

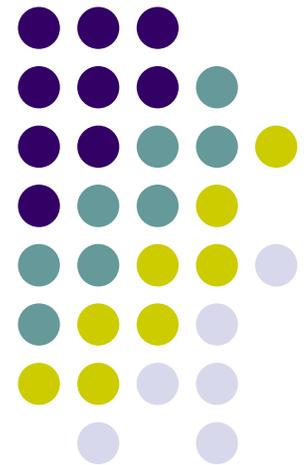
# Off-Leash Dog Park Request for Funding

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Presentation to:  
**Finance Committee,**  
City of Greater Sudbury

**Dogs Off-Leash in Greater Sudbury**  
Minnow Lake Community Action Network

Monday, January 31, 2011





## OBJECTIVE:

- On June 16, 2010, the Policy Committee requested a staff report outlining the potential costs for creating a new Dog Park in Minnow Lake area prior to the 2011 Budget Process.
- That report was received on January 19, 2011 by the Policy Committee outlining the potential costs for the park which have been identified at \$123,379.
- We are presenting to support the findings of the city staff report.



## REASONS FOR THE PROJECT:

- Both the *City of Greater Sudbury's Master Plan* and the *Parks, Open Space & Leisure Master Plan (POSLMP)* identify clearly the importance of the issue and the need to develop an off-leash dog play area within the urban areas of the City.
- The OLDP contributes and promotes the *POSLMP* objective of promoting the well-being of citizens in a healthy, safe and stimulating community.



## REASONS FOR THE PROJECT:

- It promotes responsible dog ownership through mandatory registration and regular shots.
- It limits dog owners infringing on the rights of other community residents and park users such as joggers, small children, and those who may be fearful of dogs in shared public parks/spaces.
- Also dogs that get enough exercise are less likely to create a nuisance, bark excessively, destroy property or jump up.



## REASONS FOR THE PROJECT:

- Off-leash areas have been successfully implemented and maintained throughout Ontario & North America.
- It increases revenues from the sale of dog licenses from responsible dog owners willing to use the dog park.
- It would make an aesthetically pleasing use of a current eye sore which could attract tourists, new residents and businesses to the area.



## REASONS FOR THE PROJECT:

- A community partnership with the OLDP Association would provide much support and revenue (donations) for the on-going maintenance of the dog park.
- It garners wide community support from residents in all wards of the City of Greater Sudbury including a strong support from Minnow Lake Residents.
- In a recent survey of Minnow Lake Residents, they agreed that building and maintaining a dog park are appropriate uses of municipal funds.

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To the dedicated members of the DOGS  
Committee for volunteering countless  
hours to see the success of this valuable  
community project,

And to the Minnow Lake Community Action  
Network through it's leader John Lindsay  
for their continual support and guidance  
as we forge ahead together to improve  
the lives and community for all residents  
of Minnow Lake and the City of Greater  
Sudbury.

**Thank you one and all!**

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We invite all members of City Council  
and residents of the City of Greater  
Sudbury to review our project by  
visiting our website at:

**[www.dogsofleash.ca](http://www.dogsofleash.ca)**

Thank you for your consideration and  
on-going support of this project!