

New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project

Tell us what you think: February 1 – 15, 2016



Dog Off-Leash Options in New Brighton Park

The proposed shoreline habitat restoration project will change how the eastern portion of New Brighton Park is used, particularly related to the location of the dog off-leash area.

In November 2015, the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation and Port Metro Vancouver asked for input regarding two options for dog off-leash areas. To see previous consultation materials and input, please visit vancouver.ca/newbrightonsaltmarsh.

Dog Off-Leash Options – Engagement Topic

During consultation, we heard that some participants wanted an alternative option with off-leash use concentrated in the western portion of the park. We also heard that the separation of off-leash use from the restored habitat area was important. Based on your input, we have refined one option presented in the fall and developed a new option.

We would like your feedback on the following two dog off-leash options:

- Off-Leash Areas with East Beach
- Off-Leash Areas with West Beach

Common features of the two options include:

- An open grassed area in the western part of the park (encircled by an existing path).
 - This area is already used by many people for dog off-leash activities.
- A beach/water area with year-round use (no seasonal restrictions).
- An approximate total size (of each option) of about 10,000 m².
- Consistent with the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation’s current policy for all new or redeveloped off-leash areas, the western grassed area and the upslope side of the beach area would be fenced to reduce conflicts with other park activities.

Feedback Questions

To answer these questions, please see the options on the back of this page.

1. Which proposed off-leash option do you prefer?

- Off-Leash Areas with East Beach
- Off-Leash Areas with West Beach

2. Why do you prefer this option?

How to Participate

Find out more about the proposed project and provide feedback **online** at vancouver.ca/newbrightonsaltmarsh

Provide a written submission **by email**:
newbrightonsaltmarsh@vancouver.ca

Call for information: 604.665.9071

Please submit your feedback by February 15, 2016.

Off-Leash Areas with East Beach This option would maintain beach access in its current location immediately east of the wood pier.



Considerations

- This option would support existing off-leash use, as the current dog off-leash area includes the east beach.
- The east beach is close to other uses, including the playground, the pool and street parking.
- Drinking water could be provided for dogs as there is a nearby water connection.
- The separation of off-leash areas may contribute to poor compliance (dogs off-leash in on-leash areas).
- Adjacent uses such as the playground may increase conflict.
- Fencing on the upslope side may affect water and mountain views from the pool.

Off-Leash Areas with West Beach This option would involve new beach access for dogs at the western beach.



Considerations

- The beach would be adjacent to the open grass (west) off-leash area.
- The current use of the west beach includes picnicking and other activities that are not compatible with off-leash use.
- Concentration of off-leash activities in the west part of the park provides greater separation from the pool and playground.
- Moving the off-leash activities to the west could reduce potential conflict with wildlife in the salt marsh while offering some separation from the habitat area.
- The beach area includes upslope sand with logs for dog use.
- There would be no access to drinking water.