

Proposed Dog Off-Leash Area in Lawren Harris Square

Survey Summary Report

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Project Background

Based on high demand from local residents, the City is considering the installation of a new dog off-leash area in your neighbourhood, at Lawren Harris Square (located at the intersection of Bayview Ave and Lawren Harris Square, across from Corktown Commons).

This is an early investigation into the feasibility of converting Lawren Harris Square into a dog off-leash area. The specific design of the proposed dog off-leash area would be developed through community consultation after a location is confirmed. The off-leash area would be fenced off with a gated entry.

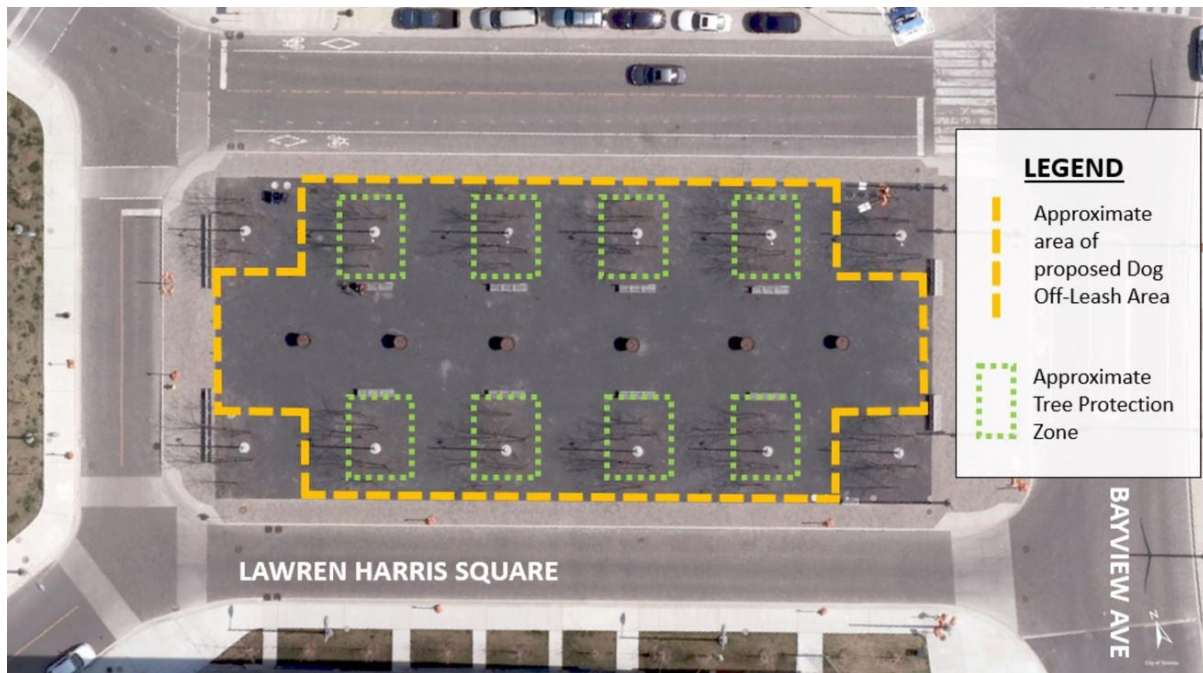
A dog off-leash area was previously located in the neighbourhood at Corktown Commons and was removed by Enbridge when major work was undertaken in the area. Enbridge is funding the replacement of the dog off-leash area.

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Proposed Location for a new Dog Off-Leash Area



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- The square is not heavily used by local residents, with most choosing to spend their time in the neighbouring Corktown Commons.

Other locations considered include:

- Corktown Commons, the east side of the berm: This area is located in a flood plain and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), which regulates land use in the flood plain, will not allow a fenced dog off-leash area.
- Underpass Park West on the west side of St. Lawrence Street:
 - This area of the park hosts a farmers' market on Thursday afternoons during the spring, summer and fall, and an off-leash facility is not compatible with the market's use of the space.
 - There are also transportation maintenance projects planned for the overpass structures in 2024-2026, which would displace the dog off-leash area soon after construction.

Survey Objectives

This survey asked for feedback on the proposed site for the new dog-off leash area. The survey was available from April 27 to May 16, 2021. The results from this online survey will inform next steps related to a potential dog off-leash area in Lawren Harris Square.

The survey received a total of **1,191** responses. This included feedback from 1,023 participants of various ages.

Notification

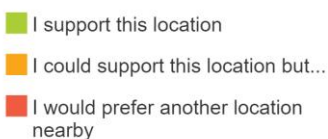
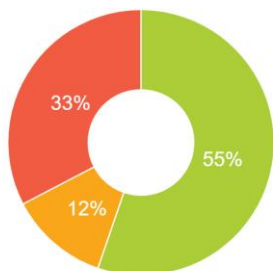
The survey was promoted through:

- Letters to local Condo Boards including Canary Park condo, and River City 1-4.
- Electronic and/or paper surveys to local Toronto Community Housing Residents at 585 King St East, 40 Lower River St., and 45 St. Lawrence St.
- Emails to the Corktown Residents Association and the West Donlands Committee
- Emails to residents through the local City Councillor's office
- Social media advertisements. See an example here.

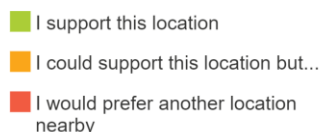
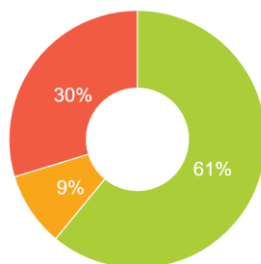
Key Feedback Summary

Preference on the proposed location for a dog off-leash area in Lawren Harris Square:

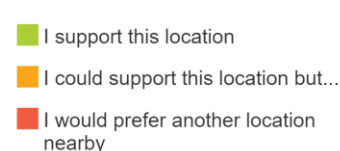
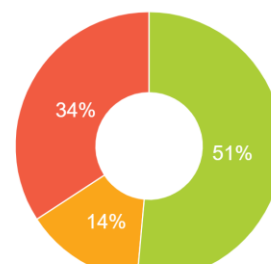
All Survey Respondents
(1,191)



Respondents who own
dogs (707)



Respondents who do not
own dogs (313)



- All survey respondents (1,191)
 - 55% would support this location for a dog off-leash area.
 - 33% would prefer another location nearby.
 - 12% could support this location, but have concerns.
- Respondents who own dogs (707)
 - 61% would support this location for a dog off-leash area.
 - 30% would prefer another location nearby.
 - 9% could support this location, but have concerns.

- Respondents who do not own dogs (313)
 - 51% would support this location for a dog off-leash area.
 - 34% would prefer another location nearby.
 - 14% could support this location, but have concerns.

Concerns about locating a dog off-leash area in Lawren Harris Square:

When asked what concerns respondents had about locating an off-leash area in Lawren Harris Square, 460 respondents left additional comments and details. Top concerns included (number of respondents sharing this sentiment is included in parentheses).

Too small (149): The area would not be large enough, or is too small, to accommodate the volume of dogs and dog-owners in the area who would use the park. The small size of the potential dog off-leash area would also reduce the quality and experience of the park for dogs, who wouldn't be able to run around and interact with one another, especially at peak times. Some respondents also indicated that with a large volume and small space, it would lead to conflicts amongst dogs.

- One respondent (1) identified that the tree-protection areas create ten tight spaces where dogs might feel cornered and trapped in the space.
- One respondent (1) identified that to curb potential risks with overcrowding, a maximum occupancy of the OLA should be set and enforced.

Noise concerns (107): Many respondents identified noise concerns, as the area is surrounded by 3 condos and sounds of barking would be amplified in the area, especially at peaks times (early morning and late evenings).

Safety concerns re: high traffic area (72): Many respondents indicated that there were important safety concerns that needed to be considered due to the high-traffic nature of Lawren Harris Square and the location being surrounded on all sides by roadways. Some respondents identified that this could present an increased risk of accidents/injuries of both dogs and dog-owners.

Restrict access to square/monopolize public space (64): Many respondents indicated that Lawren Harris Square was meant to be a public space for all local residents and visitors to use, and a potential OLA would eliminate space for pedestrians, seating, and would prioritize dog-owners over others.

- Some respondents suggested that any improvements, additions or upgrades to the square should also include amenities for non-dog owners as well (e.g. enhanced seating opportunities)
- Some respondents indicated that a potential dog off-leash area in the square would limit walkability in the area, and could have negative effects on local businesses and restaurants in the area

Surface materials (53): Many respondents had questions and concerns around the current surface material of the square (e.g. pavement, concrete) not being feasible or appropriate for a dog park, and that future surface materials like pea gravel or wood chips would not be appropriate.

- Staff Comment: Surfacing of a potential dog off-leash area in the neighbourhood would be determined through community consultation taking place during the design phase.

Smell (53): Some respondents identified concerns with the smell and odors that would result from the dog park in the proposed location, especially if not adequately maintained.

Pet waste (34): Some respondents identified concerns with dog waste being left around the surrounding area.

Damage to neighbourhood aesthetic (33): Some respondents identified concerns that the off-leash area would damage the current neighbourhood aesthetics or be otherwise visually unappealing, especially if fencing would be integrated into the OLA design.

Continued use of Corktown Commons (33): Many respondents indicated that Corktown Commons is frequently used as an off-leash area for dog-owners already, and commented that even if a location at Lawren Harris was available, it would still be heavily used and generally favoured.

Square's namesake (12): Concerns around naming a dog off-leash area after the square's namesake, Lawren Harris.

Other concerns included:

- Concerns around impact to air quality
- Concerns that the square is not currently shaded, and would get too much sun
- Concerns that a potential OLA would decrease parking in the area

Alternative Locations

Suggestions for alternative locations include:

- Many respondents would like the dog off-leash area to be located in Corktown commons. They would like the City to work with the TRCA to find a suitable location within the park given its large open space, and that many dog owners already unleash their dogs in this space.
 - Popular suggestions for locations within Corktown commons include the hilly east side or south side of Corktown Commons. Some respondents noted there is space to allow for both tobogganing and a separate Dog Off-Leash Area in this section of Corktown Commons.
 - Some respondents suggested the off-leash area be placed in this location but remain unfenced. Others suggested the fence was required to maintain safety.
- Some respondents suggested the location be in the grassy area along the west side of Bayview Ave. under the hydro wires, south of Queen St. E. and on either side of Eastern Ave.
 - There is already an existing, private, fenced dog off-leash area between 170 Bayview Ave and Eastern Ave. which a larger dog off-leash area could be located beside or near.
- Some respondents suggested the location be in Underpass Park (e.g. Around St Lawrence and Eastern Ave.), with the suggestion to move the farmers' market to Lawren Harris Square, which was built in part, for this purpose.
- Some respondents suggested the location be West of Corktown Commons, between Front St. E., Tannery Rd., Mill St., and Bayview Ave, which is far away from residences.
- One to a few respondents suggested the location be:
 - South of the GO Transit yard, north of Lake Shore Blvd. E., and west of the Don River.
 - South of Mill St., near Bayview Ave.

- Between Bayview Ave. and the Lower Don River Trail, south of Eastern Ave.
- The greenspace on the north-west corner of Front St. E. and Cherry St.
- In a spot that provides access to the edge of the Don River.
- The (unused) old Eastern Ave Bridge.
- Under Queen St. bridge, which would provide covered space and is close to the Toronto Humane Society.
- 555 Queen St. E.
- Sumach-Shuter Parkette
- Near the Sackville Playground

Next Steps

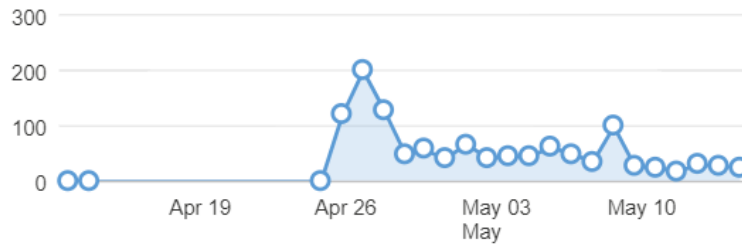
The results of this survey will be shared with the local Councillor's Office, and further next steps will be available on the [project webpage](#), where community members are able to sign up for e-update.

Appendix A: Quantitative Response Summary

Respondents



Response timeline



All Respondents – 1,200 total

The community is in need of a dog off-leash area. Overall, what is your preference on the proposed location for a dog off-leash area in Lawren Harris Square?

	Count	% of responses	%
I support locating a new dog off-leash area in Lawren Harris Square.	658	<div style="width: 55%;"></div>	55%
I could support locating a new dog off-leash area in Lawren Harris Square, but have some concerns.	144	<div style="width: 12%;"></div>	12%
I would prefer another location nearby (note that as described above, Corktown Commons and Underpass Park are not viable locations for the off-leash area).	389	<div style="width: 33%;"></div>	33%

N 1.2k

Respondents who own a dog(s) – 707 total




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	Count	% of responses	%
I support locating a new dog off-leash area in Lawren Harris Square.	431	<div style="width: 61%;"></div>	61%
I could support locating a new dog off-leash area in Lawren Harris Square, but have some concerns.	66	<div style="width: 9%;"></div>	9%
I would prefer another location nearby (note that as described above, Corktown Commons and Underpass Park are not viable locations for the off-leash area).	210	<div style="width: 30%;"></div>	30%

N 707












Respondents who do not own a dog – 313 total

The community is in need of a dog off-leash area. Overall, what is your preference on the proposed location for a dog off-leash area in Lawren Harris Square?

	Count	% of responses	%
I support locating a new dog off-leash area in Lawren Harris Square.	161		51%
I could support locating a new dog off-leash area in Lawren Harris Square, but have some concerns.	45		14%
I would prefer another location nearby (note that as described above, Corktown Commons and Underpass Park are not viable locations for the off-leash area).	107		34%

N 313

Please select all that apply:

	Count	% of responses	%
I own a dog(s)	707		64%
I am a resident in another part of the neighbourhood. Please list the building/describe:	445		40%
I do not own a dog	313		28%
Resident of Canary Park	166		15%
Resident of River City 1	97		9%
Resident of River City 3	96		9%
Member of the Corktown Resident and Business Association	61		6%
Resident of River City 2	59		5%
Resident of River City 4	52		5%
Resident of a Toronto Community Housing Building	24		2%
Member of the West Donlands Committee	16		1%

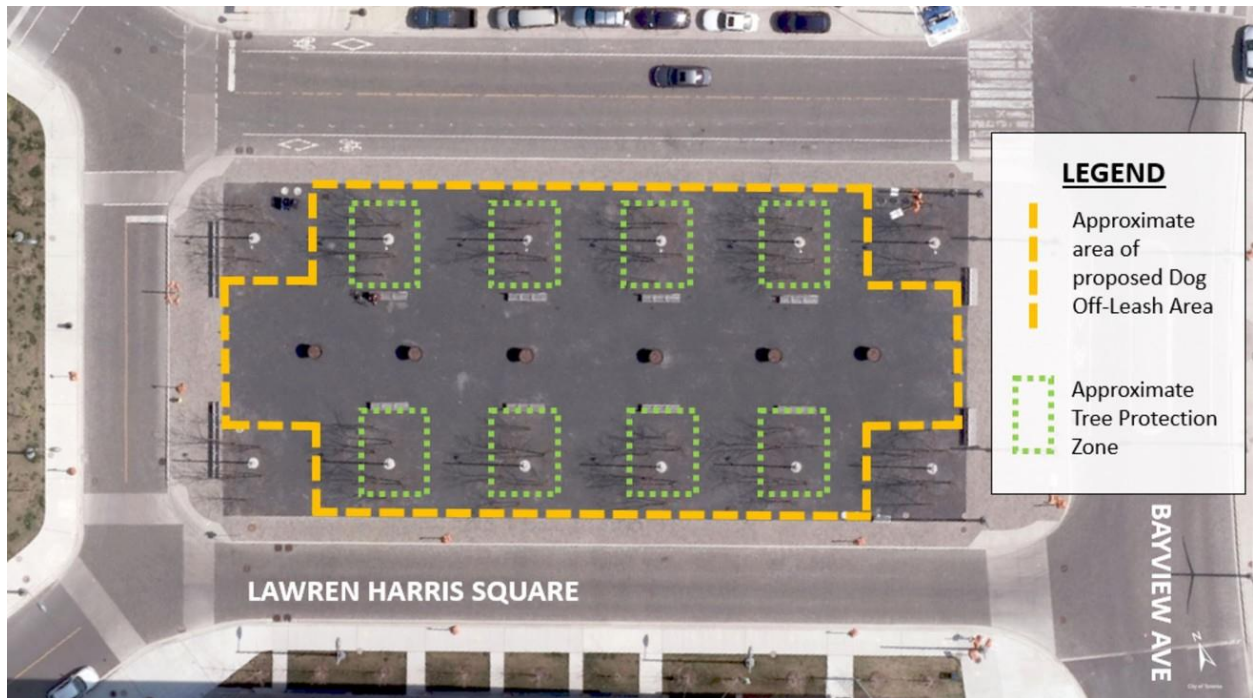
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The most popular responses from those who selected "I am a resident in another part of the neighbourhood" include:

- Distillery District (69)
- Corktown (31)
- King St East (30)
- Cherry St (21)
- Mill St (18)
- Regent Park (17)
- Canary District (16)
- St Lawrence Market (15)
- Sumach St (12)
- Gooderham (11)

- King St (9)
- 7-3 respondents from: River Queen; Lawrence St; Leslieville; Trinity St; Riverside Sq; The Esplanade; River St; Baseball Place; Queen St East; Wascana Ave; Wilkins Ave; Parliament; King River; Bayview; Lawren Harris Square; Adelaide St East; Canary Block; Gilead Place; Scadding Ave; Bright St; Cabbagetown; King Parliament; Distillery Lane; St Lawrence Park Area;

Appendix B: Location



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Appendix C: Text Responses

What are your concerns about locating a dog off-leash area in Lawren Harris Square?

Respondents who indicated that they could support locating a new dog off-leash area in Lawren Harris Square but have some concerns (125 total responses).

- Noise. Barking dogs are not welcome in any neighbourhood. Also safety. The “no stopping” signs on adjacent roads are routinely ignored by cars, which can hamper visibility and safety. Relatedly, cyclists in this area disobey traffic lights and stop signs. If many dog owners will be coming and going from this park, then an enormous and unprecedented increase in traffic and parking enforcement needs to take place to ensure their safety. That means 24hr a day enforcement with at minimum a dozen officers on duty at all times, 365 days a year.
- The area is far too small, especially if the trees will be blocked off. The current substrate, (gravel / pebbles) is not appropriate for dogs. This seems like a silly proposal, but if no alternative is possible, I suppose it's better than nothing, as there needs to be more safe off-leash areas for residents' dogs. The previous fenced area, in the Corktown Common park (the gravel pit down the hill on the Northeast end) was full of feces and was never maintained. Please ensure this scenario does not get repeated.
- High amounts of car traffic should a dog escape the park no grass/sod/soil
- The area is Very small given all the trees (if they all have to stay). I can't remember if the trees have fencing around them, which would make it even smaller. I don't think it's if enough given the number of dogs in the area and that people want their dogs to run. I also worry about noise for people living facing the square.
- There are many dogs in the area... Lawren Harris Square seems too small.
- It seems too small to accommodate all the dogs who want to use an off-leash area. I think Lawren Harris Square could be part of the solution, for smaller dogs or for a quick, convenient 'constitutional', but other options should still be considered. Riverdale Park West offers a 'time-share' OLA. Perhaps this could be considered on parts of the lawns in the centre and south end (near 'No Shoes'). E.g. A.M. in part of the central lawn P.M. in part of the south lawn.
- It will be noisy for residents, with dogs barking. But otherwise, this is a fairly underused space, so a good option for the Off leash park.
- The actual off leash area will not get used.
- The surface materials in the area need to be replaced with something softer and not so harsh.
- It seems too small and it seems to be surrounded too closely by 3 condo buildings.
- Noise and owners cleaning after themselves
- I live right across the street and I would be afraid of the traffic around the area, will this be fenced in? It's a busy area and I'd be afraid of the dogs vs cars. This area is basically

a dog poo zone anyway, and people do not pick up the poo, it's a poo minefield right now and it's not a nice area for humans to hang out. The gravel also worries me, it's not the nicest for puppy paws and easy for them to inject, would the ground material change?

- As far as I know there is already an off leash area at Corktown Common park. Owners let their dogs run off leash at the southern end between playground and train tracks. Not sure what that area is called. So why would we need a second area?
- Too many damn dogs in Toronto.
- Size, terrain
- Removing green space or setting aside green space for only dog owners to use. As well, my experience is that even with having an off leash dog area, dog owners still let their dogs off leash.
- There are already too many off leash areas and too many nice parks being converted into ugly gravelled off leash areas.
- Proximity to traffic/busy streets.
- Will the space be big enough to accommodate the enormous amount of dogs. Dog owners have taken over most inner city park space with little regard to everyone else's needs.
- -Concerned the area is too small for the number of dogs that would need to use it. They need more space to run. -concerned about the noise - sound already bounces off these buildings adding barking dogs would not be good.
- Based from Power street - gated dog parks have a higher rate of dog fights because owners bring poorly trained dogs and expect them to sort it out and take their eyes off them because the area is fenced. Unfenced dog parks are much better as the owner SHOULD be more responsible.
- This site is bounded by vehicular roadways on all four sides. This could present an increased risk of people jaywalking with their dogs causing potential for accidents/injuries and traffic disruptions. Consideration may need to be given to how to mitigate this potential risk.
- Dog owners use Corktown Common because there is lots of space for dogs to run around. Lawren Harris Square is small. I'm concerned it will wind up being underused like the off leash area in Regent Park. A good example of well designed off leash is the one on Power St - which is a nice size and has wood chips and grass rather than the gravel some dogs hate.
- What materials would be used for the dog park as the stone that exists would not be good for the dogs.
- Wrapping the area in roads is not safe for owners or dogs. The area is also fairly small. Relocation of this should be considered.
- Smell
- There are plenty of dog parks in my area but dog owners DON'T USE THEM!! Instead they let their dogs play in The Regent Park Athletic grounds, Corktown commons park, and the Grass outside the Aquatic centre. This prevents children from playing in the parks and they leave the dog park EMPTY. It also prevents people from even walking through the grass because people don't poop and scoop either! This is irresponsible ownership. Please actually enforce dog owners to LEASH their pets and use the dog parks!!!! This is out of control. Please fix this issue. I support dog parks as long as it gives space back to human children and people who are not comfortable with dogs
- This neighborhood has grown significantly in the last 5 years. There are more dogs than ever - typically and you will see up to 15-20 dogs at the park playing before 9 am and

more than that in the evening. Given the close proximity of the proposed park to the condo on Lawren Harris Sq, I can't imagine the residents being happy with barking dogs playing in the park before 9 am. In addition, this space is not realistically going to accommodate the amount of dogs in the neighbourhood - which is continuing to grow with many new condo builds scheduled to be completed within the next 2 years. This will result in people continuing to use Corktown Common. The City needs to do a better job to understand the needs of this neighbourhood to truly come up with a plan that works for everyone. An example would be providing specific times when dogs are allowed to be off leash at Corktown instead of a bandaid solution.

- Wouldnt fences need to be installed? How would that fit into the aesthetic of the neighbourhood and the square? In addition, this would cause a lot more pedestrian traffic into and out of the square - drivers frequently skip the stop signs so it could become a safety problem. If fences have to be installed then I'm not sure this will look very good - and the reason people don't use the area is because who thought to install a park with rocks and gravel instead of something more useful? If this was a garden space with fountains it could be much nicer for people to use.
- it's concrete. People use the Commons because there is grass
- This area is really small. The commons is already used as an unofficial off leash area. This space needs to be much nicer for people to use it
- Upgrading the square should also include upgrades to the public space not used by dog owners. It's a poorly designed space, but that does not mean fully enclosing it and turning it into a dog park will improve it. The dog park should perhaps only cover 1/2
- Won't it be noisy?
- My only concern is that after having the leash off space in the square, people will continue to use Corktown Common as leash-off area and now there will be two sites packed with dogs
- That dog owners will still continue using the Corktown common area as an unofficial off leash area. If you make the small park off leash, please make it clear that surrounding areas are not.
- Need adequate drainage and maintenance to ensure odors are controlled. Concerned that conversion to dog park will remove ability for other public uses in square - consider ways to build in flexibility for other events
- I don't think it will be used. Everyone let's their dogs off leash in the common anyway. There is also an off leash dog park for 170 bayview avenue that I've never once seen used. Dogs (and their owners) want a grassy area, not a grey gravel pit.
- It's not big enough especially for all of the dogs in the area. It's right in the middle of where people walk. Some dogs may bark at dogs walking by or even people. It's best if it's out of the way. I would recommend an un-fenced dog park on the east side of corktown commons. Similar to other dog parks (on esplanade for example) that are not fenced. Especially bc people are already using that area and families with children do not play there bc it's not groomed.
- - Restricting access to the general public that was originally meant for general public use
- high car traffic area, concern for safety for dogs and people - room for seating? Or for people to congregate inside or outside the offleash area?
- Will it be fenced in? Doesn't seem that safe for dogs. How will trees be protected?
- The park is surrounded by four motor vehicle roads, without any fencing or protective barriers, dogs might run off to the streets and get hit by passing cars, causing harm to both themselves and drivers. Why not make the park an actual dog park, I.e. fencing it off so dogs can run free without worrying about going off to the roads?

- 1. how do you protect the trees from dying? 2. the bed rock is so close to the river which the city has been trying to revitalize.
- Even with an off-leash area in the neighbourhood, there are constant problems with owners having their dogs off-leash in the Corktown Commons park. Absent adequate enforcement, I'm unsure whether this will do much to resolve the issue of negligent dog owners. My other concern is ensuring that the off-leash area is reasonably nice to look at. The current square isn't beautiful, but I'd hope that the next step isn't to simply add a chain link fence and call it a day.
- I think that adding a designated off-leash dog area to the neighbourhood is an excellent idea. My main concern is enforcement – even when the previous off-leash area was available (before Enbridge began work), many dog owners still chose to use Corktown Commons as an off-leash area. It is my hope that if there is a more central off-leash area constructed that there will be some enforcement in the park and dog owners will be made to leash their dogs when in Corktown Common. I am also concerned with the aesthetics of the fence for this proposed location. I think that Lawren Harris Square is a very good location for this project, but I really hope that the design of the fence will be unobtrusive and fit in with the design of the neighbourhood. It would be a real shame to have a huge tall fence plunked in the middle of the neighbourhood, making walking along those sidewalks akin to walking past construction hoarding (we only just got rid of all of the construction hoarding in this area – the open feel is such a relief!). If there could be a nicely designed fence that fits in with the neighbourhood, and the trees on Lawren Harris Square could be preserved, I think this could be great.
- I wanted to add that I really hope there is a separate section for small and big dogs wherever you locate the off leash dog park. As an owner of a small dog, there are limited parks for us in the city. Please take this into consideration.
- Disturbance to residence of condos that over look the space
- kinda small
- I do run through the current space on a semi-regular basis, and enjoy the open space for that purpose, but as is indicated in the briefing notes, the area is underused by residents. Would the repurposed space still hold the Lawren Harris namesake?
- -this area is used by neighbouring condos as a seating area not in the high traffic area of Corktown commons. -area is currently used for neighbouring condos as a place to enjoy evening sunset -traffic around the square is unsafe due to high volume, not following street signage, and vehicle speed. This must be addressed before establishing a park. - what will the noise from Dogs barking and gathering of people for neighbouring condo units present.
- Would the entire square have to be used as a dog off leash area? Would be ideal for people to sit on benches in some part(s) of the square as well.
- Smell lots of demand for such a small space.
- High vehicle traffic location which could make it unsafe if a dog accidentally was let out. It is also an expensive project that would need to be relocated or closed during the mentioned transportation projects.
- I'm concerned it is too small. With the amount of dogs in this neighbourhood, you can't reasonably expect to have a space that small for them. Imagine what it would look like at the peak times of 8-9 or 5-6. I would also like to know how the sq ft compares to others near by (ie. power St, Riverdale,etc) Even if you do make that a dog park, I think you should also consider that dogs can be off leash in Riverdale and on the park off of The Esplanade without a fence at certain hours of the day. Why can't we do that at the back of Corktown? I think ultimately you will need a two pronged approach that allows that in

conjunction with the Lauren Harris square park. If you do move forward with this space, please ensure it is (a) well lit, (b) has a dog water fountain, and (c) better surface material.

- People DO use the area and it's nice to have that space when you're walking in the area. Can another space be made for pedestrians? Could more benches be added to corktown commons?
- I would prefer that it be grass and not pebbles/stones or mulch.
- Corktown Common is steps away and is already used as an off-leash area for dogs, even though it's not a designated off-leash area. I could support an off-leash area at Lawren Harris Square, if owners who brought their dogs to Corktown Common were then forced to have their dogs on a leash.
- 1) I've seen far too many garbage bins stuffed full of dog poop bags with bags on the ground the smell on a hot day if this is not regularly maintained. 2) As it's a light gravelled square, the amount of gravel and dust created with dogs running and chasing one another. I'm not a pet owner, but love animals. However, it's a nice square to walk through and be around. If the fencing is attractive and in keeping with the look of the area, and if my points above are taken into consideration, I have no real issue with the proposal. Are dog owners aware of the enclosed park just by the underpass behind the condo across from 120 Bayview? I rarely see it bring used.
- Being a higher traffic area I worry that dogs that potentially escape would be immediately in traffic. Other dog parks in the area have a 'buffer' zone between the dog park and the roads even if it is just a boulevard. I am thinking of the dog park on power street that is also in a busy area but is set back form the road. I also worry that the dog park will be filled with stone instead of grass or other more soft surface. This can get smelly and dirty quickly and isn't great for all dog types. Happy to see a company replacing what they removed but it's a shame it has to be in this new location.
- Because of the slope of the square, and if pebbles/woodchips are used, then the area between those 3 buildings would smell quite bad during the summer months. Right now people use the grassy less-maintained eastern part of Corktown Commons park because the ground and surrounding foliage is better for the dogs to walk around on, and is much better at naturally eliminating bad odours. It's also significantly far enough away from the other buildings and areas that children play in. Could we instead have a different bylaw for the park where dogs are allowed in the un-fenced area during certain times of the day, which is an option in other parks such as Riverdale Park West in Cabbagetown and at Woodbine beach during the winter months? My preference would be to keep it un-fenced, as-is if possible. Or to have a grassy/weed-filled area for the dogs to play in rather than rocks or woodchips.
- Not crazy about pea gravel or wood chips. Not all dogs (ours for one) react well to it. Would love to see a combination of coverings, ie: could a section of it be grass? Also, could a section of it be reserved for SMALL breed dogs. We generally avoid anything with large breed dogs, as though usually friendly, some larger breeds are aggressive even when playing.
- There is a lot of dog poop in the area, people don't pick it up , will giving dog owners more freedom help diminish this problem? More dog owners will come to the area
- The size of the proposed park is unlisted. I would be in support of the park is equal size to the massively overcrowded nearby off leash area at Adelaide east and Trinity st. Too small a park like the previous one in corktown common won't be used by dog owners and is therefore useless.

- The tree-protection areas create ten tight spaces where dogs will feel cornered and trapped. If a reactive dog is approached in these areas, a fight would occur - and the design would have started that fight. If you use that space, redesign it. BUT - a partially fenced off-leash area is completely possible on the floodplain in the common. Pursue that. It's the best choice and least expensive. Look at the design concepts in Vancouver's Off-leash Strategies. Don't restrict your thinking to the way we do things in Toronto. We don't do things the best way.
- The area could be too small in area.
- The area, with the skate park, the Commons and the multiple bicycle lanes already feels like a wild, untamed part of the city, with people parking anywhere and everywhere, not respecting any signage, and often disrespecting any and all traffic code regulations. I have a car, a vespa and a bicycle that I use, and already feel like the planning of this area has been badly done, with the cohabitation being pretty difficult. I feel like putting another 'center of interest' right in the middle of all this would bring even more people to the area, causing even more chaos. Of the other hand, I feel like this square, given that it's only gravel, is already overrun by people using it as a place for their dogs to relieve themselves, and therefore don't use it at all and am not attracted to do so... I therefore wouldn't oppose that the square be officially dedicated for such a usage, but that should only be done if the city was committing to more signage about everything (lot of people turning onto Lower River from Bayview already think it's a one way street and therefore drive in the wrong lane and make it very dangerous for both cars and cyclists) and more police/parking enforcement of rules so that the community can function properly.
- It's relatively small and surrounded by traffic with no greenspace, so I imagine dog owners will use Corktown Common as an off-leash area regardless.
- It's a pretty small area given the number of dogs in the area. In addition it is entirely surrounded by 4 well used streets, which makes me hard to believe it would be a good place to hang out for long periods of time. Not only is it not pleasant to be surrounded by traffic, it can be loud and distracting for dogs.
- It's better than not having a dedicated space but the square seems on the small side for the volume of dogs in the area.
- Roads as a border always seem dangerous. You'd want to make sure people can enter and exit safely.
- Not big enough unfortunately... 1) it's just not very long end to end and larger dogs won't get exercise here, and 2) Given the amount of dogs in Corktown commons at one time, this would be a very crowded DOLA
- The square is a little small for the quantity of dogs that love to run and gravel is not ideal for a dog park but definitely better than no dog park. It would have been great to add some obstacles in the park that the dogs can run around and do agility courses. There is a small dog park in Leaside with gravel which is not used as much because of the gravel so would consider maybe the same type of ground than in Power street park.
- Grass or wooden chips are preferred by dogs and owners. Concrete/pebbles can be painful for some dogs and not as enjoyable. The square seems to small and not suitable for large dogs who need a large space for exercise.
- The city's tendency to put in low fencing
- People should only get a dog if there is existing infrastructure. But, I did think that it was always planned to be a dog park given the gravel surface. It MUST be fenced in, not dogs running free onto the sidewalk.
- I have concerns that dog walkers will still walk their dogs off leash, and there are already 'established' areas where dog owners have their dogs on leash at Canary Commons

anyway. I don't think this will help that situation. I would strongly suggest making room in an area off canary common that will not affect the flood runoff capability.

- Do not use cheap fencing. This is the center of the new community.
- Not sure if it's necessary to take up the full square for an off leash park. Are there enough dog owners to require this? Also would this lead to higher maintenance costs due to dog urine/feces
- My concerns are mainly with it making it clear to dog owners that they must use these designated off-leash areas. If possible this should mean a level of enforcement and surveillance which some might not like. Given the amount of construction in the neighborhood, this problem can only get worse. Perhaps there should be a public awareness campaign to inform current residents and prospective ones that there is a limit to off-leash areas now and in the future and they need to be mindful of this if they choose to live here (similar to the school board's notice regarding lack of public schools in area).
- One of my concerns is that dog owners will continue to use Corktown Commons and other leashed areas as their off-leash dog parks. There is a an off leash enclosure across the street from Lawren Harris Square, whose use is restricted to residents of 170 Bayview, that appears empty and rarely used. Dog owning residents of this building congregate in certain areas of Corktown Commons. My other concern is that there distance from the proposed off-leash area to the surroundings streets - there doesn't appear to be buffer if a dog happens to escape, they'll run right into the road.
- That the park will still be used as a dog poop zone
- It's really not big enough but better than nothing at all. It is surrounded by roads, The fence would have to be high, The surface of the dog park would be wood chips? Is there any shade it's surrounded by concrete buildings?
- It is not very large, and there is a lot of traffic around that area.
- It is surrounded by condos and will smell terrible and be noisy for residents.
- Definitely better than nothing however, it's not big enough for all the dogs at peak times (before and after work). Smell become an issue without grass or dirt surface. Dog urine and poop on the pebble ground, and exposed to hours of direct sunlight will result in one super stinky dog park. GRASS is the best option, not stones or other loose-material that is dangerous to small dogs. Please ensure solutions take small breeds into consideration, not just large dogs.
- 1. Direct sunlight with no shelter or shade 2. Rock pebbles isn't appropriate - neither are bigger rocks or wood chips - small dogs get hurt and break legs 3. Surround by roads and most dog parks have short fences with spaces bars that big dogs can jump over and small dogs can slip between the bars 4. It's still too small for the number of dogs that reside in the area now. It's a start but doesn't solve the problem. Kids have all the parks in the area, dogs have been left out or an after thought with Uber-small, unusable DOLAs that no one uses, because they are not usable.
- It is not big enough and will become overcrowded with dogs. You will end up with numerous confrontations between dog owners.
- It is a very small space which is likely to lead to conflict between dogs. Also, surrounded by traffic.
- We don't need no kids tobogganing...use the south side of Corktown park for it!!!
- This seems like a huge area to devote to one use. Are you sure TRCA said no to this specific DOLA in Corktown Common? They regulate the flood plain, but it's hardly a no-go zone. I suggest you re-confirm and make no assumptions.

- Too small especially if trees are protected Loss of an attractive if underused park Will the fence be designed to be safe and attractive/ How is Lawren Harris celebrated in this park? Incorporate quality reproduction of some of his work?
- I think its too small. There are way too many dogs in the neighbourhood to fit in here. However, if this is the best and quickest option for now, I highly support it. We need something soon as the weather warms up and the park is crowded with people who have nowhere else to go because of the lockdown.
- I fear that this small area risks becoming fouled with waste, and become a health risk. But it seems to be the best of a bunch of bad alternatives. It would be great to find a better solution. But goodness knows what or where that might be.
- The space is very beautiful and inviting, and chain link fence all around will really wreck that. But I understand that dogs need a space to run free. I wish there were other alternatives nearby.... Can we still keep looking?
- I don't mind the park but just PLEASE no chain-link fence. There's a nice fence around the dog park near Evergreen Brick works.
- The area is surrounded by 3 condos and 3 intersections. I think the echo of barking will impact the residents and the area has no grass or park.
- The size, noise to neighbouring buildings, proximity to busy streets
- Small area and those pebbles are awful. What type of surface would be there? Grass? Wood chips?
- Should not take up entire square.
- It seems really small... there doesn't seem to be enough room for dogs to run around and interact with each other.
- The current conflicts are about dog owners not following the rules. You need to enforce the rules, in addition to giving them their own space. Off leash dogs are a serious concern through the City, and I have been seen the City enforce the rules.
- The square isn't quite big enough for a good run by a large dog, and saving the corners alone for square visitors without dogs is too minimal. The edge along Lower River to the tree row at least should be preserved as outside the dog fence. I'm not sure about your assessment of Underpass Park. The farmer's market is west of Lower River, but well EAST of St. Lawrence. The concrete park area west of St. Lawrence along Old Eastern is similarly never used by locals, same as Lawren Harris Sq. That site should also be considered, but with different surface material obviously.
- 1) ensure that TRCA will not allow one at the south end of Corktown Common along the railway edge of the park's wet side (say, where the ground is higher towards the southwest, including edges perhaps owned by Metrolinx) 2) that whatever gets set-up will be paired with restoring the biodiversity of the Corktown Common wet side. In the park's early years the wet side was a full meadow of long grasses and wildflowers that hosted a tremendous range of insects and birds -- it was amazing to hear! 3) ensure that the Lawren Harris long-side edges remain comfortable places to stop and sit outside of the dog run. Use attractive fencing and include the flower planters on those edges -- perhaps cut the dog run area off closer to the tree protection rather than leaving room for them to run fully around them, at least on the Lower River Street edge?
- That's a public space and fencing off entire square stops public from using it. Fence off one half of square or create a long dog run along one side but not entire square. Also dog urine kills the trees
- Dog mess all over the area , this is such a little oasis in the middle of the city, I hope that dog owners pick up after their dogs

- Not enough space. Dogs need to run around and the proposed space is small. An off-leash park does not necessarily need to be completely fenced in. A lot of off-leash areas in the city are not entirely fenced-in. Corktown commons is preferable.
- There should be seating outside of the fenced area
- Primarily noise. Unfortunately, it's extremely difficult to prevent the use of a DOLA during certain hours and the complaints will rack up quickly if dogs are running around off leash and barking early in the mornings/ late at night
- Lawren Harris Square is currently an underutilized space that could use revitalization. The lack of actual greenery in the park makes for a less desirable location to gather next to the oasis that is the Corktown Common. With that being said, construction is currently underway at three retail locations directly adjacent to the park. Construction noise, dust, etc. could be deterring its current use and completion of these projects would bring additional foot traffic to the area. This would likely lead to an increased demand for the space as a good alternative to the Corktown Common a space for short-term gathering, meeting, seating, etc. There is dire need for an off-leash area in the neighbourhood, but I'm not sure that Lawren Harris Square is that space. Residents appear to be drawn to the eastern side of the Corktown Common (just south of Bayview) as it offers a vast, open, and unused area for their dogs to run free. Until that space is developed, dog owners will continue to gather there even with their own dedicated space nearby. Consider that many of these dog owners live at 170 Bayview - a condo with an off-leash dog area as an amenity right next to Lawren Harris Square. Many of these owners have big dogs that prefer the open space. Will another small enclosed area deter dog owners from the more desirable area nearby? As they say, build your path where the grass is dead.
- The gravel that currently floors that area is not a safe or suitable floor for an off-leash dog area. My dog has eaten it in the past, causing significant internal distress, and so we avoid specifically avoid that area when walking with our dog. In order to feel that we could safely utilize an off-leash dog area at Lawren-Harris Square we would need to see work done to replace the gravel with grass. Stones, or wood chips would not be suitable alternatives. Another area of concern is the shaded areas, shown in the map as tree protections. These are very young trees that do not provide sufficient shade. Bringing in of larger trees would be a great asset to provide for protection from the sun in summer months.
- The gravel is not an ideal surface for the dogs.
- Since dog-owners are currently brazenly breaking the off-leash rules that apply within Corktown Common, what's to say they won't continue to do so even after the Lawren Harris Square facility is converted? Will there be proper enforcement of the dog-leash rules within the park?
- I would rather public amenities be directed to the people in my community rather than spending public funding on a dog park.
- The size. PLEASE PLEASE consider adding a smaller gated section inside the dog park for small dogs only. There are not many places in the city designated for small dogs and there are NONE in our neighbourhood. Small dogs are often injured when off-leash with larger dogs who play rough and it doesn't feel safe. I AM BEGGING for a small dog section to keep my dogs safe while also giving them the same exercise and opportunity as the big dogs in the neighbourhood.
- Lawren Harris Square is not suitable for a off leash park because it has lots of traffic nearby esp with Uber pick-up/drop off, post / package delivery...etc.etc.

- That this location should have a nice urban square, but unfortunately it was built to a very low quality of design. An off-leash area should have an urban feel to it, and should make the community more attractive & interesting.
- This a a fairly central/prominent area in the community although I agree is it's lightly used. I am not a dog owner but I do question whether it actually provides sufficient space for dogs to play. There another small off leash area beside one of the condos which doesn't seem to get much use given the proximity to the commons.
- Would the area still be pavement, or is the plan to put dirt/grass in there?
- Dog parks are notorious for dog fights because owners have not taken the time to train their dogs. I would prefer if there was a maximum occupancy (e.g. no more than 6 dogs at a time) to help curb some of the potential risks.
- Not enough space for people. It's too tight down here
- Vehicle traffic around. Many dogs in close proximity may present a challenge
- Surrounded on all sides by roads. Despite the plan for fencing, it seems dangerous. Also, what will the surface be? Converting that cement square to something dogs can run on will be necessary. Although concrete dog parks exist in some cities, they are awful for dog paws and hygiene (infections from chafed paws)
- People in this neighbourhood don't follow the rules and regulations, Enforcement will be more helpful.
- The area is not large/green enough which is what motivates dog owners to let their dogs play in the Corktown Commons area. There is an area further east, before the trail (between the hill on which there are parks and the rails) which is quite large and empty and is not used for anything today. Could that be a possible dog park site?
- My primary concern is one of precedent. At present the park is poorly used. But this is not intrinsic its a function of terrible design. Everyone hates the all-gravel nature of the park. Its aesthetically dull and cheerless. It lacks so much as a clear pathway let alone a focal point, or some kind of programming (playground, garden, etc.) I support the notion of a DOLA, but its important the precedent not be established that badly designed human parks and literally turned over to the dogs. *** I also wonder about demand in the area for a community garden (vegetable growing) and where that may be placed in the future, in light of the restriction on fencing on flood protection berm.
- It might not be enough room for the amount of dogs in the neighborhood.

Respondents who indicated that they would prefer another location nearby (335 total responses).

- The smell that will invade our homes. It's gross further away from our homes is a better idea
- It's fine
- This is not the right fit for a dog park - i live at the Harris square condo and there will be barking noise and poop
- It's too small... and tightly surrounded by roads.
- It looks very small for the large number of dogs in our neighbourhood, and because it's small I worry that people will just cross the street to Corktown Commons instead.
- Concentrations of urine smell wafting up into the residential condominiums.
- Bad location
- This is a high-traffic, high-visibility common area that is shared by the surrounding condo residents. My concern isn't so much that I don't want an off leash park (I have a dog myself), I worry about irresponsible owners not picking after themselves and this

becomes an odour nuisance where a lot of pass thru foot traffic unrelated to dogs occurs, especially in the summer months when it is hot and makes the smells worse.

- The square is better suited to a farmers market. There is too much vehicular traffic around the park With the required areas removed for tree protection there wouldn't be enough area remaining for dogs to run and play.
- While underused currently this is a high potential area once the latest condo is occupied. It provides a different amenity then the park. The east side of the berm is highly preferred. I believe the current objections can be addressed since flooding a dog park if it happens would not have serious consequences. There is a precedent since the previous OLDA was there.
- It's Location is surrounded by heavily trafficked roads. A dog park surrounded by 4 streets is not a good environment for a dog park.
- This is a valuable public space for pedestrians and others who would no longer be able to use it if it becomes fenced off for use by dogs. There are other nearby areas that could be converted to an off-leash dog park that would not inconvenience pedestrians and other users of the square.
- Noise. The people who live directly beside the Square have a right to quiet.
- Too small
- Not big enough to allow the kind of off leash run that would be an alternative to letting dogs off leash in Corktown Common. Lawren Harris Square is only big enough for a small dog area.
- It is a singular waste of space to allocate quality urban realm to dogs. The square should be improved for human consumption rather than four legged desecration.
- Too small!
- My family and I use this square on a regular basis. If a dog off-leash area is placed here, the square will be off-limits to humans.
- High traffic area
- Increased noise from dogs in a confined space between 3 condo buildings would be very bothersome to nearby residents.
- The traffic in the area.
- Noise and smells within the 3 building radius
- Smell of urine, dog barking, THIS is Residential area not park even some people what they let there dog pee in this area when is rainy day smell on urine Will be stinky dog toilet in the middle of 3 residential buildings Disgusting
- Small location. It's impossible to jam in there Dogs of Corktown and their owners in there plus all the dogwalkers. Smell of urine, between the buildings. Very unhealthy for dogs and humans.
- Dog Urine smell is the main concern. Why do we have to ruin the master plan of our community of this beautiful neighbourhood square? In Europe the squares are places where people from the neighborhood play music, relax, organize community events, or simply sit on the bench and enjoy the gardens or fountains. In Toronto the square means smelly dog park that can be used only by people with dogs.
- Shame on you. This beautiful square was created for the entire neighbourhood not just the dog owners.
- It will become filthy and smelly hang out for professional dog walkers who would bring in large groups of dogs and not clean after them. I have a dog and I know most dog owners from the corktown. Nobody will go to fenced gravel areas when we have this beautiful large green corktown common park. People generally like to walk their dogs in the park an not stand in a small fenced area like prisoners. We have an example of riverdale park

where the entire park is off leash. People picnic, exercise, play sports while dogs run and play and everybody is happy and respecting each other. I suggest that corktown common park gets designated off leash area in the back east side of the park. It is commonly used by dog owners and its far in the back where nobody is being bothered or complaining. The city doesnt have to do anything except adding a sign for designated off leash area. Not even a fence is necessary. Dogs and dog owners stay in this area.

- Size Smell Professional dog walkers
- Small gravel fenced area will not work for this community having a beautiful green park just across the street.
- Trees will be killed by dog urine. Smell of urine
- This is the stupidest idea I have ever heard, to use a square for dog poo and urine to enrich the neighborhood, instead to beautiful the square with flowers in the empty planters, move the “farmers” market to the square instead being located in the dusty and noisy underpass park etc
- Too small for the dog population in the hood. Why on Earth anybody would want to convert a square to a shitty, urine smelling fenced park in a middle of 3 condos?
- This square should be used by all residents of the corktown, not only dog owners. There is a fancied dog park next to the River City 3 building and no one is using it. Dog owners want to walk their dogs in the Corktown park not stand in a small uninviting fenced park.
- Barking, dog excrement, inability to use benches already in the square when dogs are there
- The concern is that Lawrence Harris Square was built for people and not for dogs. Even though there are lot of dogs in the neighborhood, there are more people that need this space! I don't want to have dog shit under my balcony and that area unavailable to residents of the surrounding buildings. There is a Corktown Commons park nearby that dog owners use, especially the back end of the park in the east side, facing Don River that is not landscaped. River city 3 building has off leash area next to the building for its residents. strongly oppose to this initiative and I am outraged that this initiative is even being considered. This is the stupidest and most inconsiderate proposal for the people living in the neighborhood.
- The space is used by the community and residents of the surrounding buildings (120 Bayview, RC3, Harris Square) as the quiet space. This is especially evident now in the pandemic and during social distancing when ALL benches in Corktown Common are occupied and people use Harris Square and its benches as a peaceful quiet place. With dog park, that option to residents would disappear. Another objection I have is that dog urine and dog excrement would smell and provide unpleasant odor. The residents facing the park would smell urine especially during season when balconies are in use.
- I live in the condo next to the park, and I believe this area is too small of a place for a dog park. As a resident right next to the area, I am hesitant that people will pick up after their dog and this area already smells bad as it is without the dog park. There is an intense wind tunnel in this area, so I don't believe people would use this spot as opposed to the lovely park right next to it.
- Noise and safety of dogs in a park surrounded by road on all sides.
- I think it's too close to the buildings and I'm concerned about the noise. I also don't think it will be visually appealing with the fence around it.
- The area has a lot of car and bike traffic and would be dangerous for dogs. Barking dogs would also be a nuisance to the people who live in adjacent buildings (like me!). There are also no trash receptacles for dog owners to dispose of dog poo, which is a health hazard.

- The gravel is bad for dog paws.a bit busy
- Need a place to excercise dog and the proposed area would be too small
- It's a great place for pétanque!
- I am strongly opposed to a new off-leash dog area in Lawren Harris Square. I do use the square periodically, and once the trees mature, I expect that general use will increase. The nature of public squares is that they should be accessible to all members of the public and likewise, this square is designed as a common space for the surrounding residential area. Converting it to an off-leash dog area prioritizes dog owners above everyone else, and strips the square of its public value. Already, there is an off-leash dog area north of 170 Bayview Avenue, and dog owners choose not to use it because they prefer to let their dogs run off-leash in the common. I expect this will be the same situation if Lawren Harris square is converted into an off-leash dog area. This is not an equitable use of that space. Unless someone has a dog as a support animal, having a dog is a luxury, and thus, this creates an unequitable use of public space. I'd like to reiterate that fencing off this square as an off-leash dog area would destroy the public value of this square.
- This is a complete violation of public space, and what a public square should be. Lawren Harris square is, at its essence, the front yard for the three buildings surrounding it, and this proposal would turn it into a washroom for dogs. It is a completely unfair use of the space, prioritizing those with the luxury of owning dogs over the general public.
- I suspect the buildings surrounding this area would be an echo chamber of dogs. There are also so many cars in the area that I don't think it would be safe. It's also a gravel park with fledgling trees.
- This area is small and may not be enough to accommodate many dogs in the area. It is too close to / in the middle of condo buildings- noise concerns.
- Lawren Harris Square is essentially a traffic circle. With all the new builds in the community it will just get busier. Such a high volume of cars moving around a space that already completely lacks any greenery and is surrounded by buildings (is it any wonder that it's not a popular spot for people either?) will just create a noisy and stressful atmosphere for dogs. A dedicated off-leash area should be a place that pups can relax traffic, noise that bounces off surrounding buildings, and lack of greenery is not a space conducive to this. Further, I suspect noise complaints from residents in the surrounding buildings will be common with some of the more vocal dogs who enjoy barking while playing.
- It is very close to the vehicular and bicycle traffic
- How much public space do we need to dedicate to dogs? There's more parkland for dogs than people it seems.
- Lawren Harris Square is currently under-utilised, but I believe that is because of the ongoing construction and the lack of a nearby cafe, which seems an obvious way to animate the space. I hope that the former job site across from the park will become a cafe and serve this park and the whole corktown common area. In addition, if the underpass market continues to grow, that space will be needed for seating or even expansion. My experience of off-lease areas suggests that one that small will become a horrible dog toilet and offensive to the senses of the many passers-by. That is also true of the former site down the hill, but it is out of the way. I also expect that dogs and their owners will continue to un-officially use the hill east of the Common. I am aware that the city cannot condone this, however, the current practise of simply focussing city energies elsewhere and letting it be would be appreciated and preferable to wrecking Lawren

Harris Square before it has a chance. I look at this space and think how great it would be if there was a cafe to serve the obvious intended purpose as a gathering space.

- It's a pleasant space that while not used much now will be post covid. It's too small a space for the number of dogs in the area. Just go by the big field at CC at 5pm any day of the week.
- The area is surrounded by cars. Even if the area is fenced off properly, a dog could escape even with the most diligent dog owner. There is a larger likely hood for accidents. This is a similar issue with the Power Street dog park which is right by the highway exit and entrance.
- The access of roads, including that of Bayview, directly surrounding the proposed park is cause for concern. I would be worried about dogs escaping or jumping over fences into traffic, or theain't of additional traffic ot would create. Additionally, the space needed to adequately excise large dogs would be insufficient.
- People will continue to use the east side of Corktown common. Which is a popular off lead spot. It is open and as soon as people enter Corktown common they unleash their dog. I am a dog owner and live off the square. I enjoy sitting in square on the bench. Having dog park there would be very nosy not pleasant to look at.
- I have dog and live next door. This is not a good location. It's is crowed and has the potential to disturb neighbours who live close by (adjacent). I guarantee people will not use this space and will continue taking their dogs off leash in the park (Far East side or far south side). There is a picnic table on the east side of the park close to the train tracks in the un groomed area. This area should be fenced in.
- Located in a very busy area, there's cars and traffic noise and construction noises non-stop. My dog doesnt like passing by there and all the construction noise and traffic, just not a great area at all. My dog and I do enjoy walking through the marsh-like areas in corcktown common, there is so much space there for a great and large off leash area, also much more natural ground with grass and soil rather than stones and gravel.
- very busy and noisy area, a bit small too and the ground isnt grassy.
- Too small an area and in a very Prominent spot in the community.
- It is not big enough.
- Dogs dominate the area and it is a shame that it will be a space for dogs rather than children.
- Noise, owners not cleaning up after their pets, smell, more conflicts in a concentrated area
- Fencing off the square will detract from the curb appeal and flow of the area. As a resident and a dog owner, I would be extremely disappointed to see the square turned into a dog park.
- Too close to condo buildings. Noise and smell pollution from the dog park being so close.
- Too small for too many dogs in a high density area. I have dogs myself, but would not want to take them there b/c it would mean I would have to spend time in a urine soaked patch of dirt, gravel, would chips or whatever. Most dog off leash areas in my end of town are disgusting b/c the city does not regularly clean or sanitize them and there is too little real estate for the number of dogs in the neighbourhood they are intended to service. The city needs to secure more public space as a condition of the unrelenting developments it is approving, including big dog parks that developers maintain. I am so disappointed with my councillor, for whom I voted, in that she always talks a good game and delivers nothing in support of sustainable neighbourhoods. I have no problem with enhancing density or mixed housing but the out come in our end of town is

overcrowding, not appropriate density that leads to a great quality of life with lots of public space. Indeed, this proposed dog part is a reduction of public space b/c it steals existing space that will be limited to dog owners and turns the common space between condos into a dirty washroom. The idea stinks!

- The park is very limited in space too small! You will have barking noise and stressed dogs. The reason the park is under-utilized is because it is not a well designed park it is barren and not comfortable to be in.
- Smelling dog poo when I'm in the park. Increased dog traffic around and near the proposed park.
- This is a high traffic square, which also abuts multiple residential buildings. This location poses a danger to dogs (loud noises, high traffic etc.) as well as a greater nuisance (barking sounds, feces, urine odor) for dog and non-dog owners alike. Further fencing off the square would pose a significant eye sore to the area impacting property value for residents and businesses alike. The square is also not large enough to be of any significant use to the high number of dog owners in the neighborhood, myself included. Converting the square will result in an underused and ill planned dog park while the commons will continue to be the choice of many dog owners, resulting in an overall pointless and detrimental outcome. This is also an insult to the great Canadian artist that the square bears the name of.
- Location is completely unsuitable for dogs as this is a high traffic square, surrounded by roads leading to Bayview/DVP, which is frequented by large delivery trucks and frequent speeding cars. The noise would spook most dogs that have to spend prolonged time there, which would result in an underused location as dog owners would not put their dogs in a prolonged stressful environment. If a dog were to jump the fence or escape the gate they would be running into on coming traffic on all ends. This park would also be a massive eye sore, as a fenced off square would be a horrible design decision considering the current pleasing aesthetic that has been curated. Whomever decided to propose the beautiful square, named after a Canadian art icon, to be a fenced dog park should be fired.
- Too small to be useful Too busy with vehicle traffic Ruins the esthetic of the square
- I think it's too high traffic with roads and three condo buildings right beside it. The dogs need grass or wood chips, not just gravel. Doesn't seem large enough for a dedicated small dog area and big dog area.
- Too small for the amount of dogs in the area. Would prefer to take my dog to the green fields of corktown commons park over some gravel playground surrounded by ugly buildings.
- The area is so small and gets no sun. With how many dogs there are in the area it would not give the dogs room to run and play. On a good day at corktown commons there can be upwards of 50 dogs, this space cannot accommodate that many dogs.
- It's a nice central park to the condos around it, and if it was grassed over, people would actually enjoy it more for themselves. Currently it looks and feels like kitty litter.
- Not appropriate
- Too much traffic
- This is a community space for people not for dogs. The dog waste and dog noise would be unbearable for condos nearby. This is a TERRIBLE location
- This is in the middle of a residential condo area and is completely UNACCEPTABLE the dog noise and waste smell would be unbearable. Have some common sense here and do NOT place a dog park right next to condos. This is a very POOR location to choose.

- Dog park is surrounded by three streets where there are cars. The park is also surrounded by condos where people may complain if dogs are barking in the offleash.
- This is a TERRIBLE choice for an off leash area as it punishes those who live near the square who do not own dogs or who just want peace and quiet. I am really disgusted the city has decided to ruin this area and cause noise pollution and dog waste in this lovely neighbourhood. OFF LEASH dog areas should NOT BE next to condos let alone in the middle of THREE CONDOS. This is the dumbest idea/location and just goes to show how lazy city staff are in finding an actual solution. I will OPPOSE THIS at all costs.
- The noise pollution and dog waste pollution of placing an off leash dog area in between 3 residential condos is unacceptable. No dog park should be within a couple metres of peoples condos and balconies. How would you like dogs barking outside your window 24 hours a day!!? This is the dumbest location the city could come up with!
- This is a public space for ALL to enjoy and should not be used for off leash dog owners only. This is extremely poor planning and is next door to multiple condos so you would also be disturbing alot of residents. This is also a poor choice as dog owners will continue to use Corktown Commons park and now you have just removed a perfectly good pedestrian hang out.
- This is a public square for all to use. It is also too small for a dog park and would just go unused and now wasted as a public space. Please chose another location that is larger and in more natural setting
- This area is not nearly big enough for all the dogs in the area — we would not even use this space
- It's not big enough and the commons will still be used. Flood plain or not that's where it should go. Part of the areas allure was that park, you restrict dogs you will lose people.
- This is a park for people that substantially enhances the allure of the neighborhood.
- I walk across the park and like to sit there. It's a really nice park for people in the middle of the street.
- Too small, so close to the condos, too much pedestrian traffic coming in and out and the fences will look like shit
- I don't want to lose more public space in Toronto to dogs! Lawren Harris Square is a great, quiet place to hang out on a bench, with lovely trees and smart design. That would be entirely lost by turning the Square into a dog off-leash area.
- There are no fences, it will be loud for surrounding buildings, and it's not big enough for dogs to run around in which means that people will still take their dogs to the commons. Not to mention there's a large amount of un-cleaned dog poo already in the area
- There's various off leash spots in the neighbourhood. There are already so many people not picking up their dog's poop in this square and I feel like transforming the square into a off leash zone would increase this.
- That the majority of dog owners will ignore the park and continue to use Corktown Common to let their dogs off leash. If a viable alternative isn't provided this won't address the current problem of uncontrolled off leash dogs.
- That area is a pleasant pedestrian area. There is a small fenced off leash dog area next to the walking bridge to eastern avenue already and the commons acts as an off leash area. Keep this space for people.
- That is too close to residential areas and dog owners already fail to pick up and clean after their dogs
- Loud barking noises that echo between the buildings
- This is a ridiculously small area and is unfit for the number of dogs in the area.

- It is WAY too small to be of use as a dog run, especially considering the plan to block off the trees. Putting a large number of unleashed dogs who are not members of the same pack in such a small area will cause fights. It is also bordered on all 4 sides by roads with zero egress, which is not only unsafe, but about as appealing to dogs and dog owners as it would be to parents and children if the site was proposed as a playground.
- It is too small given how many dogs have moved into the area during the pandemic, and there is far too much road traffic at all 4 sides. Of course it would be better than nothing, but a grassier/wooded area would be preferable. Should this be the chosen location, it would at the very least need to be redone with wood chips. There are also dangerous metal spheres about 3 inches in diameter (sprinklers or lights perhaps?) sticking 3 or 4 inches out of the ground that I often trip on. They would be dangerous for dogs running full speed and need to be replaced. I am not fully opposed to this location if changes were made. Simply fencing it off with current volume and safety concerns as well as the gravel material would not be sufficient. As well, if this is the chosen location it will not deter residents and visitors from letting their dogs off leash in Canary Commons where they can actually run, specifically in the back along the train track that is currently unofficially used as an off-leash area. Dogs need space to run, and there is sufficient space back there where most visitors do not even venture.
- 1: The site doesn't seem big enough for a proper dog park that the area needs. 2: Too much of the space will also be taken up fencing off the trees, which further shrinks the usable area of the site. 3: The gravel ground cover is unsuitable for a dog park.
- Odours from the park, noise, and mostly, having the park completely surrounded by roads. Someone or their pets will be hit.
- Space is too small. No green grass.
- Leave this peaceful square of green space as it is. There is an off-leash park nearby, but adding one here would turn a lovely calm square into a stinky chaotic mess. Consider another site.
- Area too small for dogs would be better as a public space for all people
- This square is underutilized by local residents because it's a poorly designed public space. Making it an off-leash area would remove the accessible space all together from the general public, rather than addressing the fact there is an opportunity for square improvements. Don't turn a blind eye to this public space by just fencing it in! It would be a shame to cut off this thoroughfare from the public.
- It's right in front of the main entrance to our building and right in the middle of 3 residential buildings. I appreciate the reason at why this location is being looked at. However we have a skateboard park and playground on the other side of our building so I feel a different area should be looked at. Also when there is a large park space such as Corktown common nearby, people will not use this off-leash area as much as one may think. People like to walk from park to park with their dogs. Also this will bring more dog walkers with dogs to our neighborhood which I don't think is the aim of this project. This particular area is so nice and I think that it would be a shame to change it since the infrastructure and the trees are already settled. There must be a better area besides spending more money to change this particular park space.
- It is a bad location for a dog park. It would impede pedestrian traffic and would take away the benches, and open space already there. Putting this in the middle of 3 buildings would be way too congested.
- Too busy. Take away pedestrian areas

- It's an eyesore at the front entrance of our building. It will cause noise. It will bring loiterers to the area. It's an unsafe location for animals if someone leaves the gate unlocked.
- This area is too small for a dog park and the noise would travel to surrounding condos on 3 sides of the area.
- Terrible idea, the Square is surrounded by residential, family dwellings and you want to introduce barking dogs, noise, smell... this space should not even be considered for this.
- Terrible idea - please provide your data that indicates a high demand for this? My fellow residents and dog owners have never expressed a need for this.
- Please provide the data that shows a high demand for this. As a dog owner , myself and fellow residents do not feel this way.
- Terrible idea - seriously, why would such a poor location even be considered? Directly located right below several residential condos, you want to create a spot for excessive barking, smells and unsightliness as it surely and eventually turns into an eyesore - this is a terrible idea.
- It takes away benches and sitting space for the rest of the residents
- It doesn't go well with the current aesthetics of the area
- It's too small.
- This is an awful idea. Dog owners don't even support it in our neighbourhood. Policy should not be shaped by pets. There is already a large dog park a couple blocks away. This will just turn into a giant litter box because it's not big enough for many dogs. The residents above don't need 24/7 barking bouncing off of all the hard surfaces. Prime example of planners wanting to stick their hands all over something without thinking about it. Save the foundry, spend resources on trying to address the real problems of the city, not whether or not dog owners need to walk 2 minutes or 10 to the nearest park. They chose to buy the dog, it's not the rest of responsibility to pay for their convenience. Comfortable resting points for the elderly going on walks, children to play and people to convene should be the priority.
- I don't like the idea of having this current open space with fences right in the middle of three buildings. The space is indeed under utilized, it could be redesigned to improve neighbourhood's usage, but I don't think off leash area is a good use for it. Additionally, it is covered with small rocks which does not feel the best pavement for dogs either. Other concerns would be noise and smells.
- That park is nicely landscaped and provides people with a quiet spot in the city to relax in. Spaces like that are at a premium
- Lawrence harris Square is already heavily used by the public and it enclosed by condominiums on 3 sides. Dogs do bark and given the number of dogs in this area that might become annoying to residents. Lawren Harris Square might not be large enough for the number of dogs in the area.
- Inadequate space for the population of dogs in the area. Non grass turf options (likely to be installed) are not very good for dogs. Extremely windy area due to the adjacent buildings. High traffic area due the immediate road on all side of the park.
- A square is the heart of a neighbourhood it is built to sit down and relax, not to have dogs running around and barking.
- It is too small a space and the gravel is not good for dog parks.
- Aggressive dogs where people are sitting
- Noise level in the three buildings around it. I live in a high floor in one of them and the noise is already noticeable when one dog is excited in the area. I can't imagine what it will be like with many dogs concentrated there all the time.

- Sound pollution. This dog park is in between three residential buildings.
- A dog off-leash area in this square would monopolise the public space, and make it unusable, loud and messy for the surrounding condo residents
- I am appalled by the bias shown in the preamble to this survey. I would that our city councillor would be somewhat neutral but no. Nothing nuanced here, we need an off leash area, this is it. Considering the yes I want it here is number one, any negative comments are going to be ignored or buried. I would really hope for better. A lot better. On our street, 5% own dogs. That means 95% do not. So eventually when the 3 buildings around the park are fully occupied, a huge number of condos/apartments will not be dog owners now dealing with barking dogs. What's fair about that? This park is currently underused because of a bad design. That stone surface? No baby stroller wheel moves on that, locks instantly. No biography of Lawren Harris, no mural of some of his best known works. Folks don't read history. More folks than not would have no idea who he was. Those are my main points. The biggest thing irking me? The bias shown from the councillor. I've never seen worse.
- Too small and too high traffic. More space is needed.
- The area is too small, surrounded by condos and traffic and the ground is gravel.
- There's already an extremely horrendous car parking shortage in the immediate and even surrounding areas. This is going to get much worse in the very near future. Especially with the completion and full occupancy of RC4, the lot at Cherry St and Front St turning into more condos and eventually when a decision is made about the Foundry. Also, there's already a massive issue with dog feces throughout the city especially Ward 13 and having a dog park in the centre of RC3, RC4 and 120 Bayview is going to amplify the issue.
- A dog park is more than a dog toilet or a dog playground. A dog park provides opportunities for off leash enrichment, such as sniffing and exploring, as well as running around and, if they choose to do so, greeting strange humans and dogs. The good dog parks in Toronto are designed to allow dogs to engage in all of these activities without forcing dogs to interact with each other. Lawren Harris Square is not an appropriate dog off leash area for a number of reasons. The square was not designed for use by dogs. It is a paved and virtually impermeable surface and would require significant intrusive remedial work to be converted to grass. Dogs need grass for biological functions, not just for use as a bathroom. Grass provides many enrichment opportunities such as textural variation, sniffing, chewing etc. The paved or gravel surfaces that are becoming popular in dog off leash areas are hard on paws and messy for most of the year. The square is surrounded on all sides by roads. This presents a safety hazard for families using the square and for dogs that manage to escape (assuming the square is fenced). Lawren Harris square is far too small. Dogs need to spread out. Dogs, like humans, don't automatically like each new dog they meet. They need space to disperse and run around without bumping into each other. Small dog parks have a much higher occurrence of fights. This is basic dog behaviour and should be accounted for when designing these types of amenities. I encourage the City to consult with dog owners, dog trainers and other pet professionals before deciding to relegate dogs and their families to a paved square surrounded by three busy roads.
- This square features as the grand public 'heart' of the community. Admittedly it isn't used too much at the moment, but as the trees grow and the neighbourhood gets built out, I imagine it will see more use. Additionally (as a non-dog owner) it will not provide the type of DOLA that dog owners advocate for, and likely not meet their long-term needs. The

risk with going with this location is that owners will continue to use Corktown Common, meaning that instead of losing one public space to dog owners, we now lose two.

- People actually do use that area and from drawings it appears that most of it will be taken up by dog park. As an owner of purebred dogs I consider (as do many breeders and trainers) off-leash areas to be very unsafe for dogs.
- Too many people live around the square and those people would be bombarded by dogs barking throughout the entire day. This location would also attract people from outside the area creating too much concentration of dogs. The square is a feature of the area and should not be turned into a mud pit and will become unsightly due to the lack of maintenance exhibited by the city of other dog parks.
- Too small. No grass
- Small, gravel is terrible for dog paws, it's in a very public spot where sounds from the park will be heard by the residents around. Constant car traffic very close to what would be the fence around the park.
- Visually unappealing. The park is really useful as it is now.
- This area is sooo small! There are so many dogs in the neighbourhood, many of them large dogs. I feel that this area would quickly be overcrowded and many owners would simply revert back to the much more appealing Corktown Commons.
- Too much exposure
- Too much foot traffic through there and I'm not sure what the city considers heavy use or not, but it is used and with two new buildings that people are moving into right there, I suspect it will be used *more* by the residents than in the past. That would entirely preclude residents from having immediately accessible space in front of their buildings.
- Way too small. awkward location
- This area is surrounded by buildings on three sides and dogs will be barking / defecating all all hours. This is guaranteed to result in noise complaints and conflicts with neighbours, who are often forced to work from home. Also, the location is surrounded by roads. A dog will inevitably escape the fencing and be killed. I understand that people want space for their dogs, but this is coming at the expense of local residents who deserve somewhere to sit in the sun or have a quiet coffee without being disturbed.
- This is a public space intended to be a gathering space or square. Surely there is a better location for this nearby
- •No one would use it. All the dog owners use the area behind Corktown Common or the south field •It would create (an even more) dead space where the square is (should become more person friendly. With the influx of people moving into the area, CC will be overflowing)
- It's in a high car traffic area and surrounded by 3 condos. If a dog were to get out of the gated area somehow, it's very unsafe.
- I am concerned about noise echoing off the condo buildings on either side of the square. I'm also concerned about smell in the summer.
- I worry about the Noise that would bounce off the condos on either side of the street. As well as the smell in the summer months.
- It was designed as a new concept park for residents to sit and talk. We use it all the time to sit and enjoy a cup of tea. Plus our dog does his business there
- Lawren Harris Square is part of a Master Plan community - This Square is an area for neighbours to sit in the area and chat and enjoy fresh air in a quiet setting - This area is a courtyard kind of for the 3 buildings around it. This park was designed by a landscape architect and re-zoning it to a dog park is not right. Millions were spent building it and as a resident owner of a condo unit facing this courtyard is keeping my property value up its

peaceful its quite and I often take my dog there and sit on the bench and have a coffee - Paramount is going to be opening a takeout restaurant in RC3 facing Harris square a lot of residents will be taking their takeout and sitting on the bench and enjoying it. This needs to be revisited as its not the right strategy. Imagine 10 dogs running free barking and their owners or dog walkers chatting noise travels and we can hear it all and it means that in the summer we will not be able to keep our balcony door open to enjoy the fresh air as there would be noise pollution plus the dogs in the building that will hear these dogs barking imagine that noise of dogs in the balconies barking in tune now.. city you need to look for another spot

- I am a dog owner in the area. This space is too small. The # of dogs off-leash is growing daily with the new build condos starting to be occupied. The small square is also surrounded by streets, with traffic flying down Bayview. I can not stress enough that this is a terrible space for the dog park.
- Not suitable
- Regularly use this square to social distance meetings
- Dog owners in this neighbourhood never pick up after their dogs even with the extra dog poo boxes my building spent money on. Coyotes have been making daily appearances in the neighbourhood so this will only attract more of them. 170 Bayview has one across the street
- The space is far too small to be an effective dog park
- As a dog owner who also lives right on Lawren Harris Square , in a townhome on the first floor, I oppose the idea because the area is way too small to accommodate all the dogs and owners. Also, it is an echo chamber on the square. There are going to be so many unhappy people who do not own dogs, but who live on the square, because of the noise. Currently, the square is a giant kitty litter box that I would imagine would smell terribly in the summer with the heat and possibility of little rain. The rocks also get stuck in the dogs paws. That's why we avoid walking our dog through it.
- The square has minimal trees, is in a very public / high traffic area, and could be beautified in other ways to make it more appealing to people - think about what Europe does to its many squares in cities (add a fountain? More seating and landscaping? I would much prefer this over a dog park). Also, this square is right near the main entrance of my tower (the north tower, 120 Bayview Ave) and I would rather see something attractive in the square than a dog park. I love dogs and have one, and am an advocate for a new off leash park in the area. But lawren harris square is really not a good place for one.
- There are too many dogs in the area to allow ample space.
- Tacky fencing, small area. Dogs running into road.
- Noise, poor pet hygiene, all people are not comfortable with off leash dogs
- It's too small to provide a good area for the dogs to run in. It's also really close to resident entrance of 120 Bayview and 170 Bayview and it will smell that close to residential buildings.
- The area is WAY too small for the amount of dogs in this area. Dogs won't be able to run and play fetch comfortably. During peak hours there are easily 30 dogs out playing in the grass area.
- I feel this space is too small for the amount of dogs in the area. This small space could promote aggression and less space for proper exercise. I also worry about noise for those in the surrounding buildings.
- Firstly, I do not feel a dog park where dogs will be releasing g themselves is a way to honour a great Canadian painter and a meme we of the group of seven. This are is

surrounded by condos and all the people who live around Lawren Harris Square should not have to listen to dogs barking all day long.

- I was at Lawren Harris Square today and 1 small dog barked across the street. It echoed so loudly, and I was across the street from the dog! That was 1 small dog. Imagine what multiple dogs in that area would sound like. It is surrounded by 3 condos and 4 roads. This is an accident waiting to happen if someone threw a toy too far or someone forgot to close the gate.
- Too small for the amount of dogs in this area. Would not be accommodating for large and small dogs combined. Could be a nuisance to neighbours surrounding the square with barking and noise throughout the day / night. Safety concern as the park is surrounded by roads / consistent vehicle traffic.
- Traffic - dangerous location surrounded by street Size - small place Noise - to residents Smell and trash
- Too much traffic in the area, not appropriate for dogs, coming and going. Not all owners have their dogs under control. Many dog owners walk their dogs off leash already which could present a danger in this congested area. No shade or trees on hot days. Barking is disruptive to residents who overlook Square.
- The space is way too small for the number of dogs in the area. Also, it's open and very close to the traffic lights.
- Lawren Harris deserves better than to have his name be synonymous with a dog toilet. In addition, many dog owners are irresponsible, this park in between three busy condo buildings, which people often use to cut through, or relax in the summer shade, would permanently smell like dog poop.
- It's not an appropriate place for a dog park. Surrounding by traffic and condos. There is no grass.
- My residence overlooks the square and I am concerned by the frequent noise and unpleasant odour of a dog park. As a dog owner, I prefer to use larger off-leash parks with grass and more stimulation (bushes, trees, hills, etc).
- As any resident would know, the square is an active pass through. By fencing it off the city would be creating an unnecessary barrier to foot traffic. This may not seem like a big deal, small changes like this make the city more unliveable. (Similar to the plan to make Bayview one way when a bike path already exists 10 meters away on the other side of the railway - this change alone will cost me 45 minutes of extra unnecessary driving).
- It is a centrally located square cornering 3 buildings. It is very important area to sit especially during summers when the main park is packed. It is loaded with small stones which make it difficult to use, reason why people avoid it.
- Its too busy there and there are better locations
- The smell and noise!
- Too many traffic heavy streets are surrounding the park on all four sides, therefore making it high risk for dogs getting hit by cars.
- To small park, and there is another park just across the street where people have dogs off leash
- Smell and if park had fountain 🗿 or grass or better ground cover it could be calm place to relax .No one wants smell noise, dog barking echoing off buildings This just lazy dog owner who don't want to walk their dogs. Please do not use this area for dog park.
- There are already sufficient dog off leash parks nearby. People just choose not to use them and nothing is done to enforce owners using leashes in regular parks.
- It's a terrible location. Surrounded by roads heavily used during rush hours, it would most likely be pebbles as opposed to grass. The people want grass and not to feel so

boxed in. PLUS some people drive to the park because they have their kids and there would essentially be no room to park near that location either. Bad idea. Also not big enough. There are so many dog owners around.

- I am a dog owner and the Lauren Harris park is a square and the surface is not compatible with cleaning up after your dog. It is also too small for a dog to get much exercise.
- Unsightly chain-link fencing, cutting it off and creating a barrier. The square is a nice formal element in the neighbourhood as it is.
- The space is not large enough for the number of dogs which want to use it, so people are still going to have their dogs off leash in Corktown Commons. It's also not large enough for large dogs.
- The proposed off leash area is too large. I don't want the whole park to be enclosed by a fence. It won't be aesthetically pleasing. I think people would make better use of the park if it wasn't a big square of gravel with a few scattered benches at either end. The benches also face outwards towards the road and not the bench, so you have to sit and watch traffic go by, which isn't very relaxing. I would definitely use the park more if it had more landscaping - some more green stuff like shrubs, flower beds, more trees, picnic benches or even a fountain. I would Also like to see more of a defined path to walk through the park. The gravel makes it feel unfinished and like a low effort was put into the park. I'd like the space to be an area where I can visit with other people outside my home, or walk through it/be in it and relax.
- There is a high density of low rise apartments and the noise will disturb.
- Too small
- It's too small
- Too small. Car traffic safety. Noise for the surrounding buildings
- Noise to residents facing the dog park. People do use the park for sitting and relaxing
- Too small and very close to many condos. It will be loud and interfere with the population's well being. It will be extremely unpleasant for every resident of this square.
- This proposal is quite honestly offensive, and clearly has no concept of the amount of dogs in the area (evident by corktown commons on a daily basis). The space is way too small, dogs can barely run. If this is the best out concillor can do, perhaps we need a new councillor.
- These privileged owners can take their dog's elsewhere, they don't deserve to take ownership of what little park space we have.
- It's a beautiful park and should remain available for people. Not damn dogs.
- This is probably one of the most ridiculous proposals I have ever seen. Dogs can't run around in that space. It is a joke. Way too small, without adequate space for them to exercise. Clearly proposed by non-dog owners, totally unacceptable.
- Way too small for the number of dogs in the area. It invites disease and injuries due to aggression at being packed so tightly. I've seen it before.
- It's small. It's literally surrounded by roads with a lot of traffic.
- Relative small space that with a high concentration of dogs, there may be issues.
- Area will be fenced off with visually unappealing fencing Noise Limited Pedestrian access
- small park (tree protection likely won't be effective), streets all around.
- It will eliminate the square as a pedestrian space, and give it to only people with pets. Not quite fair for the majority of people who do not have pets.
- As someone who lives in the area, owns and fosters dogs I have found that most the dogs in the area are very aggressive. I used to be a dog a trainer and dog walker and I

can say that I've never lived somewhere before where before where the dogs are this aggressive. I think the city would be more liable for various issues that would arise between owners and their dogs getting into fights.

- I live in the adjacent condos and would not prefer the traffic and noise in the mornings and through the day
- Smell. Looks. Property values.
- The multiple tree-protection zones create 10 small, dead-end spaces that would make any dog feel cornered. Reactive dogs could get defensive. This design could literally cause dog fights and injuries. Consult with a dog behaviorist PLEASE and please do not prioritize the safety of trees over the safety of dogs - which is so often the case. Also, instead of fencing off the trees, consider circular benches like S Street dog park in Washington. Much more appealing solution.
- The amount of car accidents I have avoided and the number of near accidents I have witnessed at that corner is too much for me to recommend an off leash dog park be put there
- A lot of the owners haven't trained their dogs well. Also the neighborhood also has a lot of dog poop. The owners don't clean it. They will make it worse with an off leash.
- It seems to be totally disrespectful to honour one of Canada's most accomplished artists, who created iconic and beautiful canvases, with a dog toilet. The thought is shameful in fact
- Not big enough, gravel is unappealing. It sounds more like a cage than a park
- This is a beautiful city packet surrounded by three building. It is a major architecture part of this beautiful square. Fencing this park will negate the reason it was built in the first place. There is benches, trees and it is perfect for folks to relax. There is no grass and not going to be interesting as a dog off leash area
- Safety
- Do off-leash area have to be enclosed? Keep it on the east side of commons close to the bridge/underpass to Don Valley Trail. Is this the berm?
- This is a lovely open space that is enjoyed by PEOPLE. Dogs are taking over every public space, Corktown Common grassy areas included. I am sick of entitle dog owners taking up every public space everywhere. I won't even sit on the grass any more because of residual dog poo and pee everywhere. Why don't we just give every damned grassy area to the dogs and let us poor humans suffer on our own. I would restrict the number of dogs allowed within city limits. Dogs are out of control. Rather, dog OWNERS are out of control. Pick a more out of sight off-leash area, perhaps along the Dong River just to the East of Lauren Harris Square, or further south under the overpasses where the DVP meets up with the Gardner. ow about Non-Dog owner rights??
- It's surrounded by buildings, a nice place to sit and walk through on way to underpass
- It's a boulevard space surrounded by 4 roads. I'm not sure the taxpayers would want the Square to be fenced in to showcase an off leash dog park. DOLAs tend to have that nasty white rock (the kind that cuts dogs feet). Would you even keep the trees?
- The proposed area is small, noisy and busy with cars. Asking for trouble. I imagine the dog park wouldn't be well used a waste of tax payer money. Fenced in dog parks are a waste. A dedicated well defined grassing area is the best option.
- Surrounded by condos with no separation and cornered by traffic! Worst choice ever! I guarantee that there will be multiple complaints from nearby residents! As a dog owner, I agree that an off-leash fenced in dog park is needed, just chose an appropriate location! This will not prevent off-leash dogs from the Urban prairies or the south corner park of Corktown commons!

- The square is a nice feature in the area. Turning it over to a dog park diminishes the square. I'm also concerned dog ownership will wane as the pandemic recedes.
- Noise is a concern but honestly I really think taking a pretty urban square and converting it to a single use space is short sighted. I understand there are many dog owners but some do not have dogs Or prevents us from enjoying the square.
- That is one of the few areas with lots of park benches and shade in the area.
- It is too small to support the number of dogs in the area.
- It is too small and pea gravel is so harsh on dog paws. My dog literally refuses to run on pea gravel because it hurts.
- The surface is currently gravel. This would have to be swapped out for wood chips or grass as gravel is not a suitable surface for a dog park. The best example in the area is Power Street Dog Park - it is a good size and has a good ground surface. The gravel dog parks at Regent Park and by the Broadview Hotel are uncomfortable for the dogs and not large enough.
- The cars in the area, the other people who walk their dogs, who are not good with other dogs. I walk through Lawren Harris square all the time with my dog... and my dog is not good with other dogs. That area is way too open and not fair for everyone to have a off leash dog park right in the middle.
- It's too close to all of the buildings, and is part of the landscape architecture of the area.
- This is a very busy area with cars and pedestrians.
- Can't walk through , lots of banning
- Fencing would be an unattractive feature of such a comparatively small public space so closely surrounded by residential buildings
- This is an outrageous proposal. Why would the city ever consider putting a dog park in a small city square bounded by three condominiums. You obviously don't live here to have to watch and listen to the chaos of a downtown urban litter box. There goes my property value, thanks City of Toronto. Is the criteria really just because there are a lot of dog owners in Corktown? Well there are a lot of kids too, how about a school? Or people, how about a grocery store? And we drive cars, maybe some parking? Someone needs to get their priorities straight before the next election. Come on, you can do better!
- Noise and smell.
- dogs urinating and defecating in park
- Mostly noise at all hours especially in the early morning. Dogs barking at each other at 6-7 am. Also Lawren Harris shouldn't be honoured with a Dog Toilet.
- It is too small for dogs to run around and dog owners will be dissatisfied with it, as they were with the original off leash area in Corktown Common.
- Noise. Defecation. Large gathering could lead to disobedience. The area ought to be for all to enjoy. The promenade is for quite reflection.
- I am a dog lover, but it is situated between 3 large condo buildings. Barking noise is a huge concern.
- The smell-
- It is cold and windy between all the condos, there is little sunlight and no grass
- Surrounded by busy roads. No grass Seems like a very small space.
- The size of Lawren Harris Square would not permit dogs to run which is the main purpose of an off-leash park. Such a park should not be a 'comfort station' - no dog owner i know would walk from the Distillery to such a restricted space to run their dog, for instance. Nor, I suspect, would the surface be good for dogs - pea gravel and rocks are very hard on paws especially in the heat of the summer.

- I like to use this area to sit and enjoy without a dog
- The fence is an eye sore and would be the entire section of Harris park.
- It's a bad use of the limited public space we have in this dense urban neighborhood.
- Bad location and removes the potential for improving the square for better public uses, such as greening the square, moving farmers market there and/or having it be a local space for food trucks.
- It's ugly!
- It is too close to the nearby condos. The noise and smell would be terrible.
- Noise
- The totality of traffic, cars/people, not safe space for dogs The existing park is a masterpiece, perfect the way it is
- I currently live at 21 Lawren Harris Square directly adjacent to the Lawren Harris Square and I feel the dog off-leash park would devalue my building and other properties in the area. I also feel that Lawren Harris Square is supposed to be for the residents and people, not just residents and people who are dog-owners. I'm also concerned there would be the risk of increased excrement left behind at Lawren Harris Square as a result of this initiative.
- Too busy already Unsafe for dogs with so many cars coming through Would damage the beautiful existing square
- I walk through the park and sit on the bench
- High traffic area, Lawren Harris Square should be used as a multi-user area. This area can be used to help promote activeTO as a area for open food/rest markets which would. Help the city bring in revenue compared to setup/maintenance cost of a dog park. The land/space area has more potential than a niche designated dog park.
- It is near where a lot of little kids are playing. For health and safety concerns.
- The noise from the barking dogs echoing between the buildings.
- I have a dog and live in the areas but think this is a terrible location. It is too close to buildings and will be noisy for residents. It is also small and will make the front doors of three buildings smell like urine in summer.
- The concern is the proximity to the high rises. There will be multiple complaints for noise etc from residents.
- Dog parks are, by necessity, utilitarian parks. They're not particularly attractive to have in your front yard. The TRCA should allow the dog park in its original location.
- The statement: The square is not heavily used by local residents – is grossly misleading! Lawren Harris Square should be a breathing, green area, with grass and some shrubs and benches to sit and relax, and definitely without any „industrial” texture of gravel stones as it is today. If you have been in any dog off-leash area in the neighborhood, you would know how much of „enjoyable” noise is created by our friendly pets due to constant barking. This noise created in Lawren Harris Square by barking dogs will be MAGNIFIED by echo from surrounding buildings, that's the physics of the sound, unfortunately. Would you like to be a tenant in those units facing the Square? And forced to listen to it for a few hours day-by-day?
- Lawren Harris Square is a gem of a public space. As development in the west don lands intensifies the city should be protecting public park space. My concern is that putting the dog park here is taking public space away from residents. Please remember that our neighborhood is only about half built out.
- It's too small. There's no room to throw a ball. It's surrounded by vehicular traffic. It will be a stinking mess within a month.

- This is at three residential buildings front doors. Three buildings windows and balconies face the square. Dog parks can be loud and chaotic. Off leash areas are usually tucked into other spaces away from residences. Off Leash area is very much needed but not compatible with this space. The space is definitely under utilized, but that's due to its design as a barren space, redesign it, but don't dump the dogs there.
- Proximity to homes. The square could have better long term uses. I.e. the farmers market could be moved here. I think the dog owners really like using the park and will continue to do so.
- I think is not convenient for residents. Besides is too small for amount of dogs in the area.
- This is a beautiful square and an asset to the community. It is surrounded by 3 large condo buildings, whose residence would be highly utilized if it wasn't for one design flaw. It has a gravel surface instead of pavers. Consider finishing the square with pavers and locating the off-leash dog area elsewhere.
- Dog poo around the area, don't think it's big enough for the number of dog owners in the area
- Is too noisy for the dogs 🐕, dogs need a relaxing place. LHS is too busy with traffic
- Many of the dogs that are off leash at the common are large active dogs that need space to run, play and sniff. The square is not suitable for any of those.
- Too much traffic. Too many condo buildings nearby, too small
- The area is surrounded by buildings and the dogs will make significant noise. The area has never been programmed well to achieve any of its potential.
- I think it would be aesthetically displeasing, and I think the dog owners (of which I am one) are already choosing the area on the east side of the berm as their preferred space.
- The area is in the middle of many buildings and near a busy road. Dogs/people crossing the street or dogs escaping will be a safety hazard. The noise of barking dogs will disturb residents.
- It is a beautiful place to sit in the midst of buildings
- I think the square has better potential community uses. Maybe put the farmers market in the square and the off leash where the market currently is
- Lauren Harris member artist of the group of seven, not well served by dog activity. Original design of square as public space is lost. Benches lost. Dog barking bounces off two buildings sound reverberation. Plan takes over entire space.
- It is used by residences of the area.
- It's a central area between residential buildings. It is a part of the neighborhood landscaping ensemble named after Toronto famous landscape architect and it is aimed to be a beautiful parkette for enjoyment of residents
- It will be too loud and dusty and will damage the view of this beautiful area and image of this trendy neighborhood!
- This area is too central and it's designed to be a beautiful element of the neighborhood landscape.
- Noise, it's ugly, very central location that will smell, goes against design of neighborhood, an insult to Harris.
- I do not see the need for one, this area is surrounded by condos and would cheapen the plot of land.
- Will be loud for neighborhood.
- Will be loud for residents. Sloped drainage
- It's a sitting area for the area not a dog park.

- It is too close to Corktown Common, where many people already refuse to follow the on-leash requirement. There is a bit of a canyon there so the barking will echo and could cause noise distress to condo-owners. Lawren Harris Park is too tiny, as well. I also feel that people with or without children who do not own dogs, or are afraid of dogs, are being pushed out of the parks altogether. If you do turn Lawren Harris Park - a charming space especially in Fall - into a dog park, then you need more enforcement of on-leash by-laws in Corktown Common, and throughout the local area.
- Noise for unit owners in rc3, rc4
- It's nice to have an area for people to congregate there as well
- Lawren Harris Square is a beautiful park right now - that benefits from NOT being a dog-friendly area - not everyone wants to be surrounded with dogs all the time. With increasing densification of the Canary District, Corktown Common is already really busy and increasingly difficult to find a quiet place to sit. The benches of Lawren Harris Square are much appreciated to get some sunshine. People make the CHOICE to get dogs, they can walk the extra bit to give their dog a walk without taking away public spaces that are for everybody.
- Smell, noise (barking), health (dog pee and feces - some people do NOT scoop and that is evident on sidewalks all around Corktown) and a lot of people don't own dogs and want this for pedestrian activity.
- Way too small too much traffic on ALL sides ALL the time, specially at rush hour. A totally dumb area to put an off leash dog park. In addition, a slap in the face to one of the Group of Seven - Lawren Harris!
- Noise, it's too close to three residential buildings
- Dog owners get into the habit of leaving their condo units without leash as the park is just across the unit. It will create problems in many aspects.
- residents already take their dogs behind the river city condos and have been doing so for years.
- I and many other residents do use this park for seating because of the shades of trees .
- Please come to your senses on creating a toilet for dogs in a park named after a great Canadian painter and a member of the Group of Seven ..
- It will not take away dogs from being off leash in Common Cork Park
- It is too small. A small fenced in dog park creates issues for dogs safety as aggressive dog habits are allowed to develop and flourish. Gravel is not a dog friendly surface. There is too high concentration of dogs in the area for a small park of this size to be sustainable.
- Lawren Harris Square is too small to accommodate all the dogs in the neighbourhood. My concern is that the space would very quickly fill with dogs, and they will not have adequate space to properly exercise, as well as provide enough room for dogs who are smaller or fearful and require small to leave tense scenarios.
- This area is way too small. Try going to cork town common on a sunny evening and seeing 30+ dogs running around. There are a lot of dogs in the neighborhood. Not to mention excessive vehicle traffic as it is surrounded on all four sides by roads.
- The area is not a natural ground surface, it's all gravel. And is surrounded by streets on four sides. It's also a very small area and there are lots of dogs in the neighborhood. As evidenced by the power street dog park, small areas with high concentrations of dogs often brings out aggressive behavior.
- Too small or will become too small very soon as more residents/dog owners move into surrounding area. Too close to surrounding buildings resulting in noise, pedestrian traffic and air quality issues especially during peak dog walking times.

- It was designed as a pedestrian square which we have few of. It's also super small and close to cars. There just seems some obvious alternatives and better ones in the area.
- Not enough space and it creates further conflict between entitled condo dwellers who are not dog owners due to dog noise and smells.
- This square - IF PROPERLY LAID OUT could be a great 356 days a year place for PEOPLE!
- It's a terrible spot with traffic all around it.
- The proximity to traffic. Low square footage
- Too small
- It's too small and will be loud for the residents who live close to Lawren Harris Square
- Too small of an area
- I would still like to have seating available outside of a dog park as well. Otherwise I'd be okay with it.
- Barking dogs. It would continuously be an annoyance to all residents who face the square. Often times, people don't pick up their dog's poop and turning the square into a no leash area would only promote such behaviour.
- Parks and squares are for people, not for dogs only. Make nicer for people to gather and interact instead. Tax dog ownership.
- Way too small. Surrounded by roads and condo buildings. Please find a spot with green space. Also consider adding a small dog only section of the dog park like up at Allen gardens that has a section for under 20lbs. This is awesome for us small dog owners but there are none within walking distance of our community.
- It's too small. Like Orphan's Green. I have a big dog so not personally concerned but the small dog parks are a nightmare for small dogs.
- This area is too small. It would be overcrowded.
- The space is fairly small. With a fence in space with corners, it is easy for larger dogs to trap smaller dogs in corners, increasing the chance of injury.
- While I am a dog owner with a love for dog parks..This is a beautiful park in the European manner and efforts should be made to cultivate human activity there.
- Nuisance
- Limiting "walkability" of the square, and its enjoyment by everyone (dog owners and non dog owners) access to nearby restaurants would less appealing. There is a park and trail nearby which are great for dogs off leash.
- This area is intended to be a public square, not an area concentrated for animals. There is merit to preserving areas intended for congregation or meeting such as Lawren Harris Square, and there are so few areas of his caliber in the city.
- Harris Square is intended to be an open space for potential markets, meeting points and leisure. I don't support fencing off that area for dogs to roam free for a number of reasons: the smell in the summertime, noise that would echo among each of the buildings, a lot of dog owners don't pick up after their dogs so it would look like a mess all the time, fencing off a public square that is intended for use seems unreasonable. That square is meant to be used and developed with trees, benches and potential future markets that may pop up now and again.
- This is a public square area that was designed to feel open to the neighbouring buildings. A fenced enclosure would drastically alter the urban nature of this pedestrian space. The smell that would emanate in the warmer months, the noise, and the damage to existing trees are also concerns.

- Lots of cars going by could be dangerous, noise, it's a small plot of land can cause it to be crowded,
- It's a nice parkette, seems like it would be better to put it behind the playground.
- I am not a dog owner first of all: This location is currently be used by non dog owner and dog owner and it is being shared by both parties and used well. The dog owners are keeping their dogs on leash and non dog owners are also enjoying the space. This space was designed by the builders where I have a condo and the city wanted a courtyard space for all to use. WHY are you now restricting this space to non dog owners and just making is an off leash area with fences. The square will look ugly and you are not being considerate of those that want both dog owners and non dog owners to use this square. The life in the pandemic and post pandemic will be very different . PLEASE KEEP THE SQUARE OPEN TO ALL TO USE AND ENJOY!
- The constant collection of dog excrement. As well as the noise of dogs barking collectively as people are trying to enjoy peace in their homes. I am a lover of animals and have a dog, but this is the WORST idea yet. There is an area in Corktown commons where people gather with their dogs, why not make it there officially. This is most upsetting!
- The Humane Society is right next door, and has MANY highly reactive dogs. An off leash location there would pose a threat for shelter and owned dogs alike. Plus the amount of traffic in that area is very high and poses a health risk to dogs.
- It is smack in the middle of three condos and all we will hear are dogs barking and potentially the smell of dog poop and pee when walking by. I am a dog owner in 170 Bayview and have used the square for sitting and hanging if out with friends. It's one of the few quiet spots.
- Sound and Smell. People do use the space. I use the space. I am a dog owner.
- It's in the middle of 4 Roadways which makes it not safe and it's aesthetically pleasing the way it is.
- It won't be used. It's a waste of tax payer money. Regardless of whether the flood plains are not able to be used, they will still be used. And the back side is not used for tobogganing or special events. The kids use the grassy hill on the corner of Bayview. As for the area in question, if you insist on having a dog park there please use wood chips like power street dog park. The rocks used in regent park are stinky and not suitable for smaller dogs.
- Too small and area for the current number of dogs and potential future number. How would dog owners keep their dogs off the tree protected area? It's surrounded on all four sides by busy traffic.
- It's a central square in a place that will see an increasing number of children. The fences will be unsightly, the smells terrible, and dogs are dangerous for children.
- It is located between 3 residential buildings and dogs tend to bark at the park. I'm concerned it will disturb the residents in those buildings.
- Too small for separation of small and large dogs. Dog/dog owner safety concerns as it is surrounded by car traffic. Dogs barking will echo off surrounding buildings and cause more conflict between neighbours and the dog park. It will destroy the intended use for that public space.
- I think we need more green space for humans not just dog off leash area
- The Lawren Harris Square space is simply not big enough to accommodate the number of dogs that will need to use the space, especially once the tree protection spaces are taking into consideration.

What location would you suggest for a dog off-leash area?

317 total responses.

- Down beside bayview closer to the don river not too close to our park where our kids play
- It would be better at corktown commons. It's completely viable and to suggest it isn't is not based in reason.
- Find another location please this area has a nice seating area for residents to sit and chat
- In the green space just east of 32 Trolley between the condos and Bayview....where the humane society dog walkers go
- The green space at the Northwest corner of Cherry and Front (east of the Honda garage) or the green space at the Southwest corner of where Bayview meets Mill Street. Or ask them to reconsider their decision about not letting you use part of Corktown Commons - it is huge and the east portion is mainly used by dog walkers anyway.
- In corktown commons park, the flat part at the south east or the area near the tunnel.
- Park in between queen and king triangle
- Ideally a location that is not high foot traffic for reasons other than dog walking. The original off leash site was perfect for this purpose, but of course that can't be helped. Having used the original park quite regularly before it was closed off, I do know there are a lot of irresponsible owners who do not pick up after their dogs.
- The east side of corktown common is ideal. Most dog owners currently allow their dogs to play off leash in that area. The city should be able to work around the issues of enclosing the area
- See above
- Any lower traffic area off that is not directly beside the roadway.
- Corktown common is enormous. Part of the large, open area near the Don Valley rail line could easily be fenced and reserved for dogs and their owners. Dedicating part of this vast space to dog use makes infinitely more sense than making the entirety of Lawren Harris Square effectively useless to non dog-owners.
- None. Owners can go to the Power St or Cherry Beach dog parks. Owners who continue to use Corktown Commons as an off leash park should be fined. Owners who don't pick up after their dogs should be fined.
- Back side of Corktown Commons near the tracks
- The objections of TRCA should be revised and locations at the edge of Corktown Common on the east side of the berm should be considered more forcefully
- The city should work with the TRCA to come to a compromise to amend the which land use. It is precisely this type of remnant land in the city which can be dual programmed to enable the highest use of space. Alternatively, developers could include amenity space for dogs within developments where it should be a fully considered reality that it is not only humans living within a development.
- Not sure yet
- Place the dog park somewhere where you are not preventing humans from also accessing the same park facilities.
- Underpass park
- Somewhere in Corktown common, open space
- An area by the path
- Behind corktown commons

- Is already one area where all dog play, please go do you research see where people let there dog plays
- Corktown Common-the east facing ravine
- Corktown common in a 18 acre park. There is a green area on the east side of the park that is completely unused. Why cant we have a dog park in that area? All the dog owners would prefer to have their loving pets on the grass instead gravel.
- Cork town common
- 90% of dogs and dog owners go to the east side of the Corktown Common Park. A simplest and least expensive solution is to add sign to designate this portion of the park to dogs and dog owners. No fence is needed as this portion of the park is naturally segregated from the rest of the park. I am certain that no residents of Corktown will be using fenced off leash park if it gets built on the Harris Square. These fenced parks become hangout places for professional dog owners with large groups of dogs. They dont treat these fenced parks as their community, rather than their business. As a resident of River City I am strongly against off leash dog park on the Harris Square. Lets have this beautiful square with thees and plants/flowers in our neighbourhood. Its already there and its beautiful. Please do not ruin it. Thank you.
- Corktown Common wild grass area on the east
- We already have off leash fenced park in Corktown on Power street. Why ruin perfectly built square dedicated to the great Canadian Lawren Harris and replace it with the bathroom area for dogs.
- Corktown Common east side
- The east end of the park. No fence is required, same as on Esplanade and Riverdale. Just designate the ravine as off-leash. Quick win-win for all
- East side ravine of Corktown Common. No fence needed. The dogs are already there running freely. Install few benches, extra dog poop garbage bins and problem solved. Why overcomplicating??
- There is an off leash park in the close proximity just minutes away on Power Street. NO DOG PARK IN THE HARRIS SQUARE PLEASE
- Corktown common. Initially there was an off leash park there that was demolished by the city. The park should be placed in the Corktown common park facing the Don River
- Dog off leash area should be built in the Corktown Commons park, on the east side facing Don River. There was a build off leash area there that was demolished by the city for who knows what reasons and now city wants to build another one and convert the actual park that residents use into off leash area. This is outrageous and stupidest initiative: to convert the square dedicated to one of the greatest Canadian painters into washroom for dogs, to smell like urine and shit. Incomprehensible.
- There are numerous location close by that can be converted to dog park. One is the area at the intersection of River street, Queen St and king St east. That triangle of land can be made into off leash dog park. Another area is the triangle boarded by Trinity street, Eastern Ave snd Frint street. Third location is to convert Percy park into dig off leash park.
- There are some areas around the train tracks that are not being used for anything. Or construction has seized on these sites (around cherry street and lakeshore). There is also quite a lot of space next to the bayview extension leading up to the condos that is not being used. However, there is a slight hill.
- Include in any plans for the Foundry.
- I think the location on the east side of the Corktown common park is great for this purpose. Also, a suggestion that is not related to this topic. It would be great to have a

sport-dedicated area in our park—at least a pull-up bar. We don't have an area like this anywhere around, and we have to go to a Broadview Park. T

- The triangle of green space at 555 queen street East, immediately south of the humane society, north of king street.
- The green area on the south hill of the commons
- at the back of Corktown common
- There's literally a dog park right next to the square...by the underpass basketball courts. Perhaps simply increase signage?
- There are already enough off-leash dog areas. Unless we elevate dogs to the level of humans, and tax those with dogs appropriately, too much of the neighbourhood is already allocated to off-leash dog runs. I say this with the conviction that it is irrelevant whether this is on private property (170 Bayview) or not. We should be designing our city with an equitable view towards humans and not only those that have dogs. It is time that dog owners start using the spaces already allocated to them and respecting other people and ecologically sensitive areas (i.e., the common) by keeping their dog on a leash.
- There are enough off-leash dog areas in the neighbourhood. Dog owners opt to take their dogs to the common because it is a nicer place for them to run around. It is time that having ones dog on a leash be better enforced to protect the general public and park wildlife. The city is completely overrun with dogs, and the more we convert mixed-use spaces to dog-designated spaces, the more the city facilitates the privileged activity of dog-ownership. This is not an equitable question.
- Why can't the city require developers of new buildings to include off-leash areas in their creation plans? My old high-rise building on the Danforth had an off-leash dog park built into the premises, and it was fantastic. It also forced accountability for us dog owners because we lived in one of three buildings nearby and worked to maintain the off-leash area together, and could easily track down dog owners who didn't pick up after their dogs. I love my new home but nothing has ever come close to that community, and I'm not sure it can be recreated in this neighbourhood without developer cooperation.
- A designated, fenced area in Corktown Commons
- What about space adjacent to the Lower Don River Trail, to the south of the GO Transit Don Yard (and north of Lakeshore)?
- Corktown commons east side near the Don River OR the Southwest part of Corktown Commons closer to the soccer area would be better suited as they are already grassy areas. Lawren Harris Square is not grassy and the dogs risk eating all the pebbles
- There is one on king not far from there.
- The original location down the hill by the hydro tower. It appears to be the only option that is both permissible (TRCA) and will not ruin another space. I recognize that it is not ideal, but given that most of the neighbourhood dogs are well behaved, I've had no trouble with the current unofficial off-leash activities.
- Corktown Common. Find another space on the big field close to eastern. Not really understanding why a fenced off DOLA was ok when the park was built but isn't any longer.
- I think the south lawn is better as there are a multitude of areas around that would still be suitable to for permitted events. There are also much better tobaggging hills elsewhere that families can make use of aka Riverdale which is nearby so this is not a valid excuse to not use this area for the dogs. I also feel that with these large condo projects commencing this should have been stipulated with the developers as this used to be a huge park area where Nuit Blanche and other events took place. A small amount of

forethought about the types of people moving to these areas would have helped to plan this better. A large number of families in this area have dogs. You see more dogs than strollers in this area.

- There is a large green space behind corktown commons that is being underutilized and already acting as a makeshift off-leash park. With the proper structure and zoning it would provide ample space for both large and small dogs to exercise and socialize, while still ensuring those who want to leave their dogs on-leash are safe to do so while walking along the existing pathways
- What about going west of the under past playground. Closer to the ramp to eastern avenue. There is space there that is not used. And is part of the under past.
- The off leash dog area should be in Corktown Common park across the street where most dog owners currently take their dog off leash. This location is on the east side of the park between the rail tracks and the paved trail. This area is currently rough grass that isn't groomed like the rest of the park. Another good location would be at the extreme south side of the park down the hill from the playground near the rail tracks.
- Anywhere in the Corktown Common grassy, marsh land area.
- anywhere in the Corcktown common park grounds
- Area to the east and south of the triangular park where King and Queen Street meet.
- Berm does not need to be fenced as it offers some natural barriers for dogs. Otherwise one of the large grassy areas needs to be considered and the city can refurbish Lawrence Harris Square for better pedestrian use.
- In the country
- Developed a space near the commons, or else where just not right in front of all the buildings in such a tight space. Terrible idea
- The area does not need this feature. It will be under-utilized, just as the last one was before it was demolished.
- Appropriate new space, not existing public space, from any/all condos now in development.
- It should be part of the Don park system and at a much larger scale make it fun and colourful with structures the dogs can enjoy and onlookers can witness come in and interact with the dogs feel welcome even if you do not have a dog.
- ?
- The low lands area of the commons is large, flat, and underused by park goers. My residence looks into the commons and at any given time during the day there is a limited number of people without dogs utilizing the large open space. Out of the three sections the southern most area would easily be convertible to an off leash area with minimal visual impact to the rest of the low lands area or park itself. It is also an area set away from the pond/trails within the commons so non dog owners would not be nuisance by dogs and their owners.
- The low lands near the underpass that leads to the Don trail would make the best location. It's tucked away from all areas that non dog owners use such as the play ground, trails and pond.
- Bayview grassy area I front of RC1/2
- I think the city should revisit having it on the east side of Corktown Commons. It'd be safer for dogs and residents but requires a fence.
- South side of corktown commons park
- Corktown commons should be kept the way it is to allow dogs to play off leash. The dog owners in this area are a huge part of the community and it would be unfair to both dogs and owners to disrupt this.

- There was an off leash park on the hill on the east side of Bayview that just got taken out. Put something down there, not that it will matter. No one will use it. They didn't before. Everyone just gets together in the fields and lets them run. An off leash in lawren Harris won't get used either.
- No suggestion
- Lower don River area. Somewhere NOT next to condos and people trying to relax.
- Build a dog park in the new Donlands river park area once it is completed FOR GODS SAKE use some common sense here.
- Lower west side of Corktown condo. There is plenty of green space along Bayview north and south of Mill Street that a off leash can be installed
- Why not place this under Queen St where there is TONS of room and is near the Toronto Humane Society. There is a huge area under Queen street bridge which is already covered from rain and can be made into a dog park and is NOWHERE near a condo. USE YOUR Brains please and stop catering to all these irresponsible dog owners. DO NOT punish non-dog owners with this mess.
- Use the massive land under Queen street! There's lots of space and NO condos around. Use your brains please.
- You can find a space in Corktown commons such as the southern section and place a sign that it can be used during certain hours like in David Cromby park. The kids that use it in the winter is only 1-2 months of the year.
- There is space south of Corktown commons or under Queen street bridge
- The back area of corktown common — behind the trees and before the bike trail. This is a reasonable comprise given no one uses that space to sit and gather. No view of the city like the other side and a big enough space to utilize for the vast amount of dogs in the area
- The back part of the commons no fence needed. Just posts the show the area and signs to tell people. There is way to much chatter for an easy fix.
- Literally anywhere else, if you have a dog you can walk because they need it too
- I do not personally think that dog off-leash areas should be a priority for this neighbourhood. If there are problems with people consistently letting their dogs run free in Corktown Common, I suggest improving bylaw enforcement in that park. I want humans to be prioritized when designing public space, not dogs. I believe that obsession with dog ownership is damaging the urban fabric of Toronto in many ways.
- There's already one in Corktown and Riverside.
- Sackville playground, Sumach-Shuter Parkette
- The south side of Corktown commons had a large open field, a portion of which could be used for the dog park and the remaining area still reserved for people to use.
- Over by the new storm water facility. Or where the gardiner pre construction highway sections were being built.
- The area between corktown commons and railways in the south
- Until a year ago there used to be an off-leash area between Bayview Ave, the rail corridor and corktown commens. After some infrastructure upgrades were done in that area the off-leash area disappeared. That was a perfect spot!
- The area where dogs are currently harassed by bylaw enforcement is perfectly fine - the east side of cork town. No fence is required, just put up a sign and get on with it. This proposal is UNACCEPTABLE.
- As mentioned above, the already generally agreed upon area along the train tracks is way safer and more appropriate for dogs of all sizes. Would prevent off-leash dogs from other, more populated parts of the park. There is also a totally unused section of land at

the corner of bayview and mill st (south of mill) that would work great if cleaned up and fenced in.

- Either 1: the open field at the south side of Corktown Common at the end of Mill street. If that spot could be fenced in it would be perfect and is already being used as the primary 'illicit off-leash' in the area. Or, 2: the extreme southern wedge shaped piece of land between the footpath and the tracks, including open area on the south side of Mill Street where the footpath meets the sidewalk (next to the ugly metal and log public artwork). This 'L' shaped site might be suitable if it was fenced and partly covered with woodchips and given adequate lighting. However, I don't know if this piece of land is city-owned, Metrolinx land, or partly owned by a developer, which may exclude it from consideration.
- A section of the larger part of the Corktown Common
- Along the Don River. Or the space just east of Trolley Crescent but before the Don River.
- Literally any other place. Isn't there one in cork town common?
- Corktown Commons
- Not sure.
- There is more than enough space at the back of Corktown common across from the train tracks that is open and would still have more than enough space for an off leash dog park. Also it would not have any impact on any residential buildings. I might also recommend an area on the west side of Bayview between the Queen and Eastern Ave bridges, which has a large amount of space as well.
- Corktown common park.
- Corktown common
- Somewhere else.
- East side of cork town commons
- There already is a small off leash area just south of Underpass Park in-between 170 Bayview, it has a few users - clearly not a high demand so why is this even being proposed?
- A small off leash area already exists in between 170 Bayview and the Underpass Park, expand it and open to all.
- That is your job to find a suitable location if necessary but putting it in Harris Sq is a terrible location as it is surrounded literally by residential buildings.
- You say no to Corktown Common yet there is so much unused grass area on the back side (south end) that can be easily transformed into an off leash area - out of sight, well away from residential etc.
- Somewhere in an actual park
- In one of the paths closer to the train tracks
- Regardless of Corktown Commons not being viable, dog owners use it anyway. It's the most straightforward location.
- You are master planning a giant community to the north and another one to the south east. Make the developers contribute one. You missed the boat (completely) on making Dundee Kilmer do this so don't miss it with tridel and Cadillac. I'm sure you can spend tax dollars in a more impactful way, if you had to (which you probably don't).
- The area close to Mill St. And Bayview Ave. Or area at cherry st and front st east.
- Southside of the bike path near the Go train tracks. Lots of under utilized space there that could be used.
- Southern end of corktown common. There is a large field here that could be converted that shouldn't be included in the flood plain (based on information provided in the

survey). Alternatively just fence in the existing area dog owners use on the east side of the park. Simply installing some fencing shouldn't interfere with its functionality as a flood plain. This area is already used by dog owners and other locations in the area are already used by the public, it seems pointless to take over other public spaces because the area dog owners are already using is zoned as a flood plain. I am aware the city has already explored this option and deemed it not possible but as a member of the community I think that is the best location and the zoning laws are kind of stupid given that there are walking and cycling paths through the area already. Corktown common is a large enough park and suitable off leash zones wouldn't be directly next to several condos, ideally I would like to have the city review the zoning regulations to allow an off leash zone where dog owners already let their dogs off leash or choose another part of corktown common. This is how the community has decided to use the space, the city should make an effort to respect that and get permission to use the land in corktown common as an off leash zone.

- The east side of the berm be designated a non-fenced off leash area (similar to the Trinity Bellwood's Park off leash area). Signage posts already exist to add the additional signage for entering and exiting the area. No physically fencing would need to be erected. Currently, most pet owners use the area as such already. This would be a economical and readily adopted solution, that would fit well with how current residents generally use the various areas of the park.
- The trails nearby
- East of cork town commons.
- Definetely get them out of Corktown Commons. What about the area between Corktown Commons and the Don Valley?
- Any of the grassy areas up bayview avenue east of the walking path from eastern ave northward. Where it is now. South of the commons fence off parts south and east of the bike path.
- Somewhere farther from the buildings, maybe the far side of corktown commons or near the tracks
- The corktown commons south lawn is ideal. A simple barrier at the street - fence or natural - would keep dogs from the street. Posted times for off-leash use could enable sharing of the space by families. For the majority of the year the space is used by dog owners, summer events and some tobogganing being the only exceptions.
- Shuter Street Park. Divide up a part of it to the west and have it there.
- Anywhere within a couple blocks that has more area for the park. Preferably with grass and not much or pebbles.
- A grassy piece of land would be most suitable. Although the berm area of Corktown Commons is a flood plain, it seems to be an underused piece of property that would be great as a dog park.
- Create a designated fenced in OLA somewhere within Corktown Common that has the exact same dimensions as Lawren Harris Square.
- Frankly, I am disappointed that Enbridge was allowed to remove the off leash area without consultation. Don River Park was consulted on extensively by Waterfront Toronto and MVVA during the design period and any changes should be communicated. Enbridge should be required to reinstate this dog park in the previously designated area. Relegating dogs and their humans to a fenced area surrounded on all four sides by traffic is not doing right by the residents and taxpayers that have chosen to own a dog. Many singles and families adopt dogs before, sometimes instead of, human children. These families should be treated with the same respect as families with human children.

As the density of dogs in Corktown Common is much higher than families with children, and human children already have a playground and splash pad in Corktown Common where dog owners cannot spend time, I would encourage the dog park to be reinstated and prioritized for a larger grassed area along the rail corridor lands.

- Work with the TRCA to mitigate their concerns and use the east side of the berm along Corktown Common. It is currently under-utilized space that provides a better place for dogs.
- Somewhere down in Canary area
- Across from the Foundry buildings and the storage facility on Eastern at St. Lawrence beside/under the ramp.
- Back field of corktown common park
- Considering the old park was in corktown common I don't see why it can't go back there, albeit bigger and hopefully not gravel ... alternatively how about the hills between bayview and the rivercity condos. There is plenty of green space around... why choose the random gravel wasteland that is Larren Harris square. Plus river city 3 already has its own shitty dog park that barely gets used... Lawren Harris square will likely end up the same way for the exact same reasons. Don't ignore the obvious example of what would happen.
- Somewhere by the underpass, under the bridge. I'm sure there is enough space for the dogs as well as the farm market in close proximity.
- The back part of Corktown Commons (near the bike path & tracks) is a perfect spot. If flood plain regulations prevent this, that's nonsensical and not an excuse. Do the necessary work and make it work for the community.
- Between bayview/front/mill/tannery
- there's a field in corktown common that dog owners already heavily use anyway (with their dogs off the leash there...though to be honest, most dogs are already off their leash throughout corktown commons). Might as well make that official.
- The fact that the east side of cork town commons is a flood plane does not justify an inability to put up a fence. That is clearly the best area for an off leash park. There are roads and pedestrian underpasses, but a fence somehow undermines the efficacy of a flood plane? This is where everyone takes their dogs already, CLEARLY the best spot. If there's a flood risk, close the off leash park. This is a ridiculous regulation and significantly negatively impacts effective urban planning.
- The City needs to do a better job of pushing the TRCA to allow an off-leash dog park on the Corktown Common berm, which is already effectively an off-leash dog park. Their position is absurd and this is a much better location for dogs and local. Alternatively, what about the land on Mill Street that is allocated for a school that will clearly not be built for many years? Some other solution needs to be found that is not Lawren Harris Square.
- What about putting it back where it was before enbridge took it away?
- Area behind (east of) Corktown Commons
- If the east side of Corktown Commons is not available, then would the south side be made available? Or the north side of the Commons.
- What about the area just on the west side of the steel and wood sculpture? There are currently some big rocks and a construction trailer there. That spot is a bit more removed from the residential towers but still really close to the park.
- Why not use the cement park on the corner of eastern and st Lawrence street? Right across from the foundry buildings. It's unused and farther away from the residential towers.

- Find an area in Corktown Common Park existing area and make it bigger.
- I have seen that the city has allowed parks with some time zones that allow leash free dogs to use it and run around - Corktown commons has plenty of area for that. I see that some dog owners are using an area of the Corktown to let their dogs run free use that area - revisit that.
- A section of Canary Common Park, ideally in the back. Or the far south area, which if you are ever in the area you will currently see dogs there between 8-9am, 12-1pm, 4-7pm.
- Anywhere else
- Front and cherry
- The east side of the bern in Corktown commons. No fence needed. Just signs indicating that it is an off leash area. Perhaps with times posted? Since Covid, there has been a dramatic increase in dog ownership in our area and with even more condos going in, a large, dedicated dog park is needed terribly. By-law officers will snidely comment that we all should go to another neighborhood to use their dog park/s but THIS is our neighborhood, and there are a lot of us. Thank you!
- Somewhere in or near Corktown common - in a more unused area of the park. Perhaps near or just off the Don Valley trail bike path? Somewhere with more trees and green space and less central / public than the square.
- I would suggest specified 'off leash times' in the East side burm, or in the south side park space of corktown common.
- South, close to go tracks by red statue.
- There are existing off leash zones in neighboring areas
- Corktown common is huge and the idea that we cannot use a portion of this for an off leash park is ridiculous. The majority of users of the park are people with dogs. If not corktown common, one of the numerous empty lots in the area should be used instead of yet another over priced condo building.
- The grass area behind the Corktown Common park area.
- I do feel that the east side of Corktown Commons would make the most sense. I understand this is a flood plain. However, the public rarely uses this side of the park, even in summer months. A park of comparable size to Cherry Beach off leash park would promote less conflict amongst dogs and offer more space for certain dogs to congregate, such as a small dogs, while being separate from others.
- I am not sure where the correct area would be but I do feel that the area is need of an off-leash area.
- There is an 18 acre park across the street. There has to be some space at Corktown that could be suitable for an off-leash dog park. This proposal is absolutely ridiculous.
- There needs to be a push for corktown commons, the back of the park is 100% unused and nobody ever uses it except for dog owners. As a compromise, just north of the underpass on bayview avenue has a lot of open area to create a dog park with lots of space for dogs to freely run around and potentially have a sectioned off area for smaller dogs.
- Don trail near mouth of Don river
- I haven't studied the issue well enough.
- Far side of the Commons Park...larger areas with grass
- Lower slope areas of Corktown Common, toward the tracks, away from the busier areas of the park.

- Although you disagree for whatever reason there are many options within corktown commons to make an area safe. The back area is under utilized. Make it known why this isn't an option instead of just saying no.
- I am very disappointed that absolutely no part of the east portion of Corktown Common can be dedicated to a dog park, especially since there used to be a small fenced off-leash park there previously. Perhaps the grassy section of the park directly east of where Front St meets Bayview Ave could be fenced off. I often see people sitting on benches along the paths that surround that grassy area but rarely see people sitting on the grass itself. Otherwise, I propose landscaping the undeveloped area between Tannery and Bayview, just north of Mill St.
- The urban prairie in cork town common is perfect for this and a fence does not need out in place. I see above reference to TRCA but there is simply no public policy rationale for their refusal and compromise (or working around their authority) TRCA should be reached. The same location has significant rail works and major natural gas line and was an industrial waste land 5 years ago, but allowing dogs off leash (which will continue to happen anyways) is unacceptable to the TRCA?
- The spots where it's end of bayview near by
- The entrance to corktown commons at the end of Mill st would be a much better choice Or in the longer grass behind corktown commons between the trail.
- Not sure, as I would suggest Corktown commons or the small patch of grassy land that's right behind it.
- It used to be off leash park in cork town park, put it back, we need more space for people and there is no any in that area. That small park connects several building and children could be in danger
- Empty lot across from Corktown Commons Park. I know greedy developers want more condo but the area needs more park and it be right in middle area.
- There are already sufficient parks for off leash. People just choose not to use them.
- Maybe on the hill area further to the east near the edge of the existing park. Where the yellow and red painted tunnel leads to the bike path along the river. Something more connected to nature. Not in the middle of a concrete jungle as proposed.
- This seems like the typical phony Toronto consultations. Here are three choices - two are not possible - so choose one. This just makes us all cynical about our city government. Why doesn't the city buy land for a new park given the lack of Green space or use the land around the old Library depot?. The City collects millions of dollars in section 37 and 42 funds from developers and since the City and Province ignore most secondary plans and allow excessively tall buildings causing the overuse of public spaces. The Province and Federal governments paid for the last two parks (Corktown Common and Sherbourne Common). It is about time the city stepped up. The city also owns land around Parliament and King Streets that could be used and have parking-lots sitting on them. Maybe you have noticed we have an excess of parking lots in our area. Finally the Province owns over 30 acres of undeveloped land in the West Donlands why not buy a piece of their land. We pay way more in taxes per household than the vast majority of Toronto neighbourhoods given out density and relative little infrastructure required, it would be fair if some reasonable portion of taxes were returned to us in amenities. Rather than a dog park why don't you make an investment in the Indigenous health and community centre planned for the block bounded by Parliament, Mill & Front? You have put nothing into our local indigenous project and that is more important than our dogs.
- Closer to the river to the east or the rail tracks to the south.

- The area of grass in between Bayview and Trolley crescent, from the King at bridge at the north to the Eastern overpass in the south would be a much more suitable location and size.
- I would prefer taking the long piece of the commons on the side of bayview and the river and turning that into an off leash area. It is bigger for the dogs, and the majority of people who use it now are people with their dogs because it is just open grass and a path.
- In the park where currently people off leash their dogs
- Why not use the berm to the east of Corktown Common?
- West side of corktown commons where mill st is.
- Corktown Commons in the back facing the DVP. There was one there previously so it is possible.
- East side of cork town common in the Prairie area. . Using helical pilings for the fence post to maintain soil stability for the flood protection zone.
- Behind corktown park is perfect! Fence a part and all the dogs will be able to play without interfering with the residents. Please! We need it. There is a high demand and Harris square would be the worst possible location. There is a big area behind Corktown that would be ideal. All dog owners are in agreement that it would be perfect. I go there every day and meet with all the dog owners. Why suggest Harris square? It is right in the middle of 3 condos! It will disturb the piece of this beautiful neighborhood. Who thought of that? Please analyse the empty land behind corktown. It is useless for now and would be ideal for all community owners and dog owners.
- The area where dogs currently congregate in the back of corktown commons is perfectly fine. Just replace the signs with off leash signs, a fence is not required. Stop bylaw harassing tax paying residents of the area. The lack of any off leash dog park is a DISGRACE and Wong-tam should be ashamed of all the fob offs from voters since the old dog park was removed. Shame on her
- Adjacent to the train tracks in cork town common where they're already off leash.
- The back side of cork town common is a perfectly good area that is currently used by dog owners, while being harassed by bylaw enforcement, close to the old OLA. Remove the new signs that were put up and replace them with off-leash signs, problem solved. No fence required, there are no fences at riverdale and sherbourne/esplanade and these OLAs work perfectly fine.
- East of Corktown Common
- I would suggest the green field on the southwest corner of the Corktown commons. It don't believe it's on the berm. Or across the street at Bayview and Mill there is green space. There is also the green field just east of trolley crescent. Or the green/paved area just west of St. Lawrence Ave under the eastern ramp.
- South end of Corktown Commons, where it is typical for many dog owners to congregate currently. Picnic areas can be maintained.
- Cork town commons area, reality is a flood plain is theoretical designation but who knows whether it will ever happen. In the meantime pet owners have wide open area & by the way some trees there would be an asset too
- south west corner of the corktown commons green space off of mill and tannery road any of the above ground parking lots that haven't already been slotted for condo development
- There is an old defunct bridge in the Don valley trail, right near the corktown commons entrance. It could easily be converted to a dog park.
- None, off leash dog parks are a liability and should be avoided at all costs.

- Please explore other areas, perhaps Sackville Playground.
- Corktown common park
- Just have it on the grassy area dog owners use now. It's fine. It works. No need to put down gravel or even fence all sides. Talk to the community and listen to what they want. This design is preposterous. OR, build it in the square, cut down most/all the trees, and replace them with new ones. This should be entirely feasible. The city and TRCA cuts down trees all the time. You can do that here, too. There is space for a nice dog park, but not with the trees as is.
- Somewhere else. Honestly this is not a problem when people cant afford their rent. This is a cishet, white problem during a pandemic when people are losing their jobs, homes, food and lives. Angry that I am actually reading an article someone took their time to write... This is what you care about! Privilege shows
- Away from st Lawrence.
- The location is fine. Just consider renaming it something else. Perhaps Doug Ford Dog Toilet
- Corktown common at the back. it's the obvious choice. The TRCA needs to change the restriction.
- N/a
- Somewhere near the old one.
- See above.
- South end of commons, where people with dog's currently congregate (end of Mill St, near the tracks)
- The best place to put a pathway is where people have already made a trail. The best place to put an off- leash dog park is where the off- leash dogs are. You may have done the math and declare it "not viable", but that's where the dogs are. And that's where the dogs will continue to be. Put a DOLA on the east portion of the commons between the access road (the road beside the tracks) and where the land starts to slope up to the playground. It won't be seen by most non-dog users of the park. There's a huge amount of space that can be kept naturalized and used as an off-leash area. Just put a big green garbage can there. There will still be plenty of meadow that can remain untouched. Time to be less rigid and do something that actually works for the people.
- The south area of the common where everyone takes their dog now. On the backside of the washrooms but down the hill. Just call it an off lease area. It remains multi use and people are responsible for monitoring their dogs. When there is a fence, people pay less attention to what their dog is doing.
- The fact that no area of Corktown commons is not available, shows the closed minded Blinders of the city!
- The commons. The conservation authority should reconsider. The dog park can be flooded the same as any other part of the commons.
- There must be space other than this one.
- I would recommend the far area of the park near the opening to the bike path(where the large industrial art piece is)
- Not sure what else is available.
- Dog owners typically gather in the area on the east side of the berm in Corktown Common or in the recreation field in Corktown Common. I think that if a substantial portion of the area on the east side of the berm in Corktown Common was fenced off it would make an ideal dog park. I am not sure why being in a flood plain would disqualify this area. All that would be needed to make this spot an official dog park would be a

fence, this would not be a major investment for the City. I believe that the majority of dog owners in the area would be satisfied by this location.

- The park behind. There are many areas in the park away from cars and pedestrians that could be a great place for a off leash dog park. There are spaces there (far back of the park, close to the street parking) that people already use as off leash dog area.
- Further along Bayview, towards the Gardiner (just past the existing corktown commons). There is plenty of undeveloped land there that could be used and planned properly for an off-leash area.
- Under the bridge
- How about you ask residents to keep their dogs on a leash, and pick up their poop after they've done their business. Why is it the city feels dog owners should get an off-leash area. We need so much more in this community before we waste what little space we have for an off leash park. Why not locate this off-leash dog leash in an area that's being developed near the the lower Donlands
- Somewhere in the open area berm around Corktown Common
- none
- Numerous dog owners already don't leash their dogs in Corktown Common. What makes anybody think they'll stop? Maybe a place at Bayview and Mill.
- Reinstate the off leash area where it was in Corktown Common and make it a bit larger.
- Behind Canary Park. There is large swathes of land already being used for dogs and their owners.
- A small portion.of corktown common that is further away from residents.
- Closer to the distillery or closer to cherry st
- Cortown Common, south of the playground area. This is already a nice grassy area and is not adjacent to the river...South of this area is a rail yard
- Is there no part of corktown common that could be off leash?
- I would want to know WHY the eastern side of the berm is not suitable first as it is the most appropriate area. Otherwise, look closer to the rail tracks. The number of dogs in the area requires a large park with real space to run and chase balls.
- The argument for tobogganing hill in corktown commons at the back is ridiculous. The area is massive and is mostly used by dog owners. Splitting this in half would give space for tobogganing and provide equivalent space for an off leash area when compared to Harris square. Further suggestion for underpass park, the food market can move to Harris square as it's not a permanent instalment. Third suggestion, why not the area on bayview on the other side of 170 bayview, directly beside the already existing private fenced in dog park. Anywhere but Harris square. It would be much better to make this into a berkzy style park like the one downtown that encourages more transient flow and actually brings people there for public engagement, not to have dogs do their business in. This is a bad idea and your team can do better than this!
- Why do we need off leash dog parks in a dense urban neighborhood? The reasons given for not using the east side of Corktown Commons are nonsensical.
- This seems to be a bureaucratic problem. Instead of making the square a dog park, TRCA should allow a fenced area at Corktown Common where it belongs. TRCA shouldn't have final say.
- Anywhere else
- I know that the berm area on the far side of Corktown Commons is not being considered as it is in the flood plain, but I think that would be a better location. And it is being used unofficially as an off leash area.
- Corktown Common

- An ideal location would be behind corktown commons, it's perfect!
- Orphan's Green. Power Street between Richmond Street East and Adelaide Street East.
- Behind corktown common
- There are already off leash designated area(s) for dogs a few metres away from Lawren Harris Square. If a closed off dog park is the city's goal, then reinstall the previous closed dog park which was south/east of Bayview, by the driveway to the Corktown Common Park. Or install gates on the existing off leash area that is east, near the train tracks. Please do NOT make Lawren Harris Square into a off leash dog park. PLEASE DO LOOK into the matter from a open market/activeTO opportunity.
- There is one by River city 3. Or the meadow in Corktown common park.
- Somewhere east of Bayview around Corktown Common
- Why not designate an unfenced area on the east side of the berm in corktown commons and then increase enforcement for dogs off leash in other areas of the park. Also fine people who have pitbulls.
- I have been working/advocating for an off leash dog area for years in the area. The flood plain is still a potential option IF it was mandated as Riverdale park is wherein the off leash is NOT fenced but has hours of usability. The natural berm argument due to the plant life that was originally there is null as the berm was cut down years ago and the city now cuts the grounds all season.
- The TRCA should allow the dog park in its original location.
- Corktown Commons park area has some room to slice off a piece and fence it of for barking dogs, and owners should accept the better option: walking with dog a few blocks around will be more healthy for both of them, much better than standing in pooped pit/corral.
- Adjacent to the Broadview Ave and Queen Street underpass. Toronto water recently did construction work related to the Coxwell sewer bypass project. There was a large underground shaft installed here so the City either owns this land or has an easement here.
- There's a fantastic area that people that makes for a perfect dog park. It's on the other side of the groomed part of cork town common. It's bordered by the Ring Road and the train tracks to the east, and the ring of trees and the groomed park with the playground etc. to the west. It's the bank of a hill and people don't want to walk there anyway.
- The reasons stated above for why the other considered locations won't work are weak and appear to be written to dissuade the reader and steer them to your "last resort" of LH square. It's a biased survey. The ideal locations is the one that is naturally occurring (think "desire paths" in urban planning). People are using the east side of the Berm at Corktown Common as an off leash area because it's an under-utilized space, and it is out of the way so does not conflict with other users of the park and it's away from buildings so noise is a non-issue. Yes, it is designed as a flood protection. If the concern by TRCA is that some 100 year flood event will wipe out the fencing and groundworks, yes it could (probably would) happen, but the dog area could get plenty of use prior to that happening. Long term planning for repairing fencing and ground over can be budgeted. The people want and are already using this space. Open space away from buildings is hard to find downtown. This space is ideal. Convince TRCA. The community will support this effort. With respect to Underpass Park, I love the farmers market but it's a weak excuse. Markets are temporary and movable. Something that uses a space for 3.5 hours a week for 1/3 of the days of the year (19 days?) should not trump a much needed amenity that can be used all day/evening 365 days/year. Move the market to LH square (it's underutilizes, right?). Or put the market on the extra wide pedestrian

promenade on Front Street in Canary - it was designed for such purposes, would animate the street, and get much more passerby foot traffic.

- Change the rules for the east side of the hill. Let's make this work for the people who live here. It's the obvious choice as it is underused generally.
- South East side of Corktown commons
- Revisit Corktown Common. There is an area to the west of the groundskeeper shed, north of the tracks, that is above the flood plain and would be ideal.
- Not sure but definitely not at cork town commons
- Corktown common park
- I would suggest considering the back of the common but without a fence. Similar to other parks in the city like Monarch Park- the area is far enough from the road and could be used as an off leash unfenced area. There are also other areas south of the park and towards the highways that could be used
- Improve the Broadview/queen park and find a location that is not smooshed between high rises. What about somewhere west of the park? There seems to be vacant land/areas
- The plains behind Corktown Corktown common park offer plenty of room outside the planted park.
- The east side of the Corktown Common berm. There is a wide space available and can be easily repurposed
- The berm behind Corktown Common is already used effectively as an off leash dog park and is a better location for this use. Next to the park, but clearly separated.
- There is a huge off leash area off to the east of the Corktown Commons park. Use that space which is big and will provide the adequate space.
- Still in the park. Or see if RC 3 Off leash park could be made public
- Go back to TRCA and renegotiate with them. A flood plain will not flood so fast that it would not be feasible to properly close the fenced area with signage. Cork town Common, on the north side of the bayview or in the previous gravelled site. Prior approval existed. Get it back.
- Plenty of room in the surroundings of Canary district and River city
- South-East part of the hill of Corcktown common
- Any in a surroundings. There is a lot of space in east part of a hill of Corktown common
- Make the Corktown Common berm an off leash park. It doesn't need to be fenced in.
- Unsure, but I don't feel comfortable when dogs are not on leashes in public.
- Beside the sculpture at the south end of cork town. Beside the log and red metal sculpture
- Another area of cork town commons
- There is the strip of land along Bayview to the east of the condo towers. People already use it as a dog park, and it is literally a block east of Lawren Harris Park. Rooftop dog runs on the condo buildings?
- East side of Corktown commons
- South of cork town commons there's a stretch of park space.
- The Hydro fields between Bayview and the condo buildings south of Queen.
- To the east, about 50' away is a HUGE GIANT PARK. This is more than enough. Please - this city is being overrun by people and their dogs. Enough.
- The current one, down in the Corktown Common valley on the east side that runs along Bayview and overlooks the Don River & DVP. Just needs a bit of a fence around it. There's room there for dogs to run and it gets lots of sun and breezes.

- Integrate it as part of the cork town commons park.
- Somewhere a little away from the main entrance of condo units
- the area on the east side of the condos which is on the west bank of the Don River
- There's all kinds of space along the east side of Corktown Common Park ...
- Why you asking a stupid question after telling us other locations aren't feasible..you really must think ☐ we are all stupid to buy into this only option you propose
- You are asking a stupid question after suggesting 2 of the 3 areas are not feasible for an off leash park ..
- The east side of corktown commons should become an un-fenced in off leash. This is the cheapest solution for the city (literally install 3 - 4 signs) and is the most logical. Responsible dog owners will continue to use this space any ways, as most responsible dog owners know better than to risk taking their dog to a small city of Toronto “dog park” given the risk of injury on gravel and the issues these small spaces create.
- I understand that east side of corktown cannot be fenced, but could it be designated off leash without a fence? My second suggestion would be the area immediately west of Corktown Commons, the square of land between Tannery and Bayview, and between Front street and Mill street
- The east side of cork town common, which is commonly used by dog owners. There is NO reason why the area needs to be fenced, it can simply be designated off-leash again with some signs (as it is done at sherbourne/esplanade).
- It should be placed somewhere within a natural area. Either in corktown commons park, or perhaps the sloped area on the west side of bayview, east of the condo, north of where bayview turns. Or perhaps the parkette between king and queen that goes down under the bridge.
- Strip of land parallel to the railway tracks running east/west along the most southerly edge of Corktown Commons which is already separated physically and visually from this park by a small berm. Alternatively, create restricted off-leash hours (without fencing), say before 9 am and after 5pm, 7 days a week on the meadow side of the berm.
- Corktown Common, somewhere around the blood berm.
- Figure out a better viable alternative and get back to the community - this is a city planning issue.
- The area below the King/Queen bridge??
- The back area of corktown common. The place where no one BUT dog owners use anyway. It's ridiculous that it hasn't been designated for dog use.
- Designate a portion of Corktown Commons for this
- corktown common park
- Behind the River City buildings (either river city 2 or river city 3) towards Bayview. There are other patches of space nearby that don't have seating etc. I like to sit at Lawren Harris Square and it seems a waste to remove existing benches etc when they've been there for less than a decade.
- Somewhere else.
- Thunder Bay
- Where mill Street meets Bayview. South side of the street beside the big red sculpture which is currently unused and just gravel.
- Is there any spot to put an off leash area that includes access to the Don River for the dogs?
- Somewhere in Corktown Commons
- The east berm with no fences would be preferred.

- West of playground near south end of commons
- Eastern part of coorktown common park, along the railway
- Nearby path.
- East side of Corktown Commons. This area, despite being located in the floodplain, will continue to be used by dog owners who will undoubtedly continue to unleash their dogs. The previous off-leash area that was removed was also in the floodplain and even closer to the river. The concept of a fenced off-leash area within the floodplain should be considered grandfathered and permitted to be relocated.
- There is already an off-leash dog area directly behind 170 Bayview Avenue, just a few steps away from Lawren Harris Square right by the Eastern overpass, that is barely used. I would suggest to enlarge this off-leash dog area to help intensify its use, should the issue be one of capacity.
- I would suggest expanding in the already created dog park by RC3 or repurposing some of the area behind Corktown commons park that slopes toward the DVP. Many residents already use that area to unleash their dogs anyhow.
- There is already an off-leash dog park just north of 170 Bayview, very close to here that is very underused. This off-leash should be enlarged to accommodate. Alternatively, the farmers market could be moved to Lawren Harris Sq as the curb cuts and removable bollards already suggest this would be a better location for it. Then, a new dog park could go in Underpass Park.
- Parks a little further east
- Behind the playground where the bike path is.
- There are many off-leash dog areas in part of the city and I am sure if the city wants to create an off-leash area there is 18 acres that a section can be used in the Corktown commons park already near by.
- Behind Corktown commons park in the unofficial off-leash area.
- As long as it was fenced-in, anywhere is fine. But an open-field off-leash area is very dangerous.
- Just west of the big red sculpture where Bayview meets Mill street.
- The cement park area on the corner of Eastern and St. Lawrence Street across from the Foundry buildings. Great location. Barely anyone ever uses that area and is a prime pee and poop location for dogs, especially in the winter.
- The Riverside meadowlands in Corktown Common where I see dogs all day enjoying themselves in the open field.
- Honesty if there isn't another option at this point as pointed out save the tax payer money.
- The ideal area is cork town common east of the berm WITHOUT fences. Dog owners should not allow their dogs to run off-leash in the park area which is frequent and enjoyed by people and children.
- The moon.
- The grassy area between Bayview and Trolley Cres. North of Eastern, south of Queen/King.
- I believe the area reserved for children tobogganing should be reconsidered. Riverdale park is so close and has the best hills for that anyway. It's also a very short time of the year when tobogganing is possible. The dogs would use that space all year round.
- The Corktown Common berm, but with no fence. Just keep it as is. The current way in which the dog community is using the space is clearly working organically, not disturbing the natural environment, and keeping dogs out of the main part of the park. Hillcrest dog park is a perfect example of how an off-leash, partially fenced dog park works for local

residents within the city limits. This new proposal wouldn't even require a fence. You could use natural materials, such as logs from trees (as is also done in Hillcrest Park) to denote the dog park section.

- the green space at the end of the road (end of Lawren Harris Sq and Bayveiw) or (end of Bayview/Front or Bayview/Mill) those places are far away from buildings and cars etc.

[I am a resident in another part of the neighbourhood. Please list the building/describe.](#)

445 total responses.

- 510 king
- Pure Spirit
- Distillery district
- St Lawrence
- I live at River and Gerrard and walk my dog in the commons.
- Distillery District - 70 Distillery Lane
- Live on River St
- Distillery
- St Lawrence market
- 119 Trinity St.
- Regent park (former resident of canary district)
- Queen and river
- Sumach street
- Live nearby
- Just north of King St E near Sumach
- 510 King St E
- 510 King St E
- Old Trillium Lane
- 510 king
- Distillery district
- resident of canary district
- 510 King St E
- 90 sumach at queen/sumach
- 510 King - owned dogs before - also, please put a path to Orphan's park from King, between Richmond and Adelaide
- Trefann court.
- 390 Cherry
- 510 King West
- 21 Lawren Harris Sq
- Distillery District
- 510 King St E
- 510 King
- Gilead pl
- Corktown
- I'm a resident at 510 King Street East
- 11A Gilead Pl
- Wilkins Avenue
- Distillery District

- 510 King St E
- Corktown District Lofts Phase II
- Corktown District
- Corktown district lofts
- St. Lawrence
- 510 king
- Regent Park
- Resident of Canary District condo
- Old Brewery Lane (Queen and River by the Humane Society)
- 70 Mill Street
- I live at 60 River Street and I take my dog to the Corktown Common often.
- King and River
- Distillery
- Distillery District
- Canary district
- Distillery District
- Resident on Sumach Street
- Cork town resident, st James school neighbour
- Riverdale South
- Loft residence at 52 St.Lawrence street
- 510 King e
- Distillery
- Sumach Street between Queen and King
- Resident of Corktown who walks in this area almost daily.
- 200 Sackville St
- 510 King St E
- Corktown
- 510 King St E (Corktown District Lofts II)
- I live in Regent Park and my boyfriend has a dog.
- Corktown King St. E.
- I visit Corktown Common
- Resident at Canary Block
- Cork town, Trinity street. And I use public space in canary and river district on a daily basis to walk my dogs.
- st. Lawrence Park area
- Richmond/Sherbourne...neighboring community, but this space is on my regular running route.
- 160 The Esplanade
- Distillery District - 33 Mill Street
- Distillery District
- 455
- I am a member of the Gooderham and Worts Neighbourhood Association (why is it not listed?) and I live at 39 Parliament St.
- Distillery District
- Corktown
- We visit Corktown park occasionally
- Old Corktown, 1 block west (nearer to Sumach)

- Queen/River street resident
- I live in Riverside on the other side of the DVP, but looking at moving into this area.
- 569 King St. E
- Cork town
- 150 Broadview
- 80 Mill Street (Distillery)
- St Lawrence
- East Bayfront
- St Lawrence Neighbourhood
- 68 Broadview resident and use Corktown Commons
- 510 King Street East
- Church st/carlton
- 510 King St E
- King/Parliament
- 21 Lawren Harris Sq
- Market wharf often walk to cork town area
- M5A 4S7
- St. Lawrence on the Park
- Post house (st. Lawrence market area)
- Distillery
- Resident nearby
- St. Lawrence
- Old town Toronto
- St Lawrence market neighbourhood - 109 Front street
- Live at Berkeley & The Esplanade but walk almost every day in Corktown.
- 70 Distillery Lane
- Resident at Jarvis and Front.
- Distillery
- Regent park
- St Lawrence
- 88 Scott
- I own and live in a condo at 510 King st E building
- East waterfront
- toronto
- St Lawrence
- 60 River Street Co-op
- Mcgee street
- Corktown brownstones
- Esplanade
- 333 Adelaide St E
- Canary Common
- Canary commons
- Just west of Parliament south of the Esplanade.
- 228 Queens Quay W, but I sometimes bring my dog to Corktown Common (on-leash)
- Regent park
- St. Lawrence neighbourhood (25 the Esplanade)
- St Lawrence

- Corktown resident
- 455 front street east
- Leslieville
- .
- WINDMILL LINE COOP
- Distillery district
- Nearby in Leslieville
- Corktown resident
- Paintbox condos
- East united condos
- 455 Front
- Resident of St Lawrence Market neighborhood but visit corktown Commons often with my child.
- 569 King Street East, at King & St. Lawrence.
- Canary District
- 80 Mill Street
- St Lawrence Market
- Previously river city 1. Now regent park
- Canary district condos
- Distillery district
- Corktown District
- 33 Mill
- Distillery
- canary district
- Bayside Aqualina
- I live in leslievillle
- Gilead place
- 70 Distillery Lane
- Just off Sumach St.
- Resident of Canary District
- Cork town
- Just west of Corktown so we regularly walk to Corktown to use the green space
- East lofts
- The Modern, 320 Richmond St E
- Regent Park south
- King East
- 460 Adelaide east
- At Lawrence lofts
- Parliament st
- Trinity Street
- Corktown.
- Edge loft
- Cabbagetown
- Resident of Corktown
- I live in Corktown, near Queen and Sackville and attend the Corktown Common.
- Lower sherbourne/ queens quay (east bay front)
- Distillery District - 39 Parliament Street

- Canary Block
- Distillery District
- Canary commons
- The historic distiller district
- Distillery district
- Riverside
- I am a homeowner at King and Lower River area.
- Corktown
- Trinity street
- Walking distance to this area from St Lawrence Market.
- Distillery District
- Raffeix Lane Complex
- Distillery district
- 70 Distillery lane/clear spirit
- Baseball Place
- Regent Park - Paintbox Condos
- Canary District - 455 Front St E
- Distillery District
- 514 King st east
- 33 Mill Street
- 400 ADELAIDE ST E
- 569 King Street East, M5A1M5
- Homeowner on Ashby Place
- Regent Park
- The Derby: 393 King St E. (I would like owners to keep dogs leashed in Little Trinity Park.)
- The Distillery District
- 80 Mill St
- Distillery District
- Corktown King St
- Bright street. Twenty five year Corktownner
- 439 king street
- 39 Parliament st.
- Longtime (19 years) resident of Corktown. I live on Bright street.
- 52 Sumach St
- I live in one of the very old houses on Trinity Street and used to own a dog.
- Resident of Corktown
- 318 King St east
- Regent Park
- 80 mill street
- I live on St Paul street but run on a regular basis through the proposed area
- Queen and River.
- River & shuter
- Canary District
- Regent Park
- Canary Block
- 33 Mill St. (Pure Spirit)

- I live at 90 Power Street
- Adelaide/Sherborne
- Ivory near Sherbourne and Adelaide
- 90 Sumach. Queen St. E. and Sumach St.
- 510 King St. East
- 33 Mill Street
- 80 Mill Street
- The Vu
- 90 trinity street
- 52 St Lawrence Street
- 510 king st east
- I am a resident further north and, before covid, would visit with friends in Corktown Common every weekend. We would take my dog out to run around before we sat down to dinner and a movie. This was a vital part of our routine.
- 510 King St E
- Distillery
- Riverside area
- Queen st East
- Looking to move to the area, would be more likely to do so if there was a dog park
- 7o mill street
- Gooderham, 390 Cherry.
- Broadview lofts!
- 14 Old Primrose Lane townhouse complex
- Corktown (king and parliament)
- Lindenwood (70 Mill St)
- I live in Riverdale but walk a dog in this area
- 120 bayview
- 510 King St E
- Distillery district
- I live near King & Sherbourne and spend a lot of time in Corktown Common and surrounding area with my young child
- I live on Wilkins Ave.
- Corktown Commons
- Regent Park
- I live in Cabbagetown and often run and walk through this neighbourhood, often with my dog. I would definitely use a dog park here. Right now, most people just let their dogs off leash anyway, but without a protective area with a fence.
- I live on Sumach St., one block north of Shuter. Was a Corktown resident for over 25 years till last year.
- Distillery District
- Queen/River
- I live just down the street (5minute walk) and walk my dog to corktown commons every day.
- Rezen
- Distillery District
- 33 Mill St and getting a dog soon!
- Distillery

- Riverside, take my dog there often
- I live in Regent Park but often take my walks around corktown
- Bright Street
- CorkTown
- Percy Street, two small blocks west, near Sumach. I visit Lawren Harris and Corktown Common at least twice a week.
- Distillery District - Gooderham Resident
- Leslieville
- Riverside Square
- 120 Bayview Ave
- 120 Parliament
- Wilkins Avenue townhouse.
- Not in this neighbourhood but nearby in Riverdale.
- 625 queen street east
- Corktown king and river
- Distillery District
- corktown, 52 st lawrence st
- Riverside
- Nearby neighbour - beside St. Lawrence Market
- 30 baseball pl
- Resident of canary block
- Used to live in river city and now live nearby
- Regent park. My dog and I visit corktown and dvt often
- own a condo at 510 king st e
- Distillery District- Gooderham Building
- Distillery (70 Mill Street)
- Wascana Avenue
- Trinity Lofts
- Percy Street
- Riverside square
- I am a dog-walker and bring dogs to Corktown Common frequently.
- Wascana Ave resident
- Corktown District condo
- I am resident of the Distillery District.
- Queen St. E/ River St
- Sumach street / Wascana
- 21 Lawren Harris Sq
- King and River St
- Corktown
- Corktown
- King & Sumach
- We want water please. Splash pads and fountains. And WE WANT TREES
- Resident of the Distillery District
- regent park
- The king east - 318 king street east - Cork town
- Rivertowne condos

- I live just across the bridge at eastern and Broadview. Corktown park is our closest park. We frequent the park there almost daily. Clearly the proposition has come about due to the high number of dog owners using the park, so to compact them into a smaller space and fence it off would look very ugly and also likely be too small. Whatever you decide, DO NOT USE PEBBLES. It's not fun for the dogs. Also, wood chips, many dogs I know eat those and then get sick. Grass is best.
- Indigo Condominium at Church and Richmond.
- Resident near River/Shuter
- Esplanade Distillery
- Distillery district
- Distillery building
- Distillery district
- St Lawrence Market
- Pure spirit
- Resident in Distillery District area
- Sync lofts
- Palace St. Buildings
- 65 Scadding Ave
- Scadding Ave
- Riverside sq
- Queen @ broadview
- St Lawrence on the Park
- Space Loft
- Leslieville
- 549 king Street east
- Home on Wascana avenue
- I live in East York, but attend church weekly at Little Trinity, and visit disabled people on St. Lawrence or Cooperage St most every week.
- We live in one of the condos on King St between River and Sumach / Cherry street.
- 33 Mill Street
- Cork Town
- I live in the Distillery
- 170 Bayview Avenue
- Vinegar Factory Lofts
- Corktown
- I don't live in that development, but leave nearby and frequently walk through the area.
- 170 Bayview
- 33 Mill St
- Gooderham Condominiums at the Distillery
- Gooderham (Distillery District)
- Distillery district
- Gooderham
- Distillery
- Gooderham - 390 cherry street
- Gooderham building. Used to have a dog and would love to see a dedicated place in the neighbourhood for off-leash dogs, as it is undesirable to have off-leash dogs at any/all places throughout the neighbourhood.
- Distillery District

- Distillery district
- The Gooderham - 390 Cherry Street
- The Goodrham
- Distillery district
- Corktown
- Canary District
- Distillery
- Distillery District
- 390 cherry street
- Gooderham Building on Cherry Street
- Distillery
- Distillery district resident
- 390 Cherry Street
- Gooderham
- 390 Cherry Street
- Distillery Dostrict - Gooderham Building
- Distillery - 390 Cherry St.
- Canary District
- Distillery
- Distillery District
- Gooderham
- GOODERHAM building in the distillery
- Distillery
- Distillery - Cherry St.
- Distillery district
- Gooderham Building on Cherry Street
- Distillery
- 390 Cherry Street
- 390 cherry st
- 390 cherry street
- Gooderham building - Distillery District
- Gooderham Condominium
- Distillery
- 390 cherry st
- Gooderham condo building
- Canary District condos
- Vinegar lofts
- 390 cherry street
- Cherry street
- 390 Cherry Street
- Distillery district
- Regent park
- The Gooderham
- Resident of Gooderham
- Gooderhame
- Wilkins Avenue resident
- Regent park.

- 465 king st East
- Leslieville
- Knitting Mills on Queen Street East. Just moved out of River City 1.
- Other building
- Baseball Place
- Home off River st.
- Distillery District
- River and Queen
- Condo on Scadding Ave
- Gooderham Building - 390 Cherry St
- Distillery - Gooderham Building
- 80 Mill
- Distillery District
- I own a condo unit in River City 2 but live in Corktown near River & Queen
- 390 Cherry St
- 90 Sumach St. Queen and sumach
- Regent park.
- Pure spirit distillery
- 16 Bonnycastle St
- Corktown house.
- I live at River and Dundas
- 510 King
- Gooderham cherry st
- the esplanade
- Nearby resident at King and Jarvis, but often walk to the area
- 222 the Esplanade
- One Park Place
- I live at king and parliament
- Edge lofts at Queen and DVP
- 510 King street condo
- 90 Sumach Street
- Distillery district
- 21 Lawren Harris Square
- Queen east
- Corktown
- Corktown/old town
- Corktown
- St Lawrence market area
- Oak street coop
- Distillery district
- Parklawn and lakeshore
- 388 Shuter St
- 7 king east
- Cabbagetown
- I live on The Esplanade & walk to Corktown Common daily.
- Moss park go to corktown commons often
- St Lawrence Market area

- The Modern
- Market Wharf
- Resident of 33 Mill St
- Leslieville
- Canary District building
- Baseball Place

Appendix D: Email Responses

Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 3:26 PM

To: Alex Lavasidis <Alex.Lavasidis@toronto.ca>

Cc: Megan Poole <Megan.Poole@toronto.ca>; Tyler Johnson <Tyler.Johnson@toronto.ca>

Subject: WDL - Off-leash dog park consultation

Hi Alex,

Thanks for the call back today.

As I said, the consultation on the Lawren Harris Square off-leash dog area was discussed at the April West Don Lands Committee meeting.

While there is acknowledgement that an off-leash area is needed, there were strong concerns that Lawren Harris Square is not at all adequate for an off-leash area. While it could serve as a dog relief station, it is not of a sufficient size to offer dogs the free run exercise that is the point of an off-leash area.

Your message stated that the TRCA would not allow the wet side of the FPL to be used for an off-leash area. We are hoping that position could be re-explored with the help of PFR and the Councillor's office.

In the absence of a suitable facility, all of Corktown Common has become an off-leash area - which is not an optimal situation. Dog owners have suggested that there are parts of the park that could or should be considered which include the TRCA managed portion.

On your advice I will suggest that people register their concerns through the consultation questionnaire, but I am also hoping that working with the Councillor's office you might be in a position to initiate discussions with PFR, TRCA and the community about this.

Thanks very much.

Sent: May 11, 2021 3:34 PM

To: Bob Duguid <Bob.Duguid@toronto.ca>

Cc: Councillor Wong-Tam <kristyn@kristynwongtam.ca>

Subject: Proposed Lawrence Harris Square Dog Off-Leash Area

Hello,

I am writing to express my extreme concern and displeasure upon hearing that there is a proposed off-leash dog park planned on Lawrence Harris square which is adjacent to 3 condo buildings. I would like to know who decided that this would be a good idea to basically ruin a pedestrian through way and cause dog excrement and noise concerns to residents. This is not only inappropriate but actually quite disrespectful to all the residents in the area. If the city is too lazy to actually find a usable piece of land that will not disturb hundreds of residents then perhaps they should not be rushing to build this dog park. Not only will this off-leash dog park ruin the property and disturb all condo residents (those with and without dogs) but it also does not address the FACT that dog owners will also continue to use Corktown Commons. So in fact you are not only taking away a pedestrian park/walk way but you are also ruining the space and causing noise pollution and dog waste pollution NEXT to residential buildings. The city should try HARDER to find a suitable location that is not in the middle of 3 condos instead of just catering to a handful of dog owners. Dogs do not pay taxes as far as I know and thus should

not dictate residential areas. Extremely disappointed with the city on this LAZY and crass decision and I hope this location choice is scrapped.

Corktown dweller

Sent: May 21, 2021 9:59 AM

To: Bob Duguid <Bob.Duguid@toronto.ca>

Subject: Lawren Harris Square proposed dog park- concerns

Good morning,

I recently learned about the proposed dog park in Lawren Harris Square, and wanted to express my concerns. I strongly feel that this is not a good use of this space, and that a dog park should not be placed here.

Firstly, I do not feel that this space is large enough for dogs to move around. There is the small fenced in dog area behind one of the buildings that could be opened up for other buildings to use primarily for bathroom purposes.

Secondly, it seems unsafe to establish a dog park with roads immediately on all four sides. Thirdly, through and around this square is a very high traffic walking area. Putting a dog park in such a small space would undoubtedly create odour issues. This would impact a very pleasant walking space.

Please let me know if there is a better way for me to express my concerns.

Thank you,
