
From: Park Board GM's Office
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To: PB Commissioners
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Subject: People, Parks and Dogs Strategy Implementation Engagement - Board Update

Dear Commissioners,

As follow-up to the [People, Parks & Dogs Strategy Implementation update](#) provided in August 2020, the purpose of this email is to notify you that the first of three rounds of public engagement for renewal of the Emery Barnes Park dog Off Leash Area (OLA) and new OLAs at Heather and Granville parks is scheduled for September 23rd - October 15th.

The [People, Parks and Dogs Strategy](#) was approved by the Board in 2017 to help deliver carefully designed parks that accommodate park users with and without dogs. The strategy identified six (6) priority neighborhoods including the Downtown, Kitsilano, and Fairview Neighborhoods as being in need of additional and renewed off-leash areas (OLAs) to support the high number of licensed dogs in those areas.

Why Emery Barnes Park?

The People Parks and Dogs strategy identified Downtown Vancouver as a high priority neighbourhood in need of new and renewed dog off-leash areas. As one of the most highly used OLAs in Vancouver, it is essential to improve the Emery Barnes OLA to withstand frequent and heavy use. Due to a growing population of dogs Downtown, an expansion of the OLA is also being proposed in order to further accommodate the high number of dogs using this space.

Why Granville Park & Heather Park?

The People, Parks and Dogs Strategy identified the importance of providing off-leash areas (OLAs) within a 15 minute walk for most residents. OLAs at Heather and Granville Parks will increase access for dog off-leash activity in three priority neighbourhoods that are currently underserved. Both Granville and Heather Parks have suitable space and amenities that an off-leash area could be added while maintaining space for other activities.

Once the below links become active on September 23rd, they will provide additional information regarding the proposed projects and engagement activities. We encourage you to share broadly with your networks once launched to encourage as much public participation as possible.

- [Emery Barnes Park OLA](#)
- [Granville Park OLA](#)
- [Heather Park OLA](#)

Thanks,
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