

## Request for Decision

### Off Leash Dog Park Draft By-law

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Committee

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### Recommendation

WHEREAS the City will open the first off-leash dog park in August, 2012;

AND WHEREAS amendments are necessary to the existing City of Greater Sudbury Animal Control By-law 2002-285 to permit dogs to be off-leash in the off-leash dog park;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the City of Greater Sudbury direct staff to prepare a draft by-law to regulate the operation of the off-leash dog park;

AND THAT such by-law include rules, regulations and hours of operation;

AND THAT the draft by-law be presented to the Community Services Standing Committee in June for approval.

### Finance Implications

The capital funds to develop the off-leash dog park in the amount of \$116,659.00 have been previously approved. Council approved a one-time allocation of \$47,255.00 to complete phase 1. The balance of the capital will be funded from Ward 11 Healthy Community Initiative fund. Operational funds in the amount of \$6,700.00 have also been approved and included as part of the base budget.

## Background

The Dogs Off-Leash Committee (D.O.G.S.) which is a subcommittee of the Minnow Lake Community Action Network appeared before the Policy Committee on June 16, 2010 requesting support in the creation of the first off-leash dog park in the City of Greater Sudbury. Council responded with support for the creation for the first off-leash dog park to be located at the corner of Donna Drive and Second Avenue North. The site is zoned as open space conservation which permits the operation of the off-leash dog park and does not require rezoning.

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The capital funding in the amount of \$116,659.00 to complete phase 1 and phase 2 have been secured through one-time funding allocation and from Ward 11 Healthy Community Initiative funds. In addition, permanent funding to maintain the park in the amount of \$6,700.00 has been approved and has been incorporated in the base budget. The committee is committed to raising additional funds in order to further enhance the site in the future.

### **By-law**

The off-leash dog park is scheduled to open late this August. In view of the park opening, it is necessary to begin the process to developing a by-law in order to regulate the operation of the park. Staff will be consulting with the D.O.G.S. Committee and will incorporate their input as part of establishing the by-law.

### **Conclusion/Next Steps**

Staff will continue to consult with various City departments and the D.O.G.S. Committee in developing recommended rules and regulations along with hours of operation. The following will become part of the draft by-law:

1. Amendment to the Animal Control By-law 2002-285 being a by-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to regulate the keeping of animals and the registration of dogs and cats in order to permit dogs to be off-leash in the dog park.
2. Establish rules and regulations related to the operation of the dog park.
3. Establish hours of operation.

Staff will submit the draft by-law to the Standing Committee in June for review and approval.