying shared spaces
- Please ensure there is a separation for large and small
- Please do not use gravel in the dog park because it hurts the dog's paws. Please include a water faucet for filling dog bowls in summer. Thank you. This is a great idea
- No
- Great idea
- Great idea

- Please make it interesting like the high park dog park. Not just a fenced area like colonel Samuel smith.
- Ensure wheelchair accessibility is taken into consideration when designing pathways and entrances
- So glad they get one. What about Sunnylea/Parklawn/Norseman???
- The ground should NOT be gravel (ideally it would be dirt/grass) there should be plenty of shade for hot summer days (the off leash at Raymore Park has no shade at all so I never take my dogs there) there should be lighting for fall and winter days when the sun sets earlier there should be access to water for dogs and their owners in the summer
- Fresh running water and a splash pad for the dogs.
- As long as it is safe and fenced with some shaded areas I welcome this wholeheartedly
- Your ideas are great just try to speed up the time line PLEASE!
- Water area to refill dog bowl. Proper signage with expectations of owners and safety guidelines.
- Delighted this is happening 😊😊
- Trail like high park or etobicoke park
- The area certainly needs an OLA. A long fenced area where people and dogs could walk up and down rather than just congregate would be ideal. Too many dogs congregating can cause trouble.
- Compost Bins for biodegradable used dog poop bags
- It's a great idea!
- The park should not be leash free. Dogs are animals, can attack, for the safety of the other visitors, the park should not be leash free. Dogs are free at home for more than 18 hours.
- Yes! PLEASE, no large gravel rocks as surface like the other dog park down the trail along the Humber River.. Better surface for the dogs to run and play, like grass or FINE/SMALL gravel that is compacted.. Better to ask a dog walker, or someone with more experience. High Park is great because it's all natural unaltered surface.
- Big areas to run and play fetch, a water feature for dogs
- Sooner the better.
- Small dog area!!
- No stones! Dogs don't run on stones and can also injure themselves. they also need shade! And ideally a water source. The access to the small dog area should be from the outside, and you shouldn't have to pass through the large dog area to get to the small dog area.
- Looking forward to this. Wonderful news.
- Must have small dog area.
- Great! We need more off leash parks in the neighbourhood
- Small dog area
- Please do not use gravel. Keep the ground grassy.
- Thank you so much! This is going to be amazing
- Great idea! The area has a lot of dogs. I enjoy Scarlett Mills, but I use the picnic tables and as an entrance to the Humber Trail. An off leash area will simply enhance the park.
- I haven't visited this park in the past but I use other off leash parks and this park would be closer to my home. If it was created I would use it daily.
- Na
- Washroom for humans. Dog wash area (warm water/hair dryer coin operation). water for dogs to drink (tap to fill bowls)

- A water fountain/tap for dogs!
- No stones for the ground of the dog park. They hurt the dogs feet. A new dog park not far from here was opened and they used stones and no dogs play in it because of it. My dog tried once and the stones hurt his feet and now won't even let me take him over to it.
- As long as it is large enough and properly gated... my biggest worry is our dogs escaping
- An off leash area would be amazing!! All dogs from the area visit Scarlett mills in the daily. But please do not put pebbles down as the off leash areas surface, Raymore park is the closest off leash park and no one ever goes there because of the sharp hard pebbles.
- I would like the park to preserve all the trees even with this new dog park, we should accommodate the structure to the park, also it would be nice if there's no stones inside the off leash area, it's better with grass and less expensive.
- Similar to High Park off leash. Plenty of walking area. Like a maze.
- Please no pebbles, must have shade and a water fountain for dogs.
- Yes! Please put in place rules about neutered/spayed dogs only visiting off leash parks
- disposal bins for doggy poop bags maybe include a container of poop bags attached above the waste bin.
- PLEASE provide a surface that is dog friendly. NO gravel. If you decide to add a separate area for small dogs please provide a separate entrance to the area. In the OLA of Raymore Park once must walk small dog thru the area for large dogs. Not safe.
- Small dog area is a must! It makes me feel much more confident bringing my little dog to an off leash area!
- We are just glad that it's coming
- Don't construct any off leash areas they are breeding grounds for diseases and stupidity.
- Parking may be a concern.
- Why would you even ruin this park by adding this. Along the trail you have a place where you can play tennis. Why not add the dog park there. Why ruin this area for family that have kids there. Yes this area has dogs but this area is also growing with kids. It would be more welcoming by adding a playground or even a splash pad . Adding a off leash area there? Not a good idea!
- So excited to have a dog park in the area!!!
- Do not salt the area in the winter. If the space is designed for dogs make it safe for their paws!
- Definitely needs to be filled with sand. Anything else is hazardous for dogs. Would love an area for small dogs.
- Please include a small dog off leash area.
- I like it
- Us elderly residents do not want this
- Please do not use gravel in the dog park, the grass would be great. We went one dog off-leash area in Etobicoke, almost no one go to that area since it is gravel floor. it is super hot in summer, and hard for dogs to run as well.
- I think it's a wonderful idea and use of space. The current field doesn't get used much anyways because it's beside the road. I think there should be a very large dog park (I think there should be off leash trails like there is in high park). I also think there has to be a water fountain for the dogs to drink on hot days and shady areas so they don't over heat. Lots of garbage bins for poop & possibly provide bags (for the people who inevitably run out).

- Needs an offleash site for dogs plus more benches
- Soft ground for the dogs please NO hard surfaces!
- a water station for dogs to drink from
- Please do not use pea gravel or woodchips. Hurts their paws. grass is best!
- Please do not use the smaller gravel as was used in the dog park Raymore dog park. The type used at Windermere & Lakeshore OLA is more dog friendly. If there is a Separate area for smaller dogs, please put the entrance on the outside of dog park & not like Raymore Park - on the inside
- Grass is beat. Raymote area is unfortunate with all the pebbles. If off leash By-law is exempt, it's better. In a closed in area, aggressive dogs go in and it's not a good environment for submissive dogs- regardless of size. So it turns into a place that no dog can just roam. My dog used to love Raymote visits. Owners just need to control their pets and aggressive dogs need training.
- It is much needed!
- I am afraid of dogs, the idea of dogs off leash terrifies me. There are already several pitbulls in the area without muzzles.
- A great idea, please make sure area remains accessible to non-dog walking pedestrians.
- I've been to other parts in the world that have outdoor exercise equipment perhaps doing a small work out section that get people out and exercising.
- See above
- No pea gravel- grass, sand or mulch! Water access ideal!
- A separate small dog area is very important, as is a waste disposal plan and offering of waste bags. Regular monitoring by by-law officers for safety and to monitor aggressive dogs and users would be helpful. There are a number of unneutered male dogs in the neighbourhood. The Edenbridge parking lot area may prove to be too small if the area is popular, although many users will be local and likely will walk there will be demand from commercial walkers..
- Agility training area
- Grass is important for dogs as is shade. A little "path" or run in the dog park (like the G.Lord Ross dog park has). Signs to remind people to pick up after their dogs while visiting the dog park. Green bins for disposal-along with garbage and recycling bins.
- Trees and art!
- Gates are the most important to make sure dogs can't get out.
- No, this is a great project.
- We're hopeful it goes through. We've been waiting a couple of years for it. Would prefer wood chips over rocks.
- I'm very pleased and excited about this project. I'm a dog trainer so having a separate small dog area is an excellent idea. I feel offering seating encourages people to put less effort monitoring their dog's play and more on socializing with other owners.
- No
- If it's going to be an off-leash thing, there should be a fence or something around it, so the dogs can't run off.
- Grassy off leash area with mini trails
- Having the area fully fenced in is a must. Scarlett rd is a very busy road and would be devastating if any dog ran out into traffic. Fully fenced area would help prevent this from happening
- Waste bins

- Try to keep it as natural as possible, similar to high park.
- Just make sure there are proper fences so dogs don't run into Scarlett
- It is a great idea. there are lots of dogs in the neighbourhood and I have to go to High Park for a large off-leash area for my dog.
- Not just a square box that does not truly meet the level of mental n physical needs of a dog. As a dog owner and Behaviorist this is very important. A poor example of a dog park is raymore park. Activities for dogs would be helpful. Like agility posts that owners could also use to mentally stimulate their dogs . A timeout area for an owner n dog to step way and allow the dog to lower their threshold before rejoining the group.
- Non-gravel floored dog park
- Make it large enough so dogs can really have some fun
- No pebbles on floor dogs hate it!! Leave the grass and some trees so they can mark their territory
- Looking forward to it! Much needed.
- Secure fencing band double gate design
- I'm very excited as we live in the area and we always go to this park
- Love this idea. The area needs an off leash dog park a d this is the perfect spot. Make it interesting for the dogs - keep some of the bushes/forest as part of the park so they can explore. Provide lots of garbage cans, spaced out, so that owners can easily pick up and dispose of the dogs "deposits"
- A big area so people can be spaced apart
- Pick up dog poop signs
- Great idea so much un used space
- 1) Isn't there already some sort of fenced in area along the Humber River Recreational Trail, East of Scarlett Road (near Denison Park/Raymore Park) for off-leash dogs 2) As a non-dog owner with a small child I frequently observe people letting their dogs off-leash along this trail even though there is an area fenced in presumably for off-leash dogs (I say presumably since I have yet to see an animal in the fenced enclosure when I walk past) 3) What about people walking dogs off-leash along Chapman Valley Park - has there ever been an enforcement officer assigned to this area? 4) Are we continuing to build off-leash areas when many dog owners just let their dogs off-leash in any place they see fit?
- Maybe a place to hose off messy dogs?
- Maybe a trail with off leash
- Please make the area large enough that dogs feels they have a good amount of running space or if someone wants to find a spot to play catch with their dog. Include trees for shade. Dogs like some greenery to sniff and keep things interesting.
- no
- Cool ideas for grading, adding hills, tunnels etc not just flat. Also proper drAinage so the area is not alway soaking wet from weather
- Separate areas for small and big dogs would be great
- Love the idea.
- Fully fenced in.
- A little area to have lunch and possibly some water for the dogs, as to avoid bottles waist.
- not to use large gravel as a base

- A barrier fence should be considered along Scarlett as well as Edenbridge since both have high volume traffic, since it connects main arteries such as Royal York, Eglinton, Scarlett, Jane and St.Clair.
- No gravel, please
- City needs more of this. Not just good for dogs...brings people together too.
- No gravel or stones, since this is hard on the dogs paws.
- In that area somebody need to check owners and dogs, usually dog are without leash especially big dog and when you ask politely owner's to put leash on their dog you get a look or discussion!!! Dangerous and disrespectful!
- we are really looking forward to having a safe dog park in our neighborhood. This is the perfect area.
- Please include a water fountain or area where water can be obtained
- Please ensure the off leash area is completely fenced in to protect other park users from dogs.
- (1) Barking dogs are not wanted in the area, (2) Preserve the mature trees, (3) Urine/feces odours are not wanted in the area, (4) Will the OLA be fenced? (5) Limit the number of dogs allowed to congregate in the OLA, (6) Will the OLA attract drug dealers and criminals?
- Not just fenced in gravel pit.. actual trails for off leash dogs please!
- A water station to fill up your bowls, garbage for the poop, seating, shade for the summer and during the rain, security gate so dogs don't just run out while someone is trying to come in. Little obstacle course to use with your dog.
- Please not gravel. Sometimes we go to raymore dog park and some dogs hate the gravel. Just dirt is preferable. I sometimes see people with off leash dogs outside the fenced area instead. Also some features in the park would be nice. Like trees or hills. I went to a dog park that had a large log in it, and the dogs loved to jump on it, hide behind it and run around it. Great feature.
- I don't use this park area currently but would be open to exploring it more with my current pets.
- A paved path in the dog park or an overall surface that is well maintained and will not turn into a mud pit.
- Large enough for dogs to run freely. This park is in desperate need of this for our animals! Thank you.
- Please don't make it the rock gravel style floor like the other park north of here... Grass is perfect!
- No
- Make it big enough for all dogs to have a good run
- I don't currently go to Scarlet Mills but welcome new off-leash parks for Etobicoke.
- Water fountain for the dogs!
- N/A
- N/A
- A water fountain would be great for dogs that need a lot of water in hot weather.
- Please consult some veterinarians as to best surfacing for hygiene and paw pad safety.
- A separate small dog area would make me feel safer and would increase the frequency that I come to the park.
- It couldn't arrive any sooner. I live right across from the park and dog owners allow their pets to defecate on my lawn. Maybe the new OLA will discourage this type of behavior.
- Keep flooring soft for small dogs please!

- Don't use sand or dirt!
- No
- I think this would be a great idea. I like that this location has a bit of a hill, would be a nice variation than one flat surface.
- Garbages
- Make dog parks less muddy
- bigger is better
- The dog park does not belong in a strictly quiet residential area. You have more than 1000 condo owners facing the park on the south side of the river and hundreds of homes on the north side of the river. We want to maintain the quietude of the area. Barking dogs do not belong in this landscape. As well, the park is too small to accommodate all the picnickers plus a dog-park. Move the dog park to the east side of Scarlett Road or better still to the north side of Eglintin between Scarlett and Jane - away from the quiet residential neighbourhoods!
- When will this project be finished? I do not go to this park much but after this off leash dog park is created I will!
- Although we don't currently visit Scarlett Mills, it is close enough that knowing an off-leash is planned, would encourage us to visit!
- Ensure it is big enough and fenced in
- Do not build as all the current users(including dog owners) of the park are pleasant and co-operative with one another.
- The park is used by alot of families frin the neighborhood and from outside the neighborhood. A dog park would make families leave the space due to concerns of having children around dogs. Currently, dog owners from the area are courteous and do run their dogs off leash in the park when there are not many other users around. I understand this is against city bylaws but it is not impacting other users. A dog park would effectively turn this area into a single use area
- I hope you will remove the off leash area, the zone will ruin park use for non dog owners
- This will result in users being afraid to use the park due to a large influx of dogs into the area. This will cause conflict with local wildlife as deer and turkey use the area and will be driven out by the dogs. The increased traffic will result in the park being deteriorated. I will no longer be able to allow my children to use the area with the increased number of animals. I do not want my children around large bully breeds. This neighbourhood has begun to changeover and there are a greater number of very young children in the area. Parents and families utilize the space. Local dog owners are respectful and use the area during off peak hours and there are currently no conflicts. This project will cause conflicts between families and dog owners.
- Most of the dogs in the area are from the apartment buildings and condos located on Scarlett rd, Fontenay, Richview rd, LaRose ave. These building owners should provide off leash dog areas for their tenants NOT the city or township. I live very close to this park and all my neighbours living in their homes DO NOT own dogs! It is the apartment dwellers that are pushing for this NOT the homeowners!
- Please read number 8
- Strict clean up rules.
- To not use gravel on the ground. They build an off-leash area further north on the Humber Trail with the entire area covered with gravel/pebbles. The dogs don't seem to like it as they have difficulty running on the surface.
- Do not use gravel. Grass is preferred.

- My dog (and myself) really don't enjoy the rocks at the Raymore Park off leash area (off of Scarlett). The small rocks make it difficult for the dogs to fully run around and play. Other off leash dog areas that have woodchips or sand are much better and I see that the dogs play more and run around more for sure.
- Please no sand or dirt for the ground covering. On Rainier days I will not go. Maybe mulch?
- Please use wood chips or sand, gravel/rocks is very harsh on paws
- Grassy area with water fountain for off-leash area.
- It is a good idea to have an off-leash area in Etobicoke even though we do not own a dog
- Make it big
- Include water fountain for dog drinking, water irrigation for hot weather days (to wet the ground periodically, or spray for the dogs to play in!), use sand or wood chips (so dogs don't get muddy) on rainy days, obstacles for dogs to climb / run around or explore, paved area for dog owners to stand on
- The proposed park will be very small. Although I live at Lambton Square, just across the river, I drive most mornings to Garnett Wood O.L.P. which is 1.5 acres. 3 times as big as the proposed OLP and once a week to Jack Darling OLP. over Mississauga water treatment plant which is the best off leash park in the GTA. also the fences in Toronto OLP are approx. 1 metre high and dogs can jump over, particularly in High Park., Marie Curtis. I would be concerned if the proposed O.L.P. does not have higher fences any dogs that jump the fences could be hit by cars on Scarlett and Edenbridge. That would not apply to my dog as she never jumped fences in High Park. When the new OLP was constructed at Raymore I took my dog there just once. She did not like the surface (stones) . Whenever I walked the Humber Trail passing Raymore OLP I never saw any dogs using it. I assume other dogs did not like the stones. So I would recommend that you consider a grass surface, or sand on top of a plastic liner as at Marie Curtis, larger size , higher fences or the east side of Scarlett Rd. although there would be no parking there. I would recommend you visit Garnett Wood in Mississauga.
- Make sure there are 'no smoking' signs for people within the OLA
- More garbage and recycling bins. Even provide doggy bags... Don't know how many times I've almost stepped in dog poop
- Very important area for small dogs
- For safety reasons, please allow a space for extra small dogs.
- Yes, real estate will go down and traffic will go up on edenbridge