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### Off-Leash Dog Park in Minnow Lake

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### Recommendation

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## Background

The Dogs Off-Leash in Greater Sudbury Committee, (D.O.G.S - sub-committee of the Minnow Lake Community Action Network), appeared before the City of Greater Sudbury's Policy Committee on June 16, 2010, to request support in the creation of Greater Sudbury's first Off-Leash Dog Park. As a result of this presentation, the Policy Committee requested to have city staff generate a report outlining the framework and potential costs required to develop this facility. Staff worked with the Committee to outline needs and plan the design of the park.

Throughout the design phase, Leisure staff consulted with various CGS departments including the following: Planning, Roads and Transportation, Risk Management, Engineering, Public Works and By-law. The general design includes controlled, fenced-in areas for large and small dogs, entry gates, specified points of access and a designated parking area for approximately 25 cars.

The proposed location for the park is a section of city property, located at the corner of Donna Drive and Second Avenue N in Ward 8. From a zoning perspective, the proposed site was recently re-classified as Open Space Conservation, O.S.C., which permits a park of this nature. From a safety perspective, the grounds of the proposed site require extensive leveling and grading to ensure safe usage for all participants.

Regarding entrance points, staff were informed that future plans are in place to change the existing Second Avenue cemetery entrance to line-up with Scarlett Road, along with the installation of a traffic light. It was agreed that the entrance to the park could be located in line with Scarlett Road to coincide with the future intersection.

Staff were also informed of existing drainage issues at the Donna Drive/Second Avenue site and that no changes would be undertaken to the present drainage ditches as part of this project. It was also confirmed

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that the dog park would have no effect on the Second Avenue storm water pumping station.

Two by-laws would be affected by the implementation of a dog park; the Parks By-Law and the Animal Control By-Law. Minor amendments would be required should this project proceed.

The Committee will be making a presentation and requesting funding for this project at the Public Budget Input session scheduled for January 31, 2011. The potential costs of the park as proposed are outlined below:

Fencing	\$ 54,424
Entrance, Road Way, Parking Area, Excavation, Crusher Dust, Debris Removal, Ground Clearing, Culverts for Drainage * Effort will be made to preserve various trees on-site	\$ 57,255
Park Maintenance (May 1 <sup>st</sup> to October 31 <sup>st</sup> yearly) Inspect Grounds, Cleaning of Grounds, Changing of Garbage Cans and Dog Waste Dispensers (weekly)	\$ 6,700
Signage	\$ 5,000
Total Costs	\$123,379