

The City of North Vancouver  
 Engineering, Parks & Environment Department  
 Lower Lonsdale Off-Leash Area  
 Open House #2 Questionnaire Results Summary

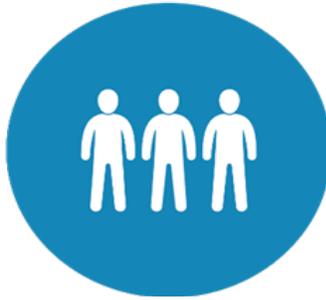


The following information is a complete summary of the feedback collected online, by email, through social media and from the second public open house.



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Completed Questionnaires



100+

Attended Open House

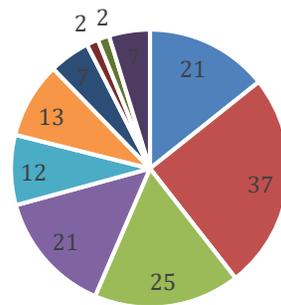


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Other Forms of Communication

**1. How did you hear about the Open House? (check as many as apply)**

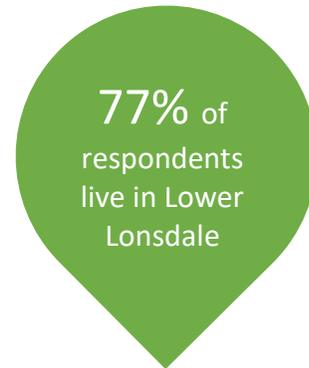
City Website	21	Signs in Park	25
Facebook/Twitter	37	Word of Mouth	21
CityView e-newsletter	12	Email	13
Signs on our building	7	Signs at doggy day care	7
Walking by	2	Other not specified	7



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**2. Where do you live?**

- Lower Lonsdale Resident 62
- Neighbour to Waterfront Park (within 2 blocks) 26
- City of North Vancouver 19
- District of North Vancouver 7

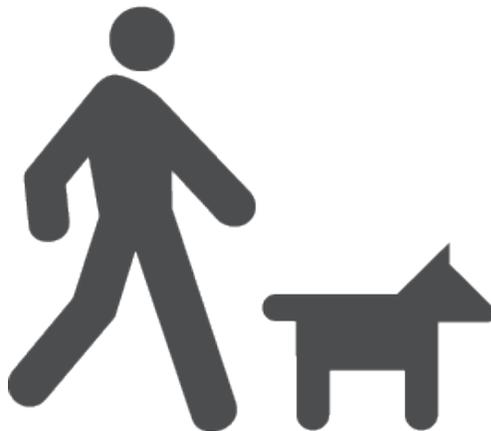


**3. How often do you frequent Waterfront Park?**

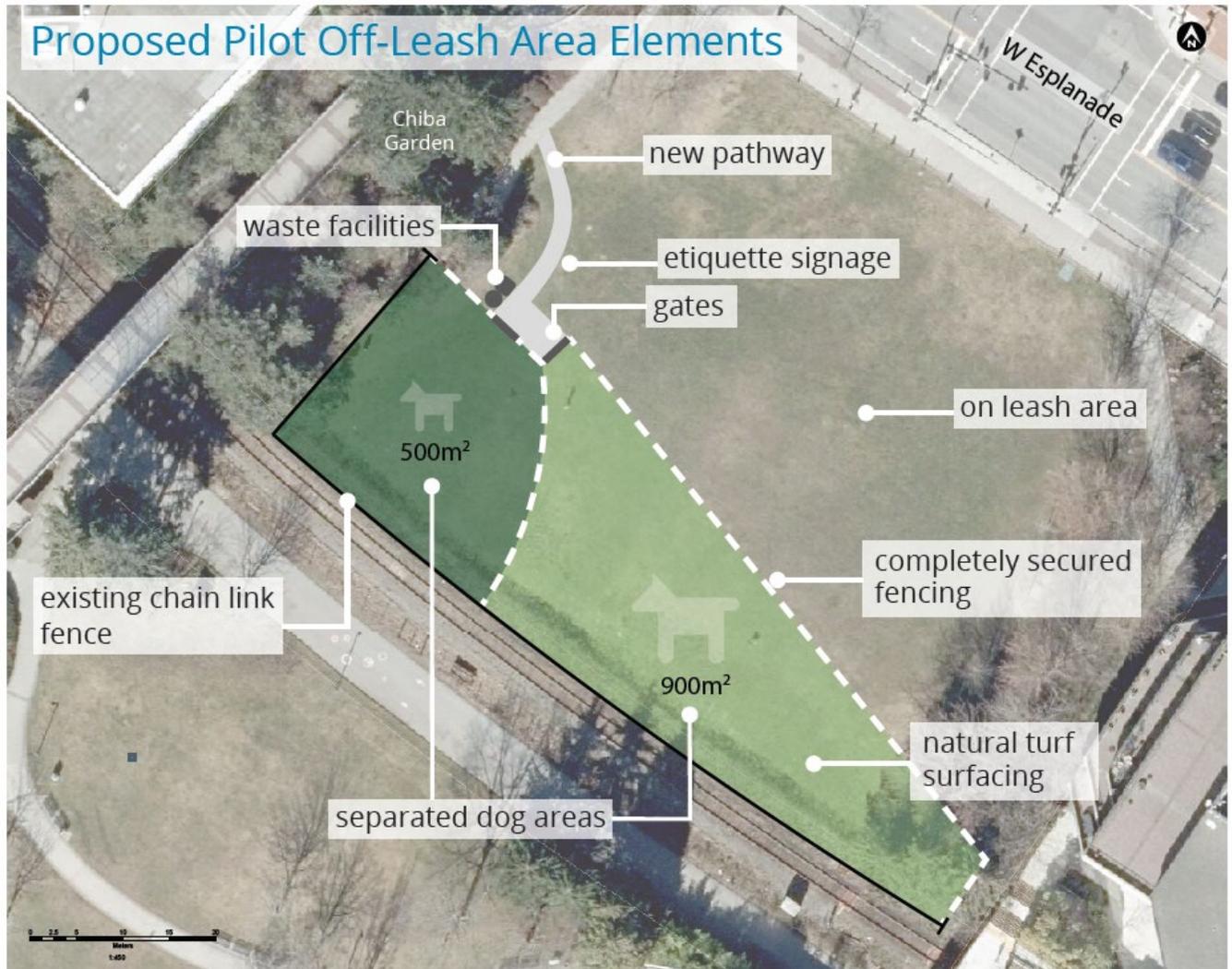
- Daily 24
- Few times a week 39
- Once per week 16
- Once per month 17
- Rarely 14

**4. Do you own a dog(s)?**

- Yes = **78**
- No = **23**



**PROPOSED CONCEPT:**



**5. The Common Positive Feedback We Heard About the Proposed Concept:**

Good Location for Dog Park within Lower Lonsdale Area	<b>32</b>
Favor separate areas for small dogs vs. large dogs	<b>15</b>
Use of underutilized area within Waterfront Park	<b>8</b>
Dog Park Fenced In	<b>13</b>



\* See appendix A for full list of comments

**6. The Common Negative Feedback We Heard About the Proposed Concept:**

Concern that the proposed plan does not provide space for other multi-use activities (soccer, special events) needs to be maintained	<b>10</b>
Waterfront Park is not the right location for Dog Park	<b>13</b>
Not in favor of separate are for small dogs vs. large dogs	<b>6</b>
Space For Dog Park is too small	<b>32</b>



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**7. We asked the Public to indicate preferences for the design elements presented on the boards:**

**Spilt Rail Fencing**

Like = 58

Dislike = 21

Neutral = 30

**Single Gate**

Like = 38

Dislike = 36

Neutral = 35

**Double Gate**

Like = 61

Dislike = 14

Neutral = 36

**Natural Turf Surfacing**

Like = 66

Dislike = 15

Neutral = 30

**Etiquette and Code of Conduct Signage**

Like = 88

Dislike = 4

Neutral = 17

**Seating**

Like = 89

Dislike = 5

Neutral = 17

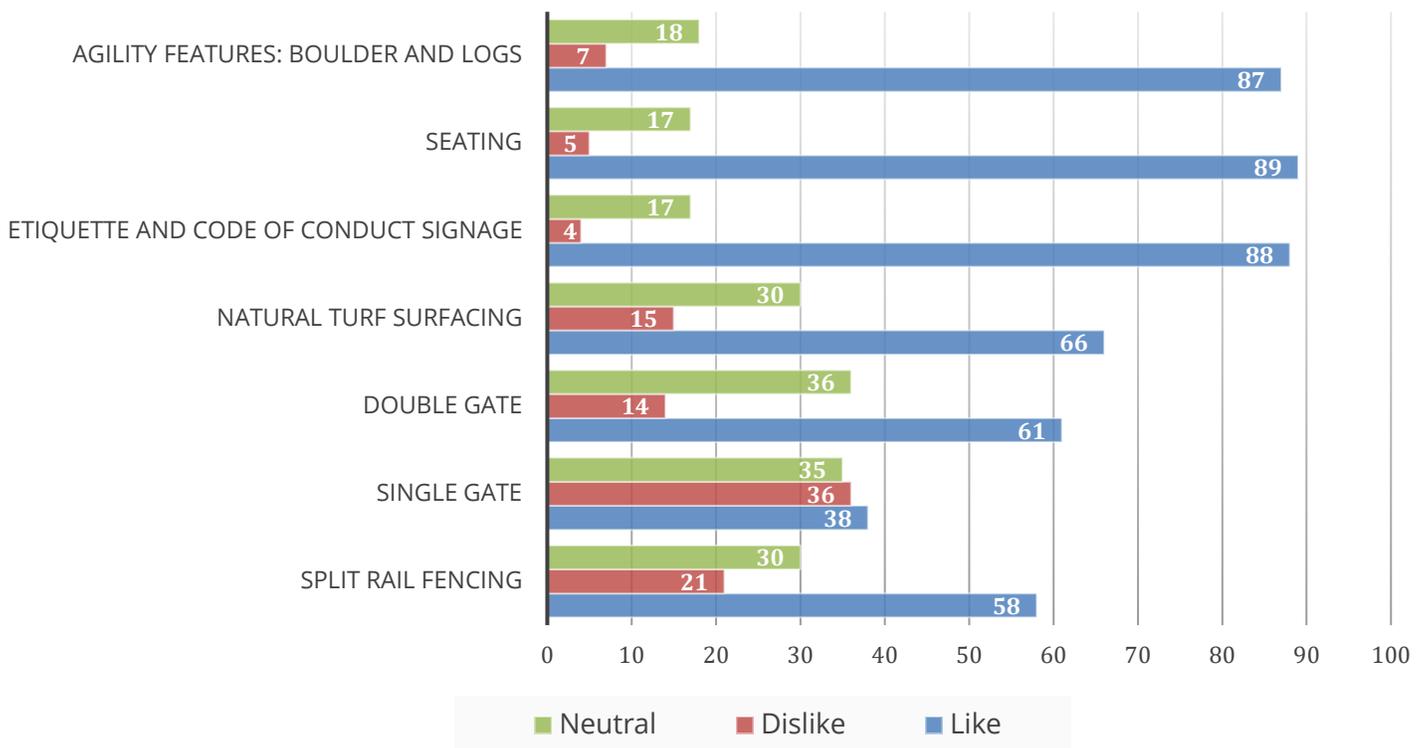
**Agility Features: Boulders and Logs**

Like = 87

Dislike = 7

Neutral = 18

## Design Elements



**8. We asked what other design elements should be included in the pilot off-leash area? The most common responses we heard were;**

Dog water station/fountain	25
Dog Waste bags	6
Secure Fencing (to ensure small dogs cannot escape)	6
Lighting	3
Sandy Areas for Digging	3

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**9. Establishing etiquette guidelines for all people and dogs using off-leash areas is important. The proposed draft etiquette is as follows:**

**Pilot Off-Leash Area**  
**PLEASE BE COURTEOUS AND RESPECTFUL**

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 **PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG.**

 **KEEP DOGS WITHIN SIGHT AND UNDER VOICE CONTROL.**

**ETIQUETTE FOR PEOPLE WITH DOGS USING OFF-LEASH AREAS**

- Keep dogs from being aggressive.
- All dogs must be licensed.
- No persistent barking.
- No digging.
- Maximum 3 dogs per handler.
- Dogs must be on leash when entering and exiting off-leash areas.

**10. We asked the public to provide comments on the proposed etiquette guidelines. Are we missing anything? The Most Common Responses we heard were;**

City should provide effective solutions for enforcement of the etiquette guidelines.	<b>13</b>
Add Pick up after your dog & dispose to the Red bin conveniently located	<b>5</b>

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**11. For one year, the City will monitor and evaluate the pilot off-leash area in Waterfront Park. We propose to evaluate and monitor the following:**

- Number of users and user patterns
- Number and nature of calls to Bylaws
- Feedback from neighbouring residents and business
- Feedback from dog owners
- Number and nature of by-law and etiquette infractions
- Extent of wear or damage to the park

**12. Is there anything else we should evaluate and monitor?**

- Other uses of the park (non off-leash area)
- Will there be regular bylaw inspections/visits on site?
- Increased law enforcement
- Survey the people who come here today in a years' time to gauge their happiness/satisfaction in the pilot
- Owner's not picking up
- Present usage at peak times relative to other known areas of use
- Cost to the City to operate facility
- Dog behavior and people training/keeping the peace
- Parking on adjacent private areas
- The permanent surface will need to be a non-organic surface (small stones)?
- Obeying laws for dog owners surrounding the park before and after implementation of the off-leash area
- Obviously this should be undertaken, but why was none of this previously done with any of the existing off leash areas. Yet here we are with a \$250, 00.00 budget and absolutely no existing historical data.
- Sounds good. But be aware that some dog owners may not use the park if it is not fully fenced.
- Cleanliness, smell, respect to property etc.

- Since there is going to be such a high traffic in two smaller areas. A third area for dog owners who need an area to train their dog would be an idea.
- Changes in other uses of this park - where do they go?
- Sounds good as long as feedback from dog owners includes getting positive feedback. This will definitely be great for the community. Even find out how many new acquaintances or friends people have at the end of the year.
- Requirement for additional off-leash areas. Larger off-leash area. Trails where dogs are allowed to be off leash.
- If proposed size of park is rolled out the number of users observed using other spaces in close vicinity to the park - to capture those who would use the park were it to provide adequate space for their dog to exercise
- yeah monitor the etiquette
- Quite honestly I wish there had been a questionnaire to residents of Lower Lonsdale as to how they would like to see the north end of the park utilized. This is the only green space amongst all the construction over the last few years and to use this large flat parcel of property for dogs seems like such a waste. I would like to see tennis courts and pickleball courts in that area particularly as the city is looking into a new neighborhood house with low cost housing in place of the tennis courts at Inman Park.
- Cars parked on W Esplanade?
- More Dog parks with off leash areas bigger and benches to sit for owners.
- This feels good to me.
- Number of new relationships formed!
- No, this is a good list.
- If this is going to be a trial anyway, why also not do something with the site on E-1 st. as well? Yes, it's not officially a park, but why can't the city find alternate ways to use the land similar to these garden plots that pop up for a year or two before big towers get built? Just put a fence around it and call it done. It might help socialize the area a bit more and reduce the number of people loitering and dumping garbage etc in this area. Lots of dogs around this area too.
- Yes, by now you should have done surveys showing use by non-dog owners, and you should monitor the decline in that use.
- Monitor the fencing and consider if/when dogs can dig underneath it or to the train tracks. Those might already have dig-proof fencing in place, but as long as it's there I'm at ease.
- Monitor size of dogs to see if a small/large separation is worthwhile
- Drainage of field. It can get very water-logged during rainy months"
- Prioritizing feedback from owners regarding changes and improvements
- enforcement of etiquette and also enforcement if any "aggressive" dogs or aggressive owners are on site
- If there is a need for separate area for small & large dogs.

### 13. Are there any other comments you wish to share with us?

- Please leave enough space in the remaining park for it to be useful and accommodate pick up sports
- Love the idea! Keep it up!
- Any potential to integrate a large decorative fountain outside Dog Park to help mitigate noise from constant barking? I currently look at Waterfront Park from my residence and can hear barking even with traffic on Esplanade
- This is great, thank you. Excited for the pilot project
- Pedestrian span over tracks, no stairs, wheelchair accessible
- Conduct same sort of survey to ensure proper drainage of water out of park. Maintenance – we've heard of dogs getting sick in other parks from dirty water/urine
- Please just one dog park. Why segregate small dogs from big dogs? In etiquette all dogs must be well controlled so why would small dog owners need a separate space?
- We are a user group that has been playing pick-up soccer on this area for 30 years, cleaning the grass off dog droppings, cleaning up after special events etc.. We would like the area left as it is
- Hoping the park space/open space on 1<sup>st</sup> can be turned into an option as it is larger than the proposed area here
- Looking forward to this!
- Shaded areas for owners. Surveillance regularly
- Mix of gravel and bush instead of grass
- Very opposed
- Please start building the fence now, it will show that the City recognizes the need for a safe place for dogs to play and truly listen to the residents
- Must be an eye sore, where will people park?
- I am not sure that the proposed size of the area is large enough
- I'm 100% in support of this project. Thank you for addressing the shortage of off-leash space in our neighbourhood.
- This park will be a great asset to Lower Lonsdale.
- I'm a central Lonsdale resident looking to get a dog, and I would definitely come to Waterfront Park to use this off Leash Park.
- Please consider Victoria Park for a pilot as well!
- I live nearer Victoria Park but would visit Waterfront more if there was an off leash area.
- The proposed site should be a success. Careful consideration has been given to all the concerns that may arise--in my humble opinion
- Great work!
- As you can gather from my comments, I am not a fan of dog off lease areas without a more in-depth review of the costing and financial recovery directed more specifically to this Dog Owner community. Currently, with less than 20% of dogs currently licensed

(based on parks board data) and only 10 bylaw infraction tickets issues in all of 2018, a major portion of specific city dog related costs are being passed onto the non-dog ownership community.

- As such DOG LICENSING FEES need to be doubled coupled with significant increases in bylaw infraction fines. These increases must then be complimented by proactive bylaw ENFORCEMENT.
- Nope - excited!
- Please make this fully fenced so dogs can't get out. A double gate would be great. We have lived in Alberta where there are many great fully fenced dog parks - it gives owners peace of mind that their dog (especially if not great at recall) cannot escape. Plus it puts other park users mind at ease knowing dogs cannot accidentally run into playgrounds while chasing toys, other dogs, etc.
- Thank you! We have been waiting for many years for a secure area for little dogs. I cannot bring my dog to Waterfront Park at the auto mall because the fence stops at the water, my dog can simply run around the fence to get out and she will not wait for me, rather run full force. I usually take my dog to Burnaby or Coquitlam to run free as the enclosures are secure along with the fencing. Little dogs can escape under fences. It needs to be escape proof. Thank you!!!!
- I think that possibly giving more of the park to the dog park would be preferred. I go by the park all the time and rarely see anyone using the esplanade side of the park and usually when it is in use it is with their dog.
- This park would have been much better located in the new Semisch Park between 3rd and 2nd as that area is not suitable for many of the recreational activities currently taking place on the large flat section of Waterfront Park and would be closer to more dog owners living north of 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- I am so glad this is finally happening! Thank you for listening.
- More off leash dog parks required. How about along the Spirit trail, on Alder street? When will the dog park next to the housing being built on 3rd street be ready? When will the dog park in Mahon Park be opening? Will there be do parks being added all over the city?
- Looking forward to having an off leash area in Lower Lonsdale - thank you!
- In general, I would like to see a more open approach on where dogs are allowed access. Look at some of the European countries and you can see how beneficial it is to be able to bring your dogs with you to run errands, enjoy a drink/meal at your local restaurant or brewery. People have to drive less which reduces congestion and people will walk more which is healthier for everyone. Currently, City bylaw doesn't even allow to tie your dog up while you run in a store. I would even go as far and say that we could reduce the hot dogs in cars during the summer months if dogs were allowed in more areas. Businesses could benefit significantly from a more open approach. Of course, this also means that dog owners need to be responsible, have well trained dogs and are willing to show their eagerness to make this happen. Again, going back to the European example, some stores

have kennel-style areas available outside their stores (such as grocery stores) where you can secure your dog while shopping, others have specific areas set aside to tie up your dog by providing secure hooks in walls.

- As said, I highly appreciate the effort. Wish Victoria Park would have gotten a higher number, as it would be a great location for Central Lonsdale owners. Especially when it's not possible to go to Inter River and Princess Park because of bears and coyotes.
- Please take you're dogs to mosquito creek, Ambleside or the north van auto mall area which are all really close by leave the park alone
- Love the idea, let's engage the community, and really like the small/large dog separation as I do not go to the auto mall dog park b/c too many owners with big dogs that play rough, not mindful of their dog/breed/behaviour and owners check out on their phones. Would be great to have some obstacles in the runs where dogs could go if they feel scared, or want to hide out for a bit so they feel more secure.
- Great idea!
- Too many dogs in the City, but I suppose we have to live with that...
- Thank you so much for this initiative!
- Dogs should be allowed on buses.
- I like to walk my dog but sometimes get tired and need to bus home up the hill.
- I don't currently frequent waterfront park, however if there was an off leash fenced in dog park I would go a few times per week.
- The process you are undertaking is exceptional and your materials are very engaging and clear. Thank you for the opportunity to participate! Best of luck.
- It would be helpful to know if you have consulted with dog trainers to have a solid understanding of dog social behaviour and may be able to provide expert advice on appropriate sizing for small dog/ large dog areas. Canine Connections has amazing insight into factors and considerations to promote pro-social dog behaviour
- This is a great initiative, thank you to the City for your work and attention on this. Please make sure the park is secure via double gates and fencing with very small gaps - otherwise people with small dogs cannot use the park because their dogs can fit through gaps in the fence. Thank you!
- I live in the CNV, but also bring my dog to work in Lower Lonsdale so this type of Dog Park would be an asset. There are a lot of pets in the neighborhood... and I think it's key to allow dogs to get outside and run, chase a ball -- can't really do that while on a leash (my dog will poop VERY reluctantly while on leash).
- That area of the park in the SE area of the park/beside Chiba garden fence is routinely filled with garbage, debris from people drinking/partying/drug use there.
- Although I realize that it's a waste of effort to make suggestions when you had already determined the outcome of this process before it began, you should - prior to taking any further steps - deliver a paper information sheet to every household in lower Lonsdale

asking them to respond to the question: "We propose to turn Waterfront Park into an off-leash dog area. Do you agree or disagree with this proposal?"

- More greenspace and trees needed in Central Lonsdale for people and dogs
- I'm so happy with this idea. I often dog sit and will be more than happy to take the dogs to this area. I think this is will also be a great spot for dog and non-dog owners to gather. It will be a great community space!
- The fencing at the railway line should have a kick-board to prevent toys from getting underneath. Also, the blackberry bushes along the fence line need to be cut back.
- Fantastic idea!
- When we downsize our home we hope to relocate to this area :)"
- Please remove the blackberry & prickly bushes that stick out from the existing fence beside the train tracks. It's hard to reach balls that fall down beside or under the fence as well as many times I have had to remove thorns from my dog paws.

**Thank you for sharing your comments with us!**

# Appendix A

## Full Comments

### What do you like about the proposed concept?

- Reasonable to share some of the space
- Proper disposal of dog waste
- More off-leash parks in North Vancouver
- Grass, not gravel, away from Esplanade, potential for agility features
- Accessibility & location, great view
- More utilization of park, more efficient.
- It would take the off-leash dogs from Keith/Lonsdale
- Every dog is a therapy dog
- Like that there is a separate area for small dogs
- Location is fantastic
- It's away from environmentally sensitive areas
- Uses a very underutilized park area. Everyone who likes to picnic is on the other side of the train tracks, closer to the water anyways.
- Everything, location is great, unused land by anyone other than dog owners. Features look good, overall happy.
- It's ok if the area can be multi-use for soccer, Frisbee, car shows, etc.
- That Lower Lonsdale is open to having an off-leash dog park – much needed. Location is great. All staff were so helpful.
- Close to where we live. Dog parks are great for keeping your dog socialized.
- Good for dogs for running.
- No off-leash dog area close by so this is great.
- The openness allows me to feel safe as a woman visiting the park area. Proper fencing would keep my dog safe. I just love that we are looking into this. An off-leash area is much needed.
- Relatively low traffic portion of the park. Scenic area, not Ottawa Gardens.
- Good location. Like the small dog/large dog areas.
- Well researched with ample public input and city feedback.
- Waterfront Park location is a good spot. Split large/open and small dog area is good.
- That we will finally have a proper dog park in this area, safer hopefully than the other parks in area. Yay for a dog park & legal off-leash.
- The naturalness and safety. The different space for small and large dogs.
- Love small areas since I have a small dog, not to mention the location is awesome.
- Separate area for small and large dogs
- Fenced and no way a dog can escape

- Etiquette signage, waste facilities
- Fenced in, double gate, patrolled. Would like seating outside of dog area.
- Hopefully a designated area would mean less dog walking in undesignated areas. Hopefully it brings enforcement with it.
- I already use the north side of Waterfront Park to run my dog in. It's close to my apartment on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and the other dogs that also come to this park are well mannered. I tend to avoid other designated dog parks that are fenced-in due to owners seeing them as a reason not to train their dogs as they can't run away. I think making this area a designated dog park would be beneficial and good for the community.
- Good use of underutilized part of the park, fully fenced, close to many dog owners, separation of small and large dogs, and addressing the issue of lack of dog facilities' at present.
- Totally fenced in, close to home, and is grass (not dirt).
- It's location is very conducive to frequent visits given the proximity to our home.
- Not important to me, but I am OK with having separate small/large dog areas
- The location is great!
- It is a 5 min walk from our home
- location, separated area for small dogs, double gate, natural agility features, seating
- The separate area for small dogs
- All of it. Great idea.
- I love the proposed small dog area!
- Large space away from residential area. Dogs and residents can coexist without infringing on each other's territory.
- Separate area for small dogs. We like the Auto Mall dog park but sometimes there's too many big dogs and the little guys get overwhelmed with the rough and tumble
- The location and natural features
- It does give dog owners an off leash area in one of the most underutilized lower Lonsdale parks. I will address this in the next section.
- great location, super accessible
- Designated area that is safe place for dogs to have fun and get exercise, while ideally keeping dogs away from other park users who may not enjoy dogs.
- Excited for the dog park!
- Close to water, grass area, wide open space
- I like the proposed park as it is under used and would be well suited.
- Distance from my house, separated area to keep small dog owners away from larger dogs that they get nervous around for no reason.
- That there will be a safe area in lower Lonsdale for my dog to run free with other dogs.
- There will hopefully be fewer off leash dogs in the other parts of Waterfront Park - currently owners allow dogs to run off leash in both the on leash and no dog sections and

this is never addressed by bylaw officers. Having the dog park at the back of this section will hopefully still allow for other community uses.

- Yes, an awesome idea that our family and furry friend will benefit from everyday.
- Everything on the "elements" page looks great.
- Its needed
- I like the location and I like the separation between large and small dogs
- It is a beginning. Great to see the city start acknowledging that dogs need space.
- I like the proposed concept because it is as far away as possible from busy West Esplanade and it is fenced.
- The introduction of a dog park is great and long overdue. The dog park however should not be sloped and efforts made to make it level thus increasing the table size.
- Love the area, especially for dog owners who reside within proximity. Also love the fact that the city is listening and making an effort. Dogs are a reality of life, they are extended family and a lifeline for many, especially elderlies and people with special needs. Well done NV city council.
- you should take it some were else
- I like the location.
- Great idea
- Everything
- I'm not in favour of the off leash dog being at the north park of Waterfront Park. I've been on strata at Harbourview Park for many years and worked with the city on spirit trail, chesterfield upgrades etc. Had a meeting with City representatives who proposed changes to the south walkway and at that time we complained that bylaw officers were not enforcing the no off dog leash in the park, the rude and poor behavior of the dog owners and we were told that waterfront park is too important for the City to allow a dog park. You are now rewarding dog owners who have broken the bylaws with a pilot dog park in Waterfront Park.
- It will keep the dogs from pooping on the pier....
- Generally good idea
- I love that it's close enough to Semisch to hopefully relieve that area of fights with dog owners and area residents. I also like the waterfront location because that green space is underused.
- Location, separate space for dogs by size. Proposal for natural agility objects. Fully fenced.
- Proximity to our condo in Lower Lonsdale.
- I LOVE that you are considering a small dog area. There are so many small dogs in Lower Lonsdale that would benefit from having a separate area to play in, away from bigger dogs. I love this, please make it happen!
- That you are trying
- The area, it's a great use of the space which doesn't really get used all that much.
- Better than nothing.
- The area that it's in. No water access is also a good thing (seals in the ocean at Kings Mill dog park are a problem)

- I like that it is completely fenced in. It is hard to find a completely fenced in dog park, as the one by the water has gaps. I like that there is seating available and that there are natural agility elements. I also like the double gated entrance.
- It is an excellent use of an underutilized area and will add vibrancy to the area adjacent to Esplanade / train tracks.
- That it will be fenced in.
- There was a question about water facilities for dogs and also it would be great to have some agility feature to stimulate dogs mentally.
- The location - excellent that it is central located at Waterfront Park. Fully fenced area - this is so important because it will allow my dog to exercise and play (he is a rescue and will run away in unfenced areas). Double gates are crucial for the same reason. Separated areas for small and large dogs - this is awesome, thank you for including this!
- Great location and love that it will be fully fenced. Biggest challenge with existing off leash is not completely fenced in.
- A LoLo off leash area would be great.
- It's in one of my preferred areas to bring my dog. I like that there is a fence surrounding it... particularly if an animal is scared it doesn't dart out into traffic on Esplanade. Dog waste, garbage bins all in close proximity. This area would likely have minimal impact from dogs since the current trains and traffic are louder than a dog would be. The dog park is located in a desirable place to hang out to get fresh air and a view with my pet.
- Nothing.
- It would so incredibly helpful to have an off leash dog area
- Fencing looks good; glad to see the park being utilized. Happy to see that not all of the park is for the dogs.
- Location
- Fencing
- Two areas
- I LOVE how big the dog areas are, but I worry how good the fencing will be. Many dogs dig under fences or jump over them if they're not the proper height/depth.
- I LOVE the poo-fairy signs and think the City could benefit from more light-hearted humour in messaging like this.
- Like the area, separated areas for big and smaller dogs
- Everything
- I think it's a fantastic and much needed concept. There are so many dogs in LoLo that need a safe, accessible off leash area.
- The location
- Ability to adapt the final plan based on what is learned from pilot project.
- Separate space for small dogs
- Central location, waste facilities, separate path to the dog area, secure fencing, etiquette signage

### What do you not like about the proposed concept?

- Current pictures show off-leash area taking too much of the space. I have played soccer here for 20+ years. I would be very disappointed if the space was reduced so that I couldn't continue to do that.
- Small dog area, why?
- Hill on site, could be hazardous on wet/slippery days. There's an opportunity to make the dog park large by using more space between Esplanade and the train tracks.
- Do not like chain link fence.
- Still need pedestrian span over tracks, connecting parks.
- Still need space for Caribbean Days
- I think you could make it even bigger – the entire space between Esplanade and the train tracks because anyone who isn't a dog owner hardly uses this side. I've lived across the street for 2 years and walk by the space multiple times/day.
- Could have more space allocated to dog park. Non-dog people use south side of Waterfront Park exclusively. Never see anyone picnicking or using north side.
- That it's not going to be multi-use.
- We do not need two designated areas. Dogs are dogs, no other dog park has separate space for small dogs. The proposed space for large dogs isn't large enough. They need to be able to sprint run, or jump or what's the point of the space
- No water feature for dogs.
- Only for a year.
- It uses multi-use public lands for single use purpose.
- Off-leash parks become noisy, smelly dog free-for-all. Many dog owners enjoy the field just as it is.
- The space for large dogs is too small and largely taken up by the hill. I was really disappointed to see the space size. This also shrinks the sightline so you can keep an eye on your dog.
- It might be too small. Much of the space may be on a too-steep slope. Can be difficult for older dogs & people with joint issues. The ball will always pull down to the fence. The angle of the turf will expedite it getting turned up and becoming mud.
- Not right for thousands of Lower Lonsdale residents. This park is used for many activities.
- Not needed – who is this for? Cost for enforcement will be too high. It's the only park area in Lower Lonsdale.
- Dog already run all over Waterfront Park and there is no enforcement. No advertising for first meeting. Convenient boards all about dog owners but nothing about non-owners. Conflict with soccer games, Caribbean Days etc.

- Too small for dogs to run and play. Please reconsider expanding the size to  $\frac{3}{4}$  or more of the north side of the chained fence. If families want to enjoy the park they have the other side, which is very large & offers many areas and activities.
- Needs more shade. Proposed area is too sloped to be of use and not walkable.
- Nothing, I think this is a great idea. I do, however, find that when dog are confined to a fenced area, some owners feel they don't have to watch or train their dogs or socialize hem appropriately which can cause issues. But, having a dog park in this area is a wonderful idea, and a great use of the open green space that is already in the location.
- Allocation of area between small and large dogs is weighted too heavily toward small dogs. Large dogs need more space to run.
- We love the current green space – the openness for pick up soccer, Frisbee etc. The park tends to be very soggy (muddy).
- Why so small? 2 basketball courts is not very big. I mainly go to off leash parks to throw the ball for my dog and get her exercise; there would not be enough space with the proposed design. I don't understand the benefit of using less than half the park for the off leash area - what would the rest of the park be used for? It's already underutilized as it is.
- I DISLIKE the fact that the proposed area does not to encompass the entirety of the existing park space on the north side of the tracks.
- I DISLIKE that there is an 'on-leash' area - I do not understand the point of this (especially given the amount
- The area for big dogs could be bigger.
- I believe the site falls of toward the railroad tracks. Would be much better if it were more flat.
- Make it bigger, maybe?
- Wish it could be bigger! There are a lot of people with dogs in lower Lonsdale.
- Could use more of the unused space north of the proposed fenced area.
- Firstly this off lease area is right next to waterfront south which is a NO DOG park. This is a huge negative considering that a vast majority of the dog owners will use south waterfront park to enter or exit this area.
- The entire waterfront parks both north and south for a 2020 long overdue upgrade. Why then put the off leash area where it is and then potentially try to work around it in next year's planning? This off lease area in Waterfront Park, is putting the cart before the horse. While on the subject, the future upgrade/enhancements to Waterfront Park North should be considered as the City's gateway to the entire waterfront park. The off lease area would be a significant impediment to the design process. As for the comments that this park is currently under-utilized, that is only because of the lack of more timely parks review, design and funding of this jewel of a property. Absolutely nothing has been done with waterfront north and south over the last 5 to 10 years, to meet the needs of the thousands of residents that have made the lower Lonsdale area there home through condo density development.

- There is already a waterfront off lease area 10 minute walk from this park. You are therefore not servicing the eastern portion of the lower Lonsdale area where we will see significant density growth resulting from the completion of the Moodyville residential area.
- The area is right next to one of the busiest streets in lower Lonsdale once again forcing many dog owners to access the off lease area through the south portion that restricts dog access
- No, although my preferred location was the spot on E 1st and St. Georges. I also don't think the small dog area is totally necessary.
- I don't feel the need for a separate smaller dog area. I have a small dog with lots of energy and feel like it would be making the 2 areas much too small for the number of dogs interested in the park to have space to run and play.
- Size of park I get it is a pilot project but I feel the size could be improved.
- This section of Waterfront is currently used by community groups for soccer games, game nights, fly fishing instructions and family picnics which will all have to new locations for these activities.
- No, of course the larger the space allocated the better but fencing is most critical.
- The big dog area seems way too small. If the size was increased there would still be so much room for people to enjoy the other side without dogs.
- I don't like the division of space between the 2 sizes of dogs. I am guessing there are more small dogs in lower Lonsdale (condo living) and small dogs often have higher energy needs and need to run. This 1/3-2/3 split may set up conflict between owners if small dog owners move to the large dog area to gain space
- Too small in area. No water for dogs to drink.
- I'm not a big fan of the small dog/big dog split up. This comes down to responsible dog owners and it would give all dogs more room if we could work with just one area.
- The size of the dog park does not meet the requirement for the area. 900m for big dogs and 500 for smaller dogs does not provide the space required for these dogs to get the exercise they require. It will most likely lead to owners not using the park in favour of other green spaces that are more prone to irresponsible dog owner behaviors. I urge you to rethink the size of the park and allow for greater space during the pilot - this will increase usage and make the area a real asset and hub for dog owners. The worst outcome is it is deemed too big and subsequently reduced to the proposed size.
- I personally do not live in that neighbourhood and with limited to no parking in that area, this location wouldn't be the one I'd go to. But I am happy for everyone who lives there.
- I am opposed to the concept, I'm part of a group that's been playing soccer here in the summer months of July and Aug. were not in a league, its pick up and any one can play we've been doing this for almost 30 years without any problems, and I'm sure there are others that enjoy the park even with their dogs already , there are other dog parks that are close by that are designated for this already please reconsider a different venue

- It would be nice to be a bit bigger for each proposed section. The park area is quite large, no one else frequents it, and being so many dogs the proposed separated areas are small for the already space, and many people living in the area have dogs, so you can imagine when it gets busy, and dogs need lots of room to run around.
- Nothing. Although I would like the timeline to be expedited
- We have had an owner bitten by a dog, reported to City with no response. Parking has been a major issue for our south laneway as citizens have used it as a sea bus drop off when it's been very busy and I fear dog owners may drive and park there as well.
- People will drive there.
- Parking can be tough but not a deal breaker. I live central Lonsdale.
- Not big enough. That section of the park is under-utilized so the whole area could be an off leash park in my opinion.
- You have my full support - this sounds awesome and will be great for the Lower Lonsdale community.
- The only thing may be that the trains could scare the dogs, but that's about it
- Larger area would be nice. Park close to busy streets
- Concept area seems small. There's a possibility that it could be bigger. Split rail is good but it should be fully enclosed (with chain link) to prevent dogs escaping.
- I do not like the single gate entrance or the split rail fencing (the wood). I worry that small dogs will be able to dig under and out of the park.
- It seems cut off from the spirit trail and waterfront area...access to the park is not easy from the green strip / walkway areas.
- The proposed concept provided very little off leash area for dogs, and especially large dogs. The north portion (north of the tracks) of waterfront park is underused by non-dog users most people without dogs prefer to be closer to the waterfront
- Split rail fencing. My rescue dog is small and crafty and can escape between the rails. Please use chain link fence to prevent escapes - this is super important! Without secure fencing small dogs can escape. We would be unable to use the park if fencing was not secure.
- 1. Split rail fencing has too many holes for small dogs. There needs to be a fully enclosed chain link fence. For many dog owners, unless it is completely secure it serves no purpose.
- It appears to lean toward north Waterfront Park. Far better is 1st Street east of Lonsdale. Many more people already use that as an off leash dog area.
- The large dog section is too small - why does it angle into a tiny corner in the SE side? Just make the fence do a straight line parallel to the train tracks instead of this weird angle.
- The "on leash" side is way too big, if you want to be on leash, just across the tracks and use the south side of Waterfront Park? Ideally a lower/natural fence to block pets from Esplanade instead of the chain/bollard design. Drainage in this field is terrible... it's

currently very swampy in there after a few days of rain. Add a bunch of dogs in there and the grass will be destroyed and a mud pit."

- Everything. Your starting point is that the City \*will\* have a new off-leash area regardless of what residents think, and that it will be created by removing an area of what is currently park land usable by \*all\* residents. At no point in the consultation process did you ask the simple question "Do you favour or oppose creating a new off-leash dog park in an existing City park?" You have ignored every bit of feedback that was inconsistent with what you intended to do anyway, whether it was about the need for enforcement of existing rules or about turning the vacant lot in the 100-block of East 1st into a new dog park. And now at the end of the process, instead of talking about "Lower Lonsdale" you finally reveal that it was Waterfront Park - the most significant park in the entire Lower Lonsdale area - that you wanted to transform from public space available to everyone into space available just for dog owners. This is an absolutely shameful exercise.
- Concerned that it may not be enough room for all of the folks in the area to bring their dogs.
- Area for larger dogs too small
- I dislike how small the dog areas are. NO ONE USES Waterfront Park (North) because the dirt is always mulchy and wet after rain. And somehow in summer people still don't want to picnic there because the ground is uneven in ALL the places. Basically, I dislike how in this plan the City thinks people are still going to visit Waterfront Park North when they almost always prefer the South Park (views, better grass/ground, etc.)
- I worry how good the fencing will be. Many dogs dig under fences or jump over them if they're not the proper height/depth. I have concerns that the height is not great enough along the train tracks' side of the park.
- Perhaps it could be a little bigger by utilizing half the park area. I foresee this area being very busy and it could get a little crowded in the small space.
- It is far too small. Particularly since much of the proposed area is on the portion of the field that descends to the fence line. The south slope is too steep for dogs to run and play safely with other dogs or their owners.
- Some more lighting would be an improvement
- Too small, there doesn't need to be a small & a large dog area. From all the feedback everyone has expressed that there needs to be a LARGE area for safe play.
- Please consider 1 full area for all dogs to play & then decide if it needs to be separated
- More off leash areas and bigger please

#### **What other design elements should be included in the pilot project?**

- A water station would be nice
- Bylaw enforcement/monitoring, not just calls from residents/users
- Lighting for evening

- Trees, shrubs
- Water source for dogs and washroom for people
- Lots of poop and garbage bins and water station
- If it doesn't take up much space, a sheltered area if it was raining for owners to stay a bit dryer
- Seating outside of fenced area
- Watering hole, dog waste bag dispensing station, lighting for evening use (as we are coming into winter and it gets dark at 3pm)
- Water
- Appropriate lighting
- Water fountains for dogs and humans
- Poop waste bags and disposal bins"
- Ensure small dogs cannot escape through fencing, have fencing fully enclosed.
- Make sure the split rail fencing can keep small dogs and diggers inside the dog park.
- Agility / interest features - include dead stump or hollowed out tree stump for the terriers / vermin hunters?"
- Watering station for humans and dogs
- You also need to put up more dog bylaw related signage throughout the city.
- water fountains
- Split rail fencing is fine if there is wire fencing between spacing. Many dogs are escape artists when presented the opportunity and all parties would be happier if they know dogs are not able to leave the off leash area unmonitored.
- In Burnaby at Eileen Daily, coyotes hide in the bushes and jump the fence to snack on small dogs, so hopefully there will be no hiding spots. I really like double entrance / exit as kids sometimes leave gates open and my dog will not stay rather run away and get hit by a car. I like dog drinking fountains, garbage cans, doggie bag dispenser. Benches to sit. Shade. I think elderly people will enjoy visiting just to watch the dogs and people. Awesome to have!
- Water fountain built in dog bowl
- Trees for shedding and a water dispenser.
- Agility elements would be great! Planks, boulders, logs, tunnels to run through, bars to jump over.
- Water
- Not allow young children in park. It's dangerous.
- Great to see the city start acknowledging that dogs need space. They need room to run and play and socialize. Dogs need areas away from water access. Shade is also required.
- How about a water source such as a water fountain that has a lower feature for dogs.
- A level surface
- Water Station? Probably too expensive to implement. But would be great in the summer.
- None of the above, supposed to be a green space for people,

- Seating would take much of the allotted dog park space if within the closure and many use benches to sit on their phones and disengage from their dog(s) and what is going on around them. The dog park is usually used for 30 mins on average so seating is not a requirement and without, would engage people to be mindful of their pet and socialize with one another. I like the idea of sand, as it is not mucky/messy, dogs can run around, and owners can pick up after their dog easily.
- I'm not in favour in any of it.
- Poop bins
- Info board for community info especially for dogs
- Water fountain
- Water source
- I'd like to re-emphasize my support for a separate small dog area. They have these in parks in Vancouver, Burnaby and New West and they are well-used and appreciated.
- A larger area.
- Dog bag provider
- Water fountain for hot days.
- I would like to see a higher sturdier fence. The split log fencing makes me worried that dogs will slip out through the gaps.
- People washrooms, shady areas for people and dogs, thanks for your survey work. I don't currently own a dog but have in the past attended off leash areas with my dog. It is great socialization for them, and they get to have fun with some new friends and the people enjoy watching...
- Sandy areas for digging
- Water station and/or wading pool
- Water fountain (dog/human )
- Please fence the area using chain link or some other type of fencing with very small gaps. If split rail fencing is used my small rescue dog will be able to escape meaning we would not be able to use the park.
- Dog poop bags and bin.
- Fountain - I like the people/dog bowl design I've seen a few places around the city.
- Perhaps a hose attachment like I've seen at Kings Mill to wash paws if needed?
- I think the City should consider the fact that Chiba Gardens / Waterfront Park North are pretty popular places for people who smoke. Every time I walk my dogs at night I see a few people gathered smoking weed near Waterfront Park and even sometimes in the day. Does the City have any off-leash areas where smokers are recommended to go? I've heard it's the Shipyards, but with legalization here and a new store in the City I think it's time the City actually proposed a smoking area (or two) to prevent fumes from taking over places like dog parks.
- A place for a water
- Water bowl and fresh water source

- I don't like the split rail fencing as it looks easy for dogs to escape from ... larger dogs can easily jump it (especially if it is only as high as it appears in the photo) and it looks as though tiny dogs could squeeze through it
- Sheltered area for owners to stay dry (as long as it doesn't take away any play area for the dogs).
- water dish or fountain for dogs
- Drainage been considered? the park floods during the wet seasons

**Please comment on the proposed etiquette guidelines. Are we missing anything?**

- Hours – no use after parks close at dusk (as nearby resident “quiet hours” would be appreciated)
- Enforcement
- I’m not sure how you would do this, but maybe helping owners get to a better shared understanding of what is just play between dogs vs. what is considered aggressive.
- Important for dogs to be on a leash once leaving the area
- Make licensing easier for people living on the Squamish Nation as easy as for people in North Van
- Why limit the number of dogs per handler
- City to provide poop bins
- Dogs dig – better to perhaps add a sandy type area and allow it there
- Dogs must be vaccinated. Dog owners should have previously socialized their dogs appropriately prior to use of a fenced off-leash area
- Obey on-leash/off-leash signage
- Hours of operation?
- Should be 2 dogs per handler
- Make sure there are dog bags available
- Would be nice to have a solution for example if your dog digs, do X i.e. report on the city app
- Seems reasonable. Is there a double gate for access?
- Looks good.
- Refrain from throwing balls. I have been to many different dog parks and have unfortunately witnessed scuffles/fights due to territorial dogs and owners who aren't in full control of their dogs. If we can prevent this from happening, it will allow everyone to fully enjoy the park.
- Etiquette will be monitored & enforced
- Etiquette guidelines are thorough but won't be effective without enforcement.
- This is great. A note about leashing uncontrolled dogs?

- Great list!
- These rules all make sense but are useless if not monitored by bylaw officers that actually write tickets. Are people aware that only a TOTAL of 10 dog bylaw infractions were issued in ALL of 2018!! What does that tell you?
- No choke/prong collars
- Assuming the park is gated (which it should be) a reminder to close both doors at all times - both for the safety of dogs and to prevent other wildlife from accidentally entering.
- No digging seems like a stretch. It's a natural behaviour and it's a dog park after all.
- I like max 3 dogs per handler so they can manage the dogs. Dogs must be on leash when entering and exiting so they don't escape or charge other dogs. All dogs must be licensed do we know who each dog is if there is a problem. Owners should keep a close eye on their dog. Yes, pick up after your dog.
- Good guidelines.
- Please add dispose of dog feces in appropriate containers NOT in neighbourhood garbage cans.
- Looks good!
- Perfect
- I am okay with these guidelines. Especially the 3 dogs per handler as that prevents dog walking services from taking over the area which I have experienced at Mills Park off leash area.
- I like the guidelines.
- Given that some dog owners choose to disregard the guidelines, I would suggest to maybe list some of the offenses and the actual fine amount. This could be done on a separate sign and be taken away after a period of education.
- All waste must be disposed of in designated bins.
- No barking and no digging might be very difficult to manage. Thankfully my dog doesn't do either. But it's a good reminder and should be reinforced. Some dog owners don't even make an effort to manage / handle their dog, and simply let the dog do whatever while checking their phones.... sad reality.
- who is going to reinforce these rules, are we going to see little bags of shit everywhere like at other dog parks, only 3 out of 10 people will follow these guidelines
- \*Pick up after your dog & dispose to the Red bin conveniently located\*
- \*Provide a doggy waste dispenser with the red bin, so people associate the two and will use it, and the poop bags being decomposable.
- How are these guidelines going to be monitored? I don't have much faith in the bylaw officer responding if we do complain as it has not been successful in the past. I spoke with your bylaw officer at your October meeting and he himself said that people spit and swear at him if he challenges owners.
- Can you make it more positive?

- Ensure children entering the dog park are closely monitored or kept close to caregivers.
- I think you have everything covered.
- I like the guidelines, particularly the line about aggressive dogs. I understand that some dogs are learning but it is important to keep everyone safe.
- Looks great...although I would allow digging. It is a natural thing for dogs to do and I have seen them play this way with other dogs.
- I would add - no commercial dog walkers or is the 3 dogs per handler intended to address that issue??
- Watch your dog, not your phone
- It would be helpful to include a line about toys as some dogs get possessive and act out e.g. mindful of use of toys, which may lead to aggressive behaviour by dogs who become possessive.
- What is seriously missing is any enforcement. The City bylaw enforcement enforce nothing except parking violations because it brings in so much \$\$\$.
- Signs outlining the general rules and services of the park are OK, but endless nag signs don't work for those that really need the advice... does a ""poo fairy/pick up your poop"" sign really work for someone who chronically ignores the basic rules of pet ownership anyway? The city is getting full of signs - its visual overload, and generally just looks tacky.
- Perhaps add a contact number for the bylaw office... let them handle interacting with park violators... nothing worse than a self-imposed 'officer'."
- No one wants "etiquette", everyone wants enforcement of bylaws. That means having staff present who have the ability to levy fines on those who break the rules. The proposal to instead rely on "etiquette" disguises the intention to allow more rather than less of the behaviour that is most objectionable.
- No smoking or vaping
- 10/10 yes.
- 3 Dogs per handler is a little bit weird. Dog walkers live here too... But I only have two dogs so it doesn't apply to me. I just find it odd that dog walkers aren't allowed in the only dog park of Lower Lonsdale? What's the message there? This is why I think all of Waterfront Park North should be the dog park, but I understand that might have to wait until after the pilot project is done, when the City staff can recommend we expand the dog area.
- You have done a great job
- I find the North Vancouver signs with a sense of humour are always most effective.
- Reasonable
- If all dogs are to be licensed, can other users (i.e. District of NV, WV, etc.) bring their dogs to this off leash site? Do they have to be licensed within their home municipality?

**END**