



**People, Parks & Dogs**  
**A strategy for sharing Vancouver's parks**

**Round 1 Public and Stakeholder Consultation**  
September 8 – October 14, 2016

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# 1. Executive Summary

## 1.1 Background

The Vancouver Park Board is developing a comprehensive strategy to guide the planning and design of beautiful, safe and engaging parks for people with and without dogs. *People, Parks & Dogs: A strategy for sharing Vancouver's parks* will provide an evidence-based plan for sharing Vancouver parks and beaches by people and dogs.

The first round of consultation will inform recommendations for planning, designing and managing Vancouver's parks, beaches and dog off-leash areas. The Vancouver Park Board wants to develop a comprehensive strategy for dogs and people to guide well-planned parks that are designed to accommodate all park users, including those with and without dogs.

*See pages 14-16 for an overview of consultation activities.*

## 1.2 Participation

There were a total of **4373** public and stakeholder interactions during the *People, Parks & Dogs* Round 1 consultation period:

- **4057<sup>1</sup>** completed surveys were received (3952 online, 105 hard copy)
- **135** people attended four public open houses
- **117** people attended four small group meetings
- **50** written submissions were received through email or mail
- **14** members attended an Advisory Committee meeting

### How Input Will Be Used

The planning team will consider feedback from this round of consultation, along with technical information, to develop recommendations for the planning, design and management of Vancouver's parks, beaches and dog off-leash areas for Park Board review and approval.

## 1.3 Summary of Input – Survey

Please see below for a high-level summary of survey feedback. This summary reflects the top quantitative results and the most frequent recurring themes for qualitative comments. **Detailed results, including cross-tabulated data for dog owners and non-dog owners, start on page 17 of this report.**

*Note: Some totals may not add up to 100% due to rounding. The number of mentions may exceed the total number of respondents as participants may have commented on more than one topic.*

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<sup>1</sup> Of the 4057 completed surveys, 2188 (54%) of respondents identified as dog owners and 1867 (46%) respondents identified as non-dog owners.

Surveys translated in Chinese and Punjabi were available to consultation participants. Of the 4057 completed surveys, 52 (1%) were Chinese language surveys.

## Question 1: What is most important to you about people and dogs sharing Vancouver's parks and beaches?

**4055 Respondents**

- Safety for people
- Safety for dogs
- Waste management
- Bylaw education and enforcement
- Education of dog owners and dogs
- Environmental protection
- Location of off-leash areas within parks
- Location and distribution of off-leash areas within neighbourhoods
- Noise
- Off-leash area boundaries (e.g. signage, vegetation, wood posts, fencing or other methods where appropriate)
- Amenities for people and dogs (e.g. seating)
- Partnership opportunities (e.g. volunteers and sponsors)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Most Important:**

- **98%** of respondents selected **waste management** as very important or somewhat important
- **95%** of respondents selected **safety for people** as very important or somewhat important
- **91%** of respondents selected **education of dog owners and dogs** as very important or somewhat important

### **Least Important:**

- **60%** of respondents selected **partnership opportunities** as not very important or not important at all
- **53%** of respondents selected **noise** as not very important or not important at all
- **34%** of respondents selected **amenities for people and dogs** as not very important or not important at all

Of the **1052** responses to "other", the three most frequently recurring themes were:

1. Dog owners have the responsibility to ensure that their dogs behave properly, as well as respect bylaws and other park users.  
**178 mentions**
2. There are not currently enough dog off-leash areas in Vancouver, including suggestions for how to increase the number of off-leash areas (e.g. make all parks off-leash or reduce time restrictions).  
**169 mentions**
3. Enforcement of waste pick-up is currently inadequate/there is a need for more enforcement of dog waste pick-up.  
**167 mentions**

*Note: Due to a programming error, the "Safety for people" option was not available for part of the TalkVancouver online survey.*

## Question 2: What do you think are the top three BENEFITS of having designated dog off-leash areas?

**4055 Respondents**

Please check up to three.

- Building community
- Providing places for dogs to exercise and socialize
- Encouraging owners to keep off-leash activity to off-leash areas
- Making parks and neighbourhoods safer
- Discouraging conflict in shared park spaces
- Promoting responsible dog ownership
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Top Three Benefits:**

- **70%** of respondents selected **providing places for dogs to exercise and socialize** as a benefit
- **62%** of respondents selected **encouraging owners to keep off-leash activity to off-leash areas** as a benefit
- **49%** of respondents selected **discouraging conflict in shared park spaces** as a benefit

Of the **164** responses to “other”, the three most frequently recurring themes were:

1. There are no benefits to having designated dog off-leash areas.  
**77 mentions**
2. Importance of providing places for dogs to exercise and socialize.  
**26 mentions**
3. Enforcement of waste pick-up is currently inadequate/there is a need for more enforcement of dog-waste pick-up.  
**24 mentions**

### Question 3: What are the top three CHALLENGES of having designated dog off-leash areas?

**4055 Respondents**

Please check up to three.

- Managing dog waste
- Safety concerns (people)
- Safety concerns (dogs)
- Sharing limited park space
- Managing noise
- Increased maintenance and enforcement costs
- Keeping off-leash activity to designated off-leash areas
- Potential environmental impacts
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Top Three Challenges:**

- **54%** of respondents selected **managing dog waste** as a challenge
- **51%** of respondents selected **sharing limited park space** as a challenge
- **51%** of respondents selected **keeping off-leash activity to designated off-leash areas** as a challenge

Of the **381** responses to “other”, the three most frequently recurring themes were:

1. There is a lack of suitable dog off-leash areas in Vancouver (e.g. they are too far away, unattractive and don't offer beach access).  
**105 mentions**
2. Concern regarding dog owner behaviour in regards to respecting bylaws and other park users.  
**75 mentions**
3. There are no challenges of having designated dog off-leash areas.  
**72 mentions**



## Question 4: To what extent do you agree with the following statements:

**4055 Respondents**

- Dog off-leash areas are an acceptable use of public parks
- There are enough places for dogs to be off leash in Vancouver parks
- Dog off-leash areas in Vancouver are of good quality overall
- The distribution of off-leash areas meets my needs
- Dog off-leash areas help reduce conflicts between off leash dogs and other park users
- Dog off-leash areas should have clear boundaries
- Dog off-leash areas should be separated from other park activities
- Dog owners and walkers do an adequate job of picking up dog waste from Vancouver parks
- There are enough waste bins in Vancouver parks
- There is enough enforcement of dog activity in Vancouver parks

### Highest Agreement:

- **83%** of respondents strongly agreed or agreed that **dog off-leash areas should have clear boundaries**
- **82%** of respondents strongly agreed or agreed that **dog off-leash areas are an acceptable use of public parks**
- **79%** of respondents strongly agreed or agreed that **dog off-leash areas help reduce conflicts between off leash dogs and other park users**

### Highest Disagreement:

- **53%** of respondents strongly disagreed or disagreed that **there are enough places for dogs to be off leash in Vancouver parks**
- **46%** of respondents strongly disagreed or disagreed that **there are enough waste bins in Vancouver parks**
- **43%** of respondents strongly disagreed or disagreed that **there is enough enforcement of dog activity in Vancouver parks**



## Question 5: What amenities would you like to see in Vancouver's off-leash areas?

**4055 Respondents**

Please check up to three.

- More waste bins
- Drinking water for dogs
- Drinking water for people
- Shade
- Separated large and small/shy dog areas
- Open areas for running and fetch
- Secure fencing
- Seating
- Walking paths
- Dog bag dispensers
- Play features for dogs
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Top Three Amenities:

- **41%** of respondents selected **drinking water for dogs** as an amenity
- **40%** of respondents selected **open areas for running and fetch** as an amenity
- **37%** of respondents selected **secure fencing** as an amenity

Of the **273** responses to "other", the three most frequently recurring themes were:

1. Off-leash areas should be attractive for use by dogs and dog owners, including increased vegetation, trails and beach access.  
**54 mentions**
2. Suggestions for modification to ground surface in off-leash areas, in particular a preference for grass and not gravel.  
**40 mentions**
3. Clearer delineation of off-leash areas such as fencing and signage.  
**32 mentions**

## Question 6: If you are a dog owner or handler, where do you currently let your dog(s) off leash?

**2189 Respondents**

Please select all that apply.

- Dog off-leash areas
- City park or beach without a designated dog off-leash area
- School grounds
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Top Three Areas:**

- **81%** of respondents selected **dog off-leash areas** as where they let their dog(s) off leash
- **43%** of respondents selected **city park or beach without a designated dog off-leash area** as where they let their dog(s) off leash
- **30%** of respondents selected **school grounds** as where they let their dog(s) off leash

Of the **408** responses to "other", the three most frequently recurring themes were:

1. Areas outside of the City of Vancouver, such as North Vancouver hiking trails, parks in Burnaby.  
**97 mentions**
2. Areas where there are not many people.  
**70 mentions**
3. City park or beach without a designated dog off-leash area.  
**56 mentions**

## If you let your dog(s) off leash outside of dog off-leash areas, why?

**2189 Respondents**

Please select all that apply.

- It's more convenient
- Non off-leash areas have a nicer atmosphere/better amenities
- Have had problems or anticipate problems at dog off-leash areas
- Off-leash areas are too crowded
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Top Three Reasons:**

- **35%** of respondents selected **don't let my dog off-leash/outside of dog off-leash areas**
- **33%** of respondents selected **it's more convenient**
- **22%** of respondents selected **non off-leash areas have a nicer atmosphere/better amenities**

Of the **702** responses to "other", the three most frequently recurring themes were:

1. There is a lack of off-leash areas within close walking or driving distance.  
**310 mentions**
2. That their dog deserves to be off-leash because they are well-trained, friendly or old.  
**140 mentions**
3. Need a larger area for dog to exercise.  
**110 mentions**

## If you let your dog(s) off leash outside of dog off-leash areas, which parks or public spaces in Vancouver do you use?

**1108 Respondents**

Of the **1108** responses, the three most frequently recurring themes were:

1. Identification of specific parks.  
**632 mentions**
2. Dog off-leash areas outside of designated area or time restrictions.  
**339 mentions**
3. Vancouver School Board properties.  
**199 mentions**

## Question 7: How far are you willing to regularly walk and/or drive to get to a dog off-leash area?

**2189 Respondents**

Please select the most applicable for **walking**.

- Under 10 minutes
- 10 – 20 minutes
- 20 – 30 minutes
- 30 minutes +

Please select the most applicable for **driving**.

- Under 10 minutes
- 10 – 20 minutes
- 20 – 30 minutes
- 30 minutes +

### **Walking:**

- **44%** of respondents selected **under 10 minutes**
- **42%** of respondents selected **10 – 20 minutes**
- **8%** of respondents selected **20 – 30 minutes**

### **Driving:**

- **35%** of respondents selected **10 – 20 minutes**
- **26%** of respondents selected **under 10 minutes**
- **19%** of respondents selected **not applicable**

## Question 8: Which of the following types of off-leash areas do you think should be a priority?

**4056 Respondents**

Please select the most applicable.

- Neighbourhood off-leash areas (i.e. small off-leash areas within neighbourhood parks that are typically accessed by walking)
- Destination off-leash areas (i.e. large off-leash areas in key parts of the city that are typically accessed by walking or driving, and may have more amenities such as a dog wash station and agility features)
- Neighbourhood and destination off-leash areas should be of equal priority
- No preference

### **Top Priorities:**

- **39%** of respondents selected **neighbourhood and destination off-leash areas should be of equal priority**
- **33%** of respondents selected **neighbourhood off-leash areas**
- **14%** of respondents selected **no preference**
- **14%** of respondents selected **destination off-leash areas**

## Question 9: If you have a dog, is your dog licensed?

**824 Respondents**

Please select the most applicable.

- Yes
- No

- **89%** of respondents selected **yes**
- **11%** of respondents selected **no**

## If no, why not?

**824 Respondents**

Please select all that apply.

- Didn't know it's legally required
- Don't see the benefit
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Top Three Reasons:

- **88%** of respondents selected **have a dog license**
- **6%** of respondents selected **don't see the benefit**
- **3%** of respondents selected **didn't know it's legally required**

Of the **48** responses to "other", the three most frequently recurring themes were:

1. Don't see the need or benefit of having a licensed dog.  
**12 mentions**
2. Plan on licensing dog but haven't gotten around to it.  
**5 mentions**
3. Dog is already licensed.  
**5 mentions**

*Note: Due to a programming error, this question was only available on the TalkVancouver online survey as of Wednesday, September 21, 2016.*

## Question 10: Do you have any additional comments?

### 1917 Respondents

Of the **1917** responses, the three most frequently recurring themes were:

1. Enforcement of dog off-leash activity is currently inadequate/there is a need for more enforcement of off-leash activity.  
**376 mentions**
2. Dog owners need to be educated on how to manage their dogs and educated on respecting bylaws and other park users.  
**372 mentions**
3. There is a need for clearer delineation of off-leash areas.  
**330 mentions**

## 2. Background

Vancouver's urban dog population is growing. With population growth and people living in smaller spaces, it's now more important than ever to balance different uses of parks and public spaces. Vancouver residents and visitors regularly use parks and beaches for picnicking and sports, and with more people living in apartment buildings and condos, local parks and beaches have become neighbourhood "backyards" where people meet to socialize, exercise and play.

The Vancouver Park Board is developing a comprehensive strategy to guide the planning and design of beautiful, safe and engaging parks for people with and without dogs. *People, Parks & Dogs: A strategy for sharing Vancouver's parks* will provide an evidence-based plan for sharing Vancouver parks and beaches by people and dogs. Through evaluating 36 existing dog off-leash areas in combination with data and consultation feedback, the planning team will develop recommendations and strategies for making all parks, including off-leash areas, successful for a broad range of park users.

### How Input Will Be Used

The planning team will consider feedback from this round of consultation, along with technical information, to develop recommendations for the planning, design and management of Vancouver's parks, beaches and dog off-leash areas for Park Board review and approval.





### 3. Work to Date

In addition to Round 1 consultation, work to date has included:

- Studying Vancouver's existing off-leash areas to identify opportunities and challenges in individual parks and within the larger parks system.
- Doing field surveys at eight off-leash parks to better understand how these parks are used. This includes observations of parks during weekdays and weekends, and surveys of park users.
- Studying dog parks in other cities, including interviews with parks department staff.
- Conducting a workshop with City of Vancouver and Park Board staff to identify opportunities and challenges in existing off-leash areas.

### 4. *People, Parks & Dogs* Advisory Committee

In June 2016, the Park Board created an Advisory Committee for *People, Parks & Dogs* to provide focused feedback into the consultation process from a range of stakeholder perspectives. Advisory Committee members represent a broad range of interests, including sports, the environment, animal health and behaviour, persons with disabilities, families with children, tourism and others.

The Advisory Committee is a valuable resource for information sharing between the Park Board and stakeholder groups. Advisory committee members provided feedback during pre-consultation about how they would like to be consulted, and on which topics. This information was considered in the development of the Round 1 consultation program. The Advisory Committee will continue to meet regularly throughout the planning process.

As part of Round 1 consultation, 14 members of the Advisory Committee met on September 7, 2016. The following are key themes from that meeting:

1. Participants observed that many existing off-leash facilities are over-used, particularly in densely populated parts of the city (e.g. downtown, the West End) and that is contributing to challenges for sharing parks, including the use of non-designated areas as off-leash facilities and park maintenance problems.
2. Participants reinforced that off-leash areas need to consider the needs of the people who use them, and identified opportunities for improved amenities (e.g. water, lighting, toilet facilities) and accessibility for persons with disabilities.
3. Participants suggested improved signage for off-leash areas to increase bylaw compliance and reduce conflict.

## 5. Round 1 Public and Stakeholder Consultation: September 8 – October 14, 2016

### 5.1 Purpose

The first round of consultation will inform recommendations for planning, designing and managing Vancouver's parks, beaches and dog off-leash areas. The Vancouver Park Board wants to develop a comprehensive strategy for dogs and people to guide well-planned parks that are designed to accommodate all park users, including those with and without dogs.

Further consultation opportunities are planned for early 2017. During the second round of consultation we will ask for feedback on preliminary recommendations about the planning, design and management of Vancouver's parks, beaches and dog off-leash areas.

### 5.2 Consultation Participation

There were a total of **4373** public and stakeholder interactions during the *People, Parks & Dogs* Round 1 consultation period:

- **4057<sup>2</sup>** completed surveys were received (3952 online, 105 hard copy)
- **135** people attended four public open houses
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## 5.3 Consultation Topics

During this round of consultation, stakeholders and the public were invited to provide feedback regarding topics related to shared park space by people with and without dogs and benefits and challenges associated with dog off-leash areas, including:

- Why a *People, Parks & Dogs* Strategy is needed
- Location of dog off-leash areas in Vancouver
- Benefits and challenges of off-leash areas
- What is important for people with and without dogs sharing parks

## 5.4 Notification

The public was notified about consultation opportunities via the following methods:

- **Newspaper Advertising:**  
Advertisements ran in the following publications:
  - *Vancouver Courier*: Thursday, September 8 and Thursday, September 15, 2016
  - *Ming Pao*: Saturday, September 10, 2016
- **Social Media:** Various Park Board social media accounts were used to inform the public about the consultation period
  - Free posts:
    - Tweets: 70 (842 865 impressions)
    - Facebook: 10 (reached 8041 users)
    - Instagram: 5 posts
  - Paid posts: 4 (viewed by 90 629 people)
- **Stakeholder Emails:** Five emails were sent to notify stakeholders about consultation opportunities and materials (1493 total recipients)
- **Consultation Website:** All stakeholder consultation materials were available on the project website at [vancouver.ca/people-parks-dogs](http://vancouver.ca/people-parks-dogs).



*A copy of the notification materials can be found in Appendix 1.*

## 5.5 Consultation Methods

### 5.5.1 Discussion Guide and Survey

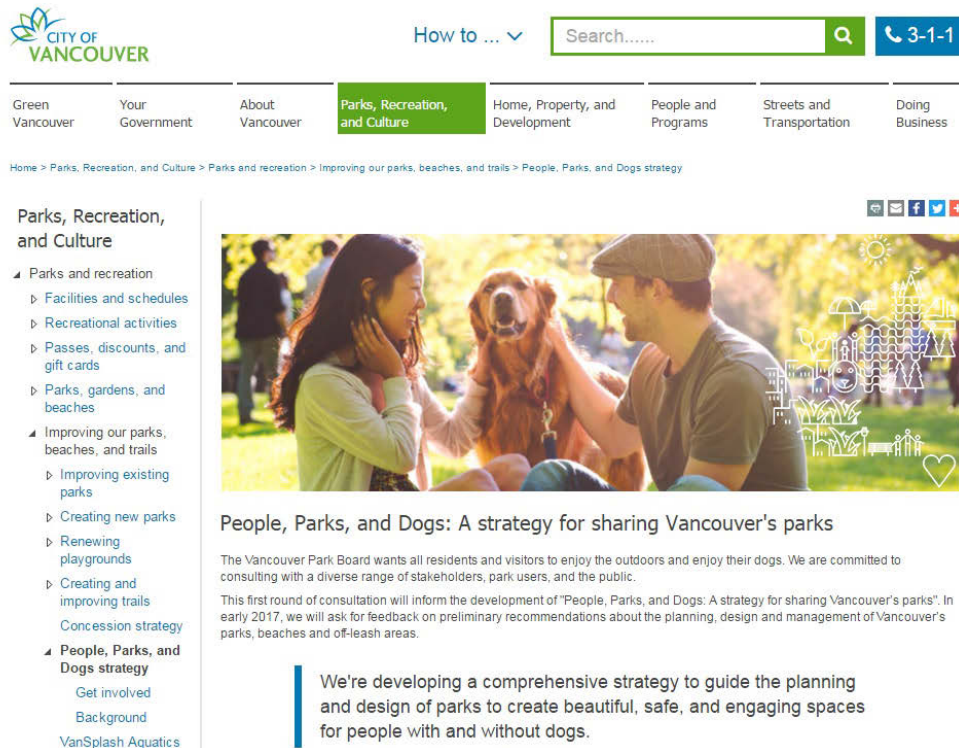
The discussion guide provided information on: why the *People, Parks & Dogs* Strategy is needed in Vancouver; locations of existing dog off-leash areas; examples of best practices in other cities; benefits and challenges of off-leash areas, and how people with and without dogs can share parks.

The survey included questions on what considerations are important for people with and without dogs sharing Vancouver's parks and beaches. It also included questions regarding safety, waste management, bylaw enforcement, education of dog owners and dogs, environmental protection and a variety of other topics regarding dog off-leash areas. The survey was distributed at public open houses, small group meetings and posted online at: [vancouver.ca/people-parks-dogs](http://vancouver.ca/people-parks-dogs).

*A copy of the discussion guide and survey can be found in Appendix 2.*

### 5.5.2 Online Materials

Stakeholder consultation materials (discussion guide and display boards, including maps) were available online at: [vancouver.ca/people-parks-dogs](http://vancouver.ca/people-parks-dogs). The website also provided links to background materials on past engagement by the Park Board regarding off-leash areas. There were 3747 unique website visits during the consultation period, and **3952** of the 4057 completed surveys were received through the online survey.



The screenshot shows the City of Vancouver website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the City of Vancouver logo, a 'How to ...' dropdown menu, a search bar, and a '3-1-1' contact button. Below the navigation bar, there is a horizontal menu with categories: Green Vancouver, Your Government, About Vancouver, Parks, Recreation, and Culture (highlighted), Home, Property, and Development, People and Programs, Streets and Transportation, and Doing Business. The main content area is titled 'Parks, Recreation, and Culture' and includes a sidebar with a list of links: Parks and recreation, Facilities and schedules, Recreational activities, Passes, discounts, and gift cards, Parks, gardens, and beaches, Improving our parks, beaches, and trails, Improving existing parks, Creating new parks, Renewing playgrounds, Creating and improving trails, Concession strategy, People, Parks, and Dogs strategy (highlighted), Get involved, Background, and VanSplash Aquatics. The main content area features a large photo of a couple sitting on a bench with their dog, and a title 'People, Parks, and Dogs: A strategy for sharing Vancouver's parks'. Below the photo, there is a paragraph of text: 'The Vancouver Park Board wants all residents and visitors to enjoy the outdoors and enjoy their dogs. We are committed to consulting with a diverse range of stakeholders, park users, and the public. This first round of consultation will inform the development of "People, Parks, and Dogs: A strategy for sharing Vancouver's parks". In early 2017, we will ask for feedback on preliminary recommendations about the planning, design and management of Vancouver's parks, beaches and off-leash areas.' A quote box on the right side of the page reads: 'We're developing a comprehensive strategy to guide the planning and design of parks to create beautiful, safe, and engaging spaces for people with and without dogs.'



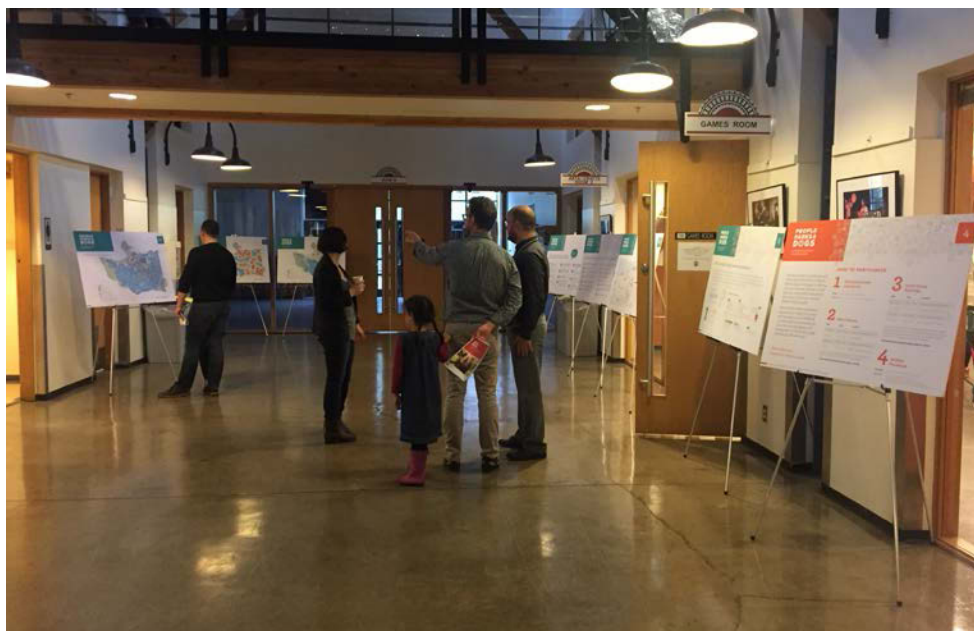
### 5.5.3 Open Houses

Four public open houses were held around Vancouver to provide the public and stakeholders with a chance to speak with the planning team and to learn more about the *People, Parks & Dogs* strategy. Large presentation boards were set up with maps that showed current dog off-leash areas and other geospatial data. In addition to maps, information was presented on the display boards pertaining to dog off-leash areas and how people with and without dogs share parks.



In total, **135** people attended public open houses:

Date	Time	Location	Attendance
Tuesday, September 13	6 pm – 9 pm	Trout Lake Community Centre	47
Saturday, September 17	10 am – 1 pm	Roundhouse Community Centre	41
Wednesday, September 21	6 pm - 9 pm	St. James Community Square	27
Saturday, October 1	10 am – 1 pm	Langara Golf Course Clubhouse	20



### 5.5.4 Small Group Meetings

Four small groups meetings provided stakeholders with the opportunity to take part in a more in-depth discussion about *People, Parks & Dogs*. Attendees took part in facilitated table discussions with the survey as a framework and discussed their opinions with other stakeholders and the project team.

Total small group meeting attendance was **117**:

Date	Time	Location	Attendance
Thursday, September 15	7 pm – 9 pm	Trout Lake Community Centre	29
Thursday, September 29	7 pm – 9 pm	Roundhouse Community Centre	36
Tuesday, October 4	7 pm – 9 pm	Sunset Community Centre	19
Thursday, October 6	7 pm – 9 pm	Kitsilano Community Centre	33

See page 43 for a summary of small group meeting key themes. Complete meeting notes from each meeting are available in Appendix 3.

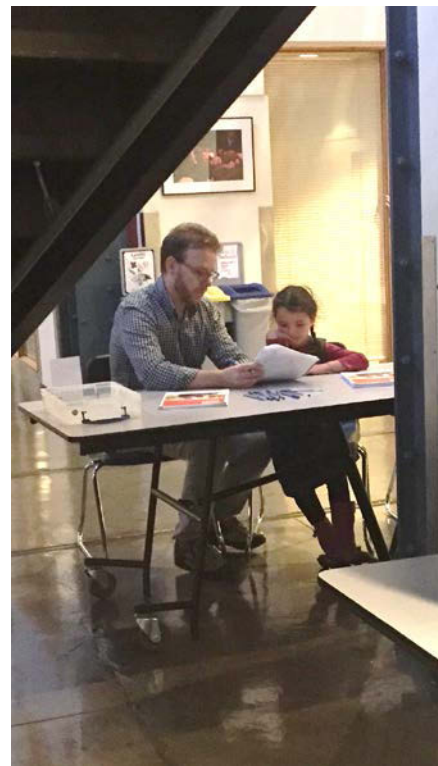


## 6. Consultation Results

### 6.1 Survey

Starting on the following page are results from the **4057 completed surveys received** at the open houses, small group meetings, online, and by mail. Out of the 4057 completed surveys, **2188** (54%) respondents identified as dog owners and **1867** (46%) respondents identified as non-dog owners. Please note:

- Some totals may not add up to 100% due to rounding.
- Graphs for questions one and four are displayed in descending order based on the combined total of “Very Important and Somewhat Important”/ “Strongly Agree and Agree”.
- The number of mentions may exceed the total number of respondents, as participants may have commented on more than one topic. Themes with a 5% or lower mention rate have not been included in the qualitative results.
- Percentages for “dog owner” or “non-dog owner” group-specific graphs have been calculated based on number of respondents in each group who responded to that question.

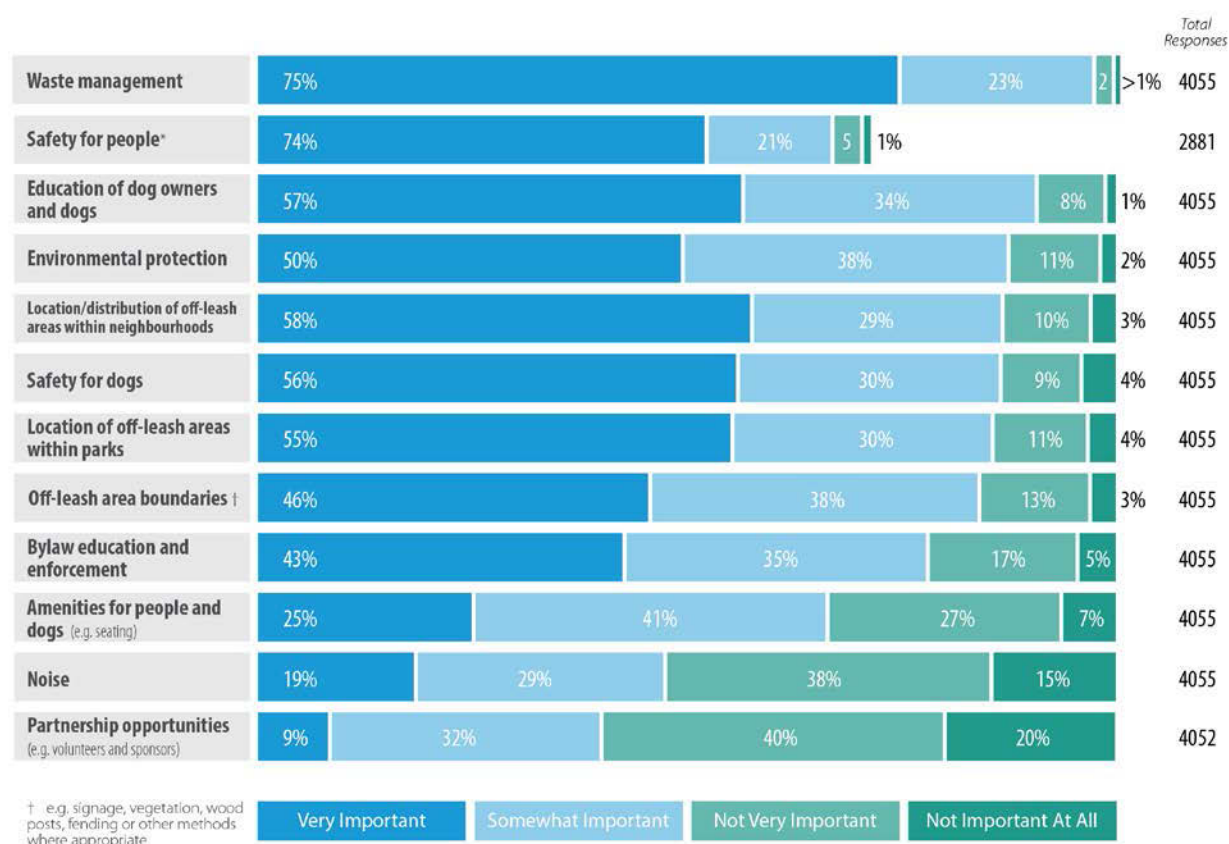




## Question 1: What is most important to you about people and dogs sharing Vancouver's parks and beaches?

### All Respondents

Most Important	Least Important
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>98% of respondents selected <b>waste management</b> as very important or somewhat important</li> <li>95% of respondents selected <b>safety for people</b> as very important or somewhat important</li> <li>91% of respondents selected <b>education of dog owners and dogs</b> as very important or somewhat important</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>60% of respondents selected <b>partnership opportunities</b> as not very important or not important at all</li> <li>53% of respondents selected <b>noise</b> as not very important or not important at all</li> <li>34% of respondents selected <b>amenities for people and dogs</b> as not very important or not important at all</li> </ul>

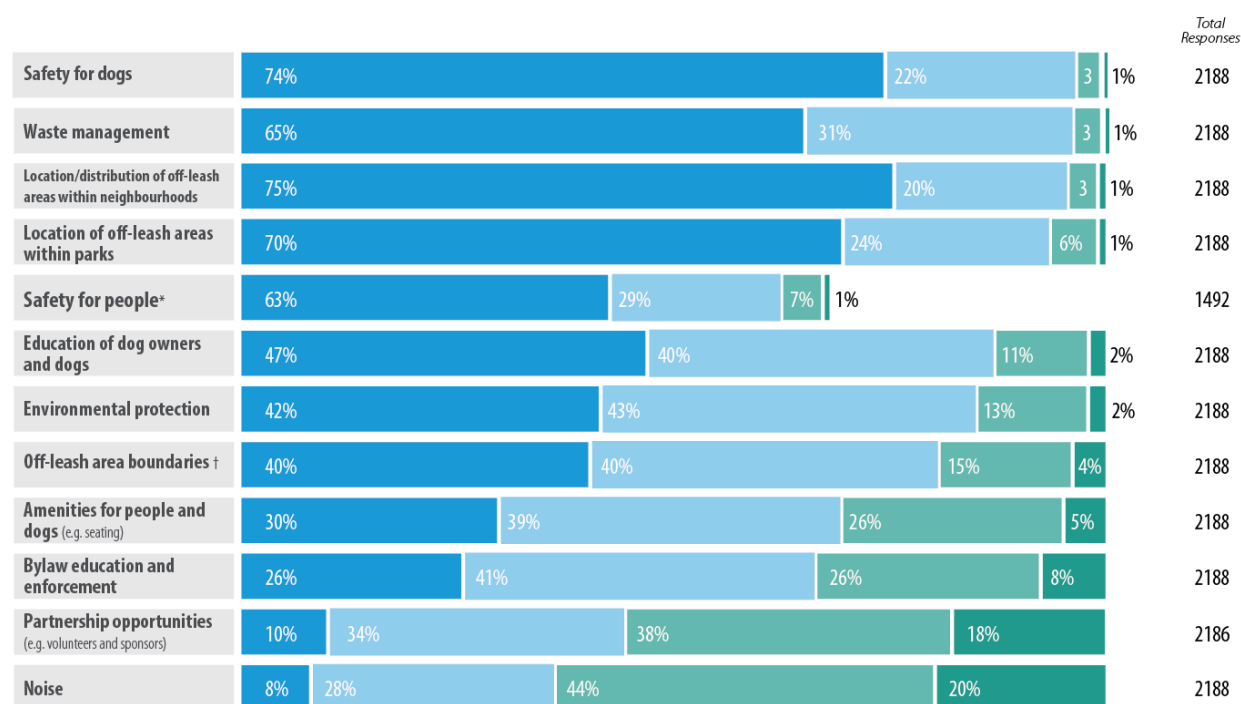


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## Question 1: What is most important to you about people and dogs sharing Vancouver's parks and beaches?

### Dog Owners

Most Important	Least Important
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>96% of respondents who identified as dog owners selected <b>safety for dogs</b> as very important or somewhat important</li> <li>96% of respondents who identified as dog owners selected <b>waste management</b> as very important or somewhat important</li> <li>95% of respondents who identified as dog owners selected <b>location/distribution of off-leash areas within neighbourhoods</b> as very important or somewhat important</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>64% of respondents who identified as dog owners selected <b>noise</b> as not very important or not important at all</li> <li>56% of respondents who identified as dog owners selected <b>partnership opportunities</b> as not very important or not important at all</li> <li>34% of respondents who identified as dog owners selected <b>bylaw education and enforcement</b> as not very important or not important at all</li> </ul>



† e.g. signage, vegetation, wood posts, fencing or other methods where appropriate

Very Important

Somewhat Important

Not Very Important

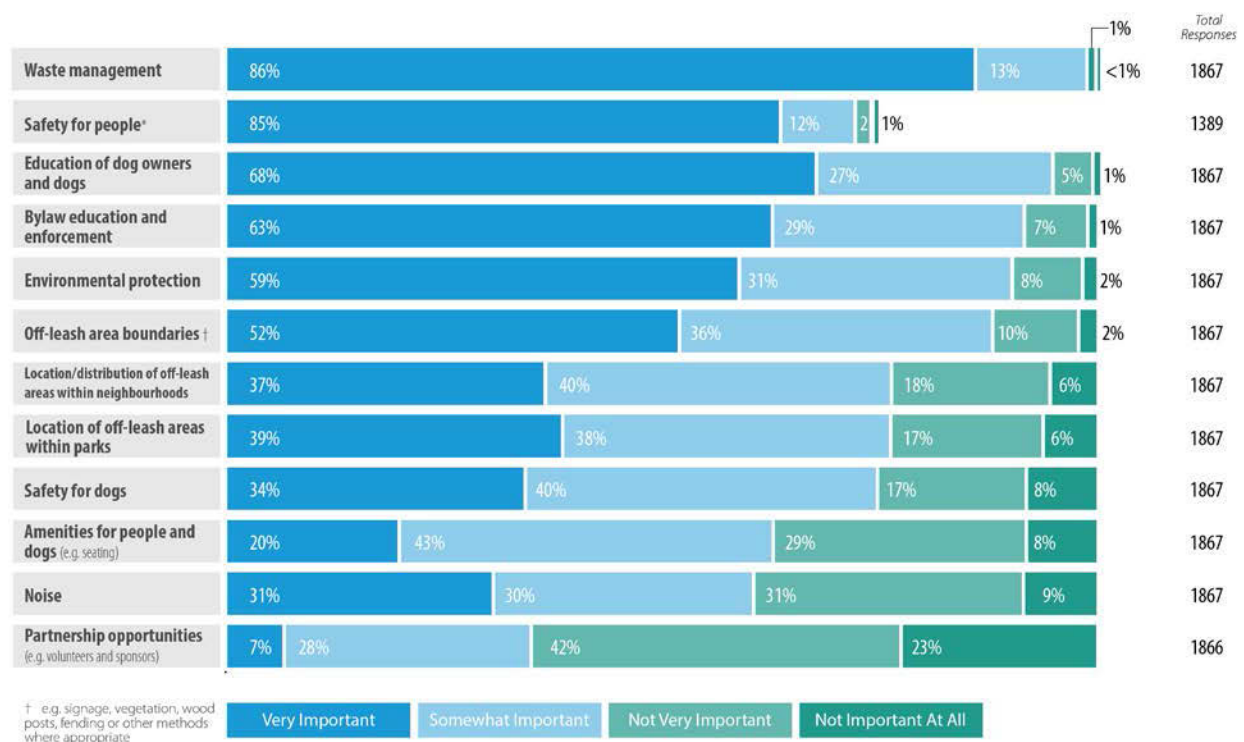
Not Important At All

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## Question 1: What is most important to you about people and dogs sharing Vancouver's parks and beaches?

### Non-Dog Owners

Most Important	Least Important
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>99% of respondents who identified as non-dog owners selected <b>waste management</b> as very important or somewhat important</li> <li>97% of respondents who identified as non-dog owners selected <b>safety for people</b> as very important or somewhat important</li> <li>95% of respondents who identified as non-dog owners selected <b>education of dog owners and dogs</b> as very important or somewhat important</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>65% of respondents who identified as non-dog owners selected <b>partnership opportunities</b> as not very important or not important at all</li> <li>40% of respondents who identified as non-dog owners selected <b>noise</b> as not very important or not important at all</li> <li>37% of respondents who identified as non-dog owners selected <b>amenities for people and dogs</b> as not very important or not important at all</li> </ul>



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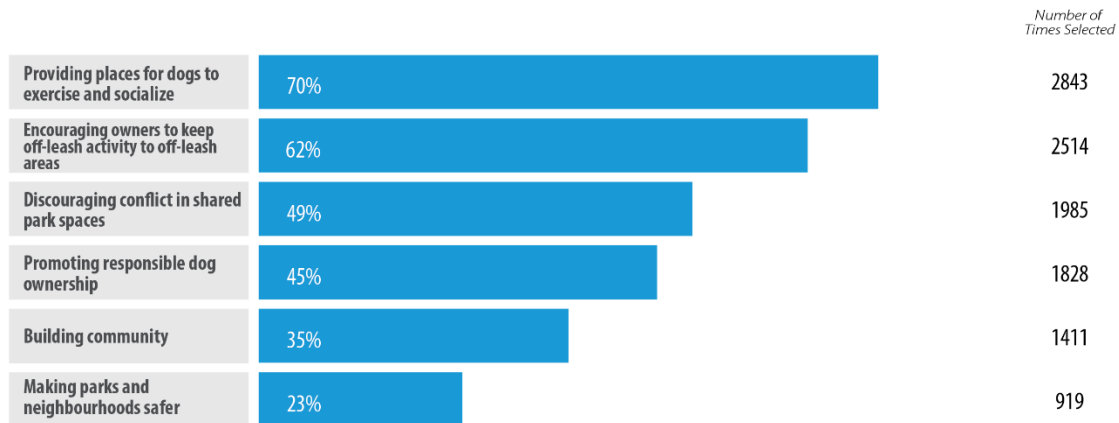
## Question 1: What is most important to you about people and dogs sharing Vancouver's parks and beaches?

Themes from <u>other</u> :	Total Number of Mentions n = 1052	Mentions from Dog Owners n = 574	Mentions from Non-Dog Owners n = 478
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1052 total responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>574 respondents identified as dog owners</li> <li>478 respondents identified as non-dog owners</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
1. Dog owners have the responsibility to ensure that their dogs behave properly, as well as respect bylaws and other park users.	178	60 (10%)	118 (25%)
2. There are not currently enough dog off-leash areas in Vancouver, including suggestions for how to increase the number of off-leash areas (e.g. make all parks off-leash or reduce time restrictions).	169	142 (25%)	27 (6%)
3. Enforcement of waste pick-up is currently inadequate/there is a need for more enforcement of dog waste pick-up.	167	71 (12%)	96 (20%)
4. There is a need for clearer delineation of off-leash areas.	155	103 (18%)	52 (11%)
5. Off-leash areas should be attractive and large to benefit dogs and their owners.	151	127 (22%)	24 (5%)
6. Enforcement of off-leash activity is currently inadequate/there is a need for more enforcement of off-leash activity.	137	42 (7%)	95 (20%)
7. Concerns about human health and safety from off-leash and on-leash dog activity.	104	22 (4%)	82 (17%)
8. Concerns regarding the safety of children/dogs should not be allowed on or near playgrounds.	82	10 (2%)	72 (15%)
9. There should be more restrictions on areas accessible to dogs/more areas should be dog-free.	80	5 (1%)	75 (16%)
10. Concerns regarding the safety of dogs, including that there should be separated off-leash areas for small and large dogs.	73	60 (10%)	13 (3%)
11. Suggestions for non-dog owners on how to behave around dogs, including to not show fear and to stay away from dog off-leash areas.	66	57 (10%)	9 (2%)

<b>Themes from <u>other</u>:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1052 total responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>574 respondents identified as dog owners</li> <li>478 respondents identified as non-dog owners</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Total Number of Mentions n = 1052</b>	<b>Mentions from Dog Owners n = 574</b>	<b>Mentions from Non-Dog Owners n = 478</b>
12. Dog off-leash areas should be within walking distance/well distributed throughout neighbourhoods.	64	56 (10%)	8 (2%)

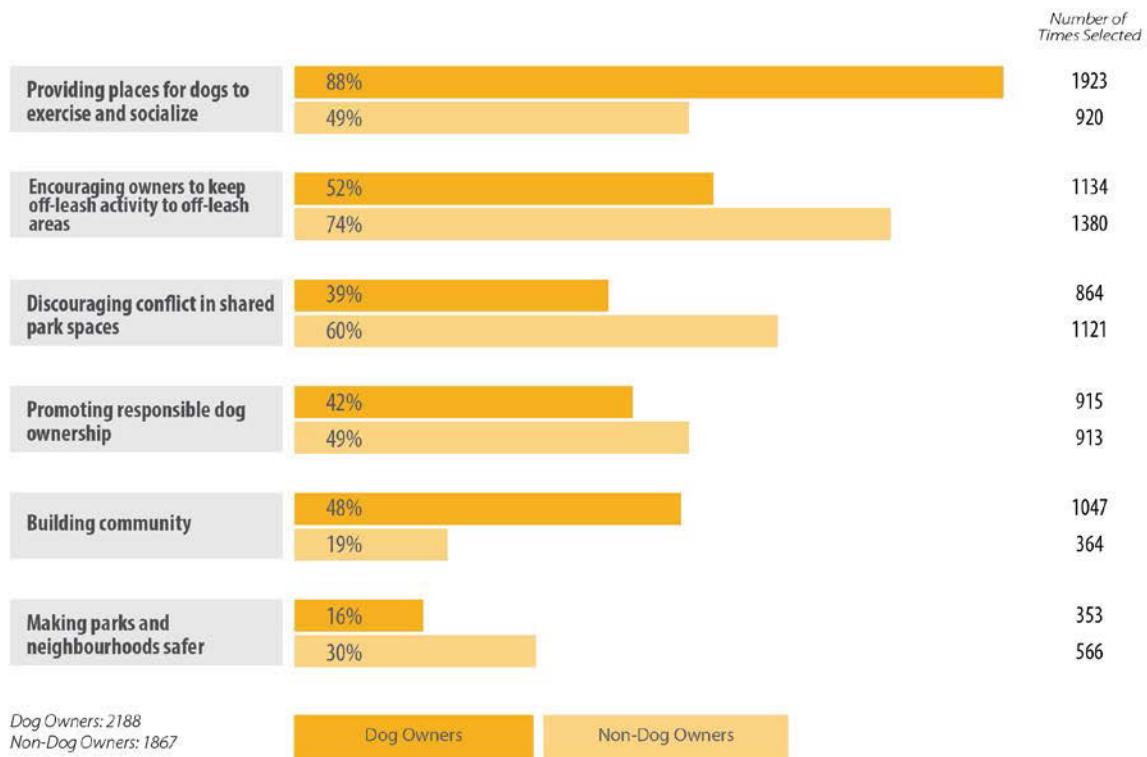
## Question 2: What do you think are the top three BENEFITS of having designated dog off-leash areas? (Please check up to three)

### All Respondents



Total Respondents: 4055

### Results from dog owners and non-dog owners



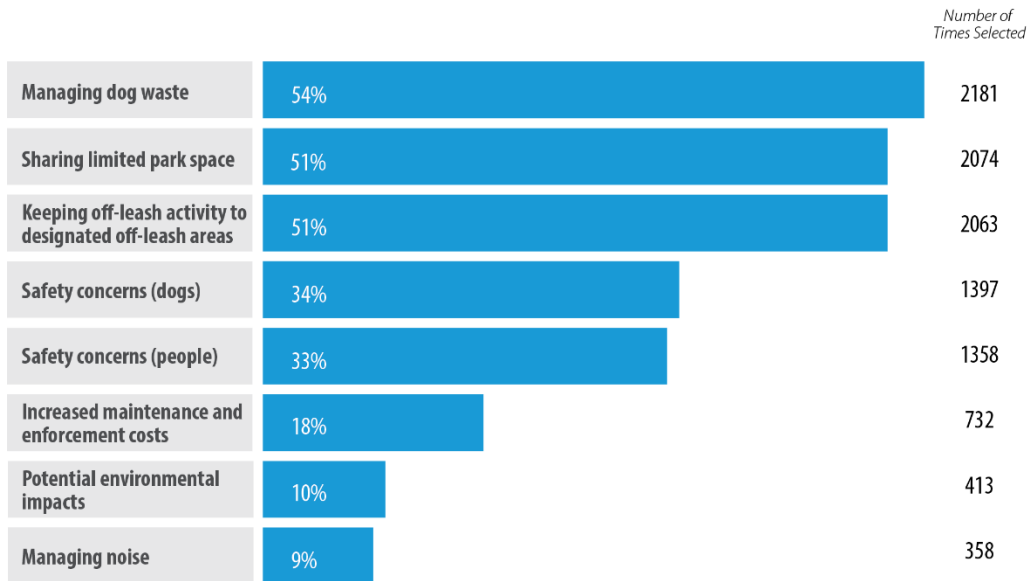
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<b>Themes from <u>other</u>:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>164 total responses                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>75 respondents identified as dog owners</li> <li>89 respondents identified as non-dog owners</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Total Number of Mentions n = 164</b>	<b>Mentions from Dog Owners n = 75</b>	<b>Mentions from Non-Dog Owners n = 89</b>
1. There are no benefits to having designated dog off-leash areas.	77	36 (48%)	41 (46%)
2. Importance of providing places for dogs to exercise and socialize.	26	20 (27%)	6 (7%)
3. Enforcement of waste pick-up is currently inadequate/there is a need for more enforcement of dog-waste pick-up.	24	3 (4%)	21 (24%)
4. Designated dog off-leash areas help to build a community.	14	5 (7%)	9 (10%)
5. Enforcement of off-leash activity is currently inadequate/need to encourage owners to keep dog off-leash activity to dog off-leash areas.	10	2 (3%)	8 (9%)



### Question 3: What are the top three CHALLENGES of having designated dog off-leash areas? (Please check up to three)

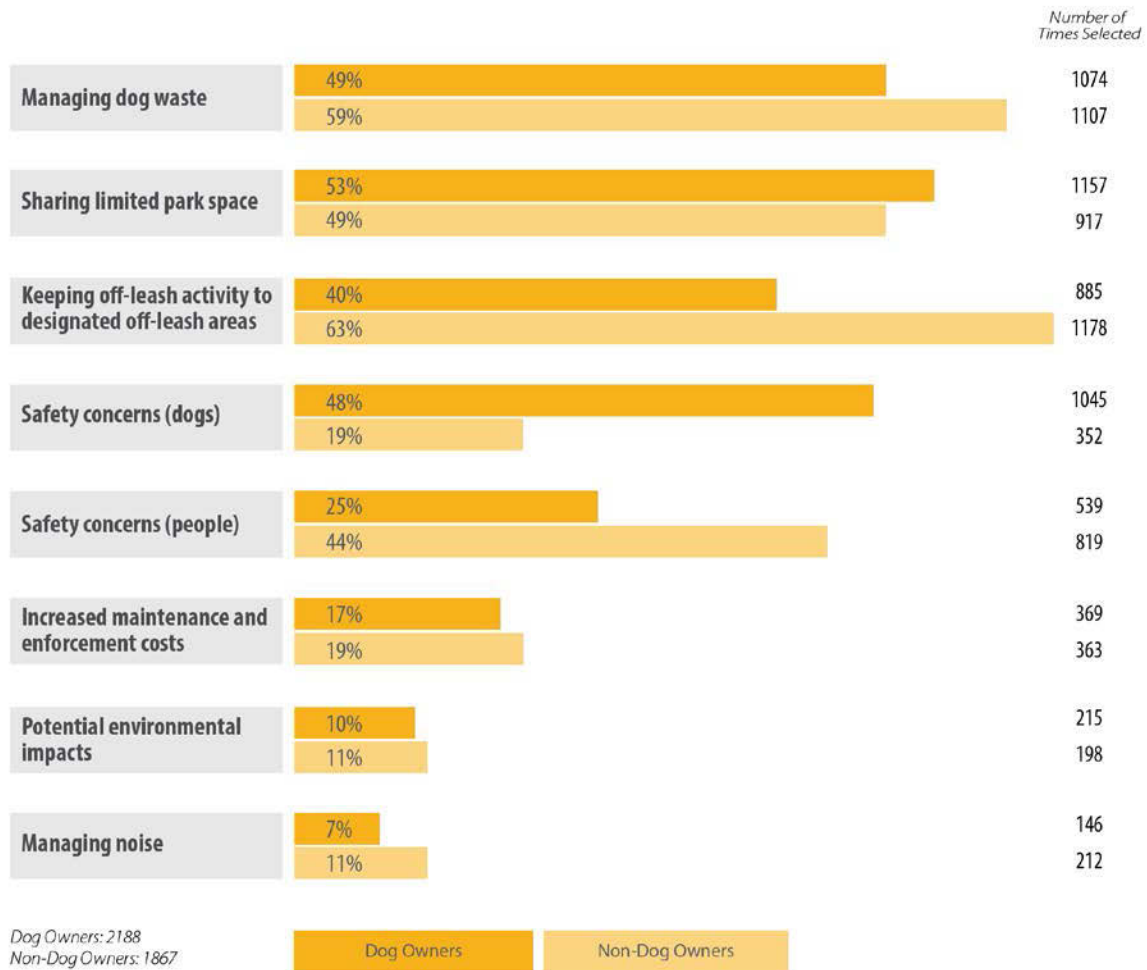
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#### Results from dog owners and non-dog owners



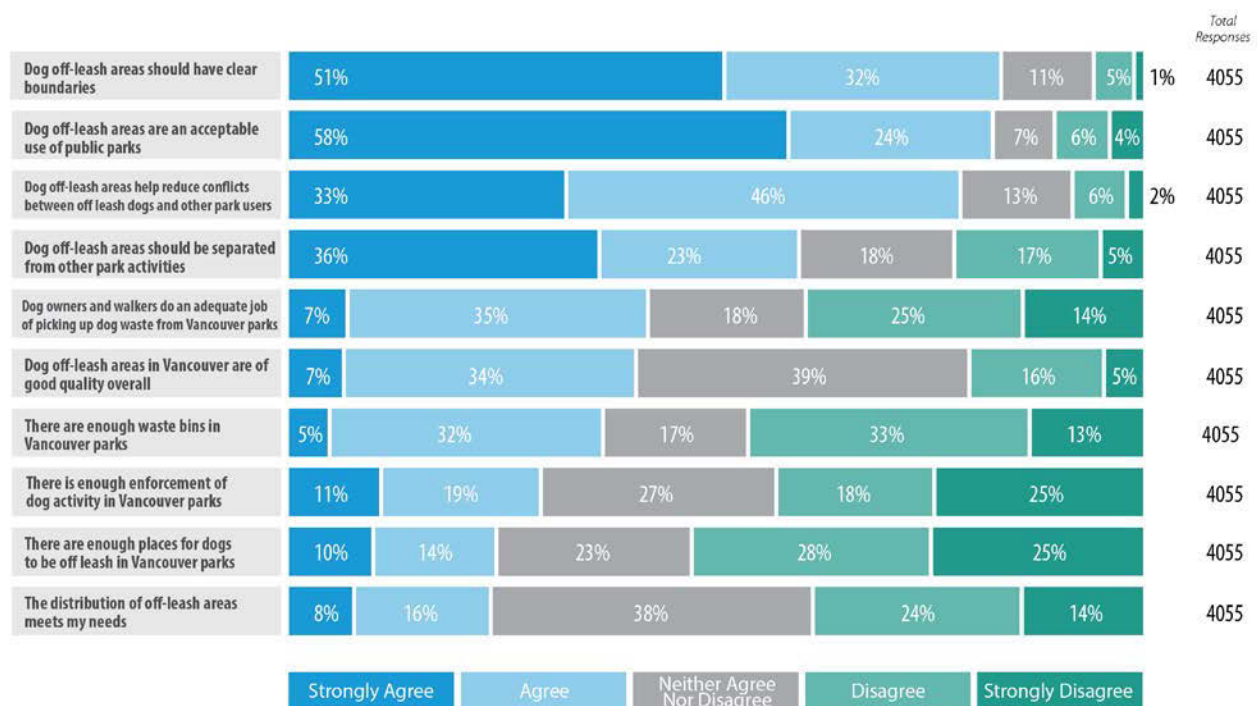
**Question 3: What are the top three CHALLENGES of having designated dog off-leash areas? (Please check up to three)**

<b>Themes from <u>other</u>:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>381 total responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>281 respondents identified as dog owners</li> <li>100 respondents identified as non-dog owners</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Total Number of Mentions n = 381</b>	<b>Mentions from Dog Owners n = 281</b>	<b>Mentions from Non-Dog Owners n = 100</b>
1. There is a lack of suitable dog off-leash areas in Vancouver (e.g. they are too far away, unattractive and don't offer beach access).	105	93 (33%)	12 (12%)
2. Concern regarding dog owner behavior in regards to respecting bylaws and other park users.	75	44 (16%)	31 (31%)
3. There are no challenges of having designated dog off-leash areas.	72	55 (20%)	17 (17%)
4. Conflicts between dog owners and non-dog owners that arise at dog off-leash parks.	54	47 (17%)	7 (7%)
5. Enforcement of off-leash activity is currently inadequate/need to encourage owners to keep dog off-leash activity to dog off-leash areas.	33	12 (4%)	21 (21%)
6. Concern regarding dog behaviour in dog off-leash areas.	23	12 (4%)	11 (11%)
7. Increased maintenance and enforcement costs associated with dog off-leash areas.	19	12 (4%)	7 (7%)

## Question 4: To what extent do you agree with the following statements:

### All Respondents

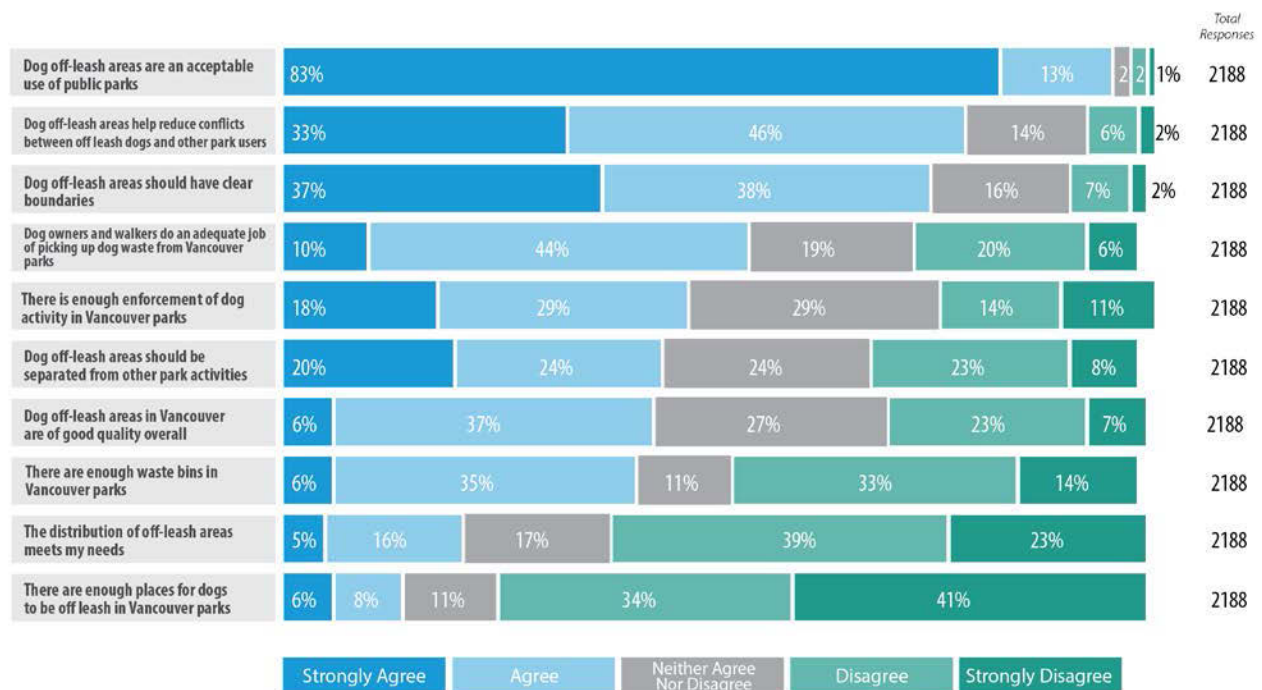
Highest Agreement	Highest Disagreement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>83% of respondents strongly agreed or agreed that <b>dog off-leash areas should have clear boundaries</b></li> <li>82% of respondents strongly agreed or agreed that <b>dog off-leash areas are an acceptable use of public parks</b></li> <li>79% of respondents strongly agreed or agreed that <b>dog off-leash areas help reduce conflicts between off leash dogs and other park users</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>53% of respondents strongly disagreed or disagreed that <b>there are enough places for dogs to be off leash in Vancouver parks</b></li> <li>46% of respondents strongly disagreed or disagreed that <b>there are enough waste bins in Vancouver parks</b></li> <li>43% of respondents strongly disagreed or disagreed that <b>there is enough enforcement of dog activity in Vancouver parks</b></li> </ul>



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### Dog Owners

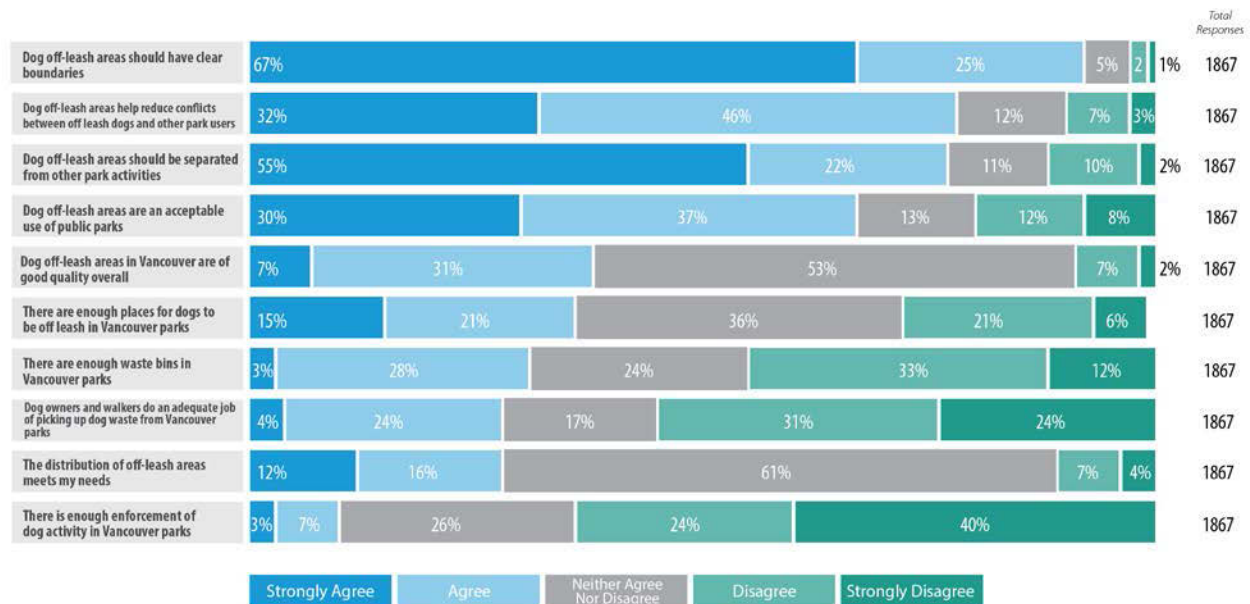
Highest Agreement	Highest Disagreement
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## Question 4: To what extent do you agree with the following statements:

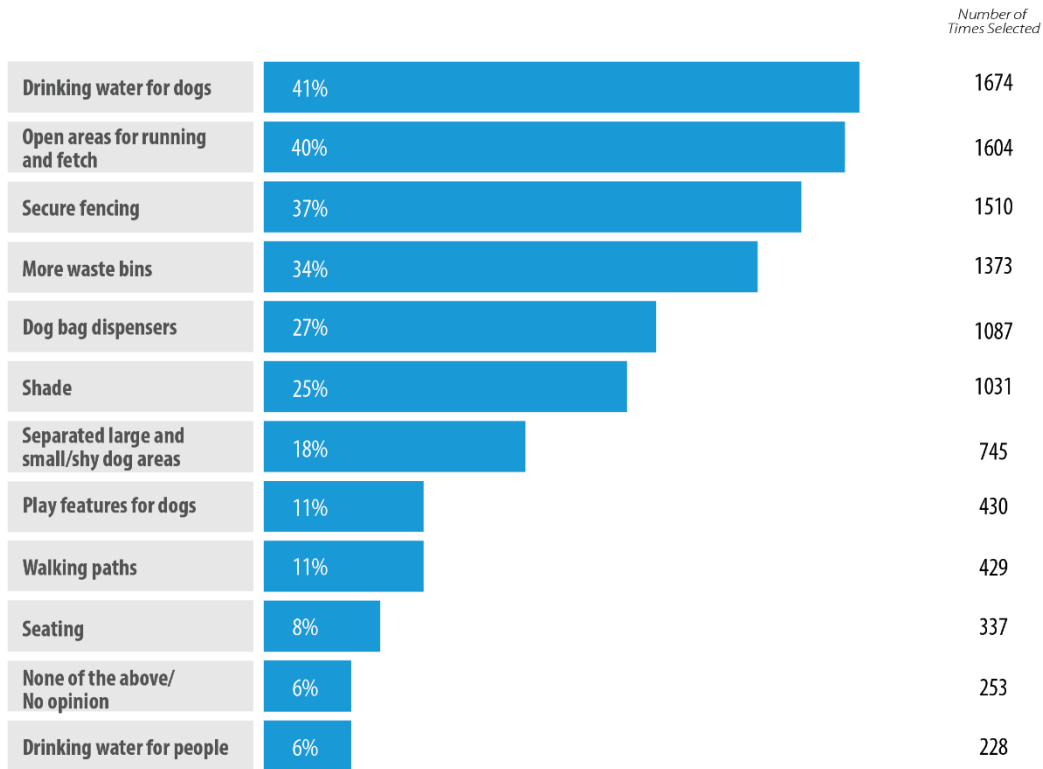
### Non-Dog Owners

Highest Agreement	Highest Disagreement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>92% of respondents who identified as non-dog owners strongly agreed or agreed that <b>dog off-leash areas should have clear boundaries</b></li> <li>78% of respondents who identified as non-dog owners strongly agreed or agreed that <b>dog off-leash areas help reduce conflicts between off leash dogs and other park users</b></li> <li>77% of respondents who identified as non-dog owners strongly agreed or agreed that <b>dog off-leash areas should be separated from other park activities</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>64% of respondents who identified as non-dog owners strongly disagreed or disagreed that <b>there is enough enforcement of dog activity in Vancouver parks</b></li> <li>55% of respondents who identified as non-dog owners strongly disagreed or disagreed that <b>dog owners and walkers do an adequate job of picking up dog waste from Vancouver parks</b></li> <li>45% of respondents who identified as non-dog owners strongly disagreed or disagreed that <b>there are enough waste bins in Vancouver parks</b></li> </ul>



## Question 5: What amenities would you like to see in Vancouver's off-leash areas? (Please check up to three)

### All Respondents

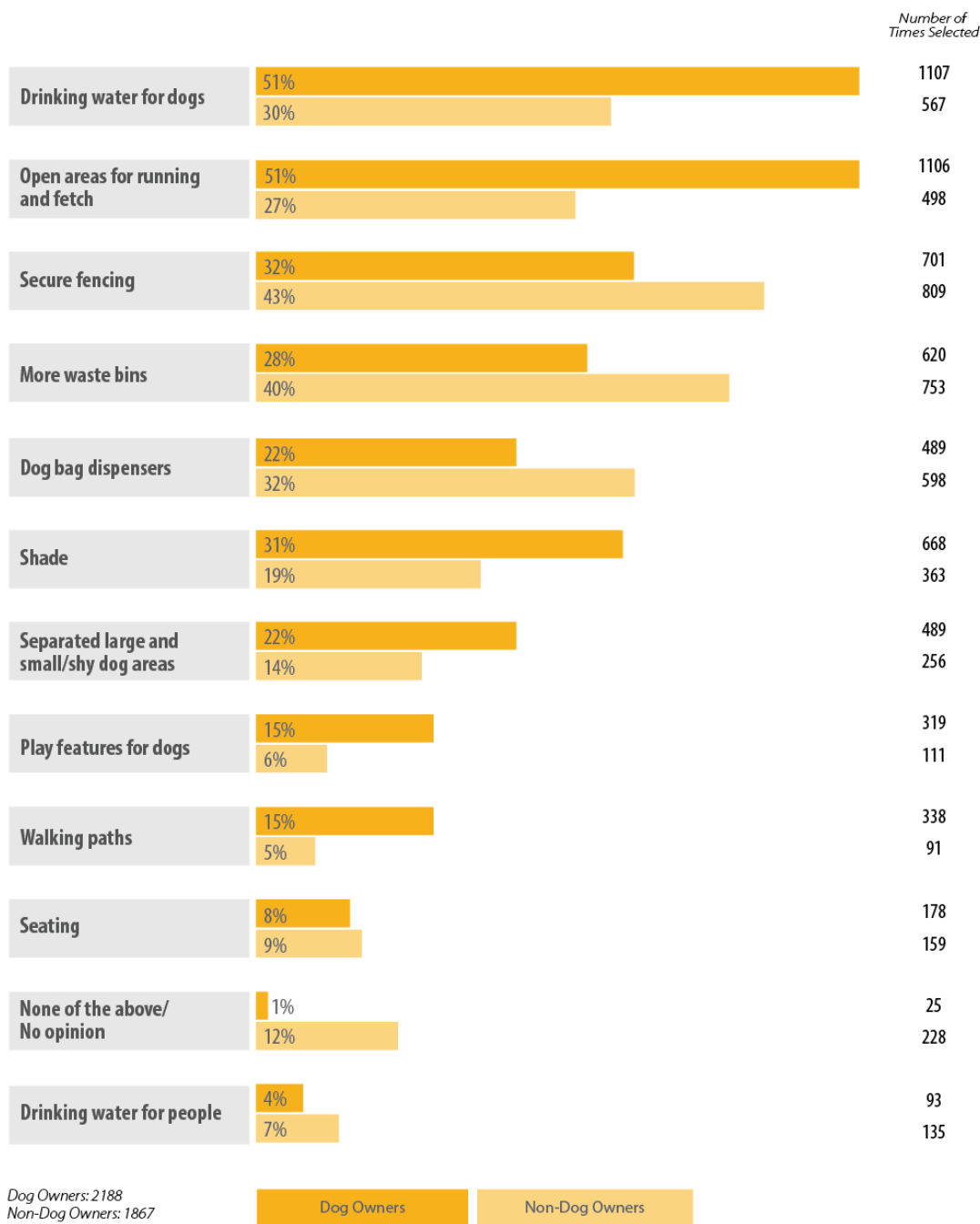


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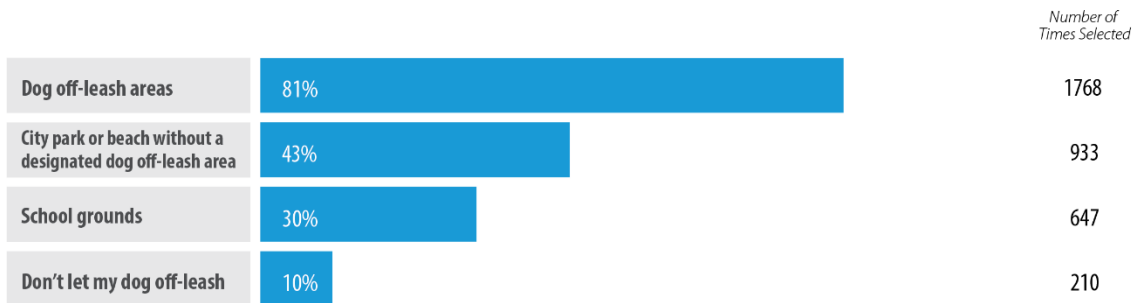
### Results from dog owners and non-dog owners



**Question 5: What amenities would you like to see in Vancouver's off-leash areas? (Please check up to three)**

<b>Themes from <u>other</u>:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>273 total responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>174 respondents identified as dog owners</li> <li>99 respondents identified as non-dog owners</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Total Number of Mentions n = 273</b>	<b>Mentions from Dog Owners n = 174</b>	<b>Mentions from Non-Dog Owners n = 99</b>
1. Off-leash areas should be attractive for use by dogs and dog owners, including increased vegetation, trails and beach access.	54	48 (28%)	6 (6%)
2. Suggestions for modification to ground surface in off-leash areas, in particular a preference for grass and not gravel.	40	32 (18%)	8 (8%)
3. Clearer delineation of off-leash areas such as fencing and signage.	32	13 (7%)	19 (19%)
4. Enforcement of dog off-leash activity is currently inadequate/there is a need for more enforcement of dog off-leash activity.	25	6 (3%)	19 (19%)
5. Implementation of safety features such as improved lighting and security cameras.	18	13 (7%)	5 (5%)
6. Additional dog waste bins in off-leash areas.	17	9 (5%)	8 (8%)

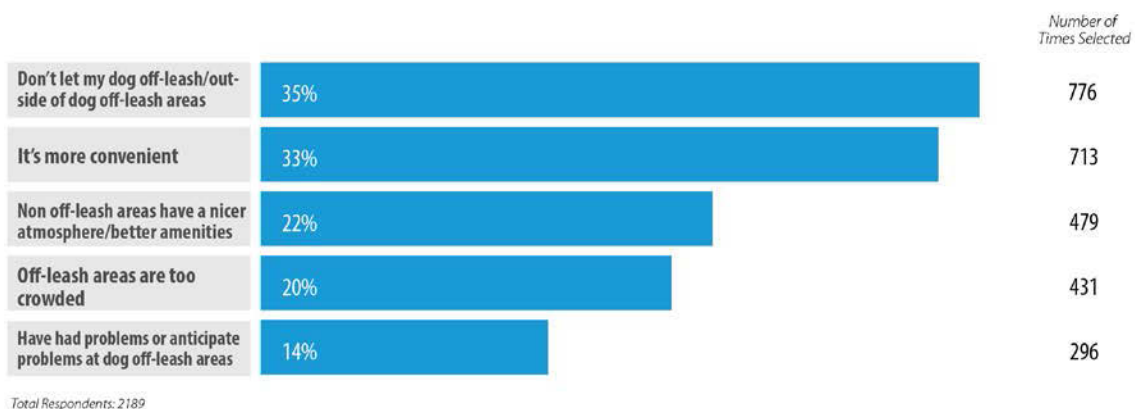
**Question 6: If you are a dog owner or handler, where do you currently let your dog(s) off leash? (Please select all that apply)**



Total Respondents: 2189

Themes from <u>other</u> (408 responses):	Number of Mentions
1. Areas outside of the City of Vancouver, such as North Vancouver hiking trails, parks in Burnaby.	97
2. Areas where there are not many people.	70
3. City park or beach without a designated dog off-leash area.	56
4. In residing neighbourhood.	53
5. Cemetery grounds.	49
6. Within residing property/backyard.	40
7. Pacific Spirit Park/trails near the University of British Columbia.	36
8. Fenced areas (e.g. tennis courts, construction sites).	24

**If you let your dog(s) off leash outside of dog off-leash areas, why? (Please select all that apply)**



Themes from <u>other</u> (702 responses):	Number of Mentions
1. There is a lack of off-leash areas within close walking or driving distance.	310
2. That their dog deserves to be off-leash because they are well-trained, friendly or old.	140
3. Need a larger area for dog to exercise.	110
4. Have had problems/anticipate problems at off-leash areas.	97
5. Use an area that is currently underutilized.	89
6. Use areas that are better for dogs (i.e. quiet, access to fresh drinking water, away from aggressive breeds).	75
7. Non off-leash areas have a nicer atmosphere/better amenities.	35

**If you let your dog(s) off leash outside of dog off-leash areas, which parks or public spaces in Vancouver do you use?**

<b>Themes from 1108 responses:</b>	<b>Number of Mentions</b>
1. Identification of specific parks, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pacific Spirit Regional Park<sup>3</sup> (49 comments)</li> <li>• George Wainborn Park (41 comments)</li> <li>• Jericho Beach Parks (30 comments)</li> <li>• Kitsilano Beach Park (30 comments)</li> <li>• Guelph Park/"Dude Chillin Park" (22 comments)</li> <li>• Clark Park (19 comments)</li> <li>• McSpadden Park (19 comments)</li> </ul>	632
2. Dog off-leash areas outside of designated area or time restrictions, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stanley Park and nearby beaches (50 comments)</li> <li>• Spanish Banks Beach Park (46 comments)</li> <li>• John Hendry (Trout Lake) Park (43 comments)</li> <li>• New Brighton Park (27 comments)</li> <li>• Strathcona Park (21 comments)</li> <li>• Queen Elizabeth Park (20 comments)</li> </ul>	339
3. Vancouver School Board properties, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Templeton Secondary School (10 comments)</li> <li>• Sir Charles Tupper Secondary School (10 comments)</li> <li>• Mount Pleasant Elementary School (7 comments)</li> </ul>	199
4. Anywhere where there are not many people.	131
5. Any park at any time.	118
6. Beach areas.	69

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<sup>3</sup> Pacific Spirit Regional Park is part of the Metro Vancouver parks system and is outside of Vancouver Park Board jurisdiction.

## Question 7: How far are you willing to regularly walk and/or drive to get to a dog off-leash area?

Please select the most applicable for walking.

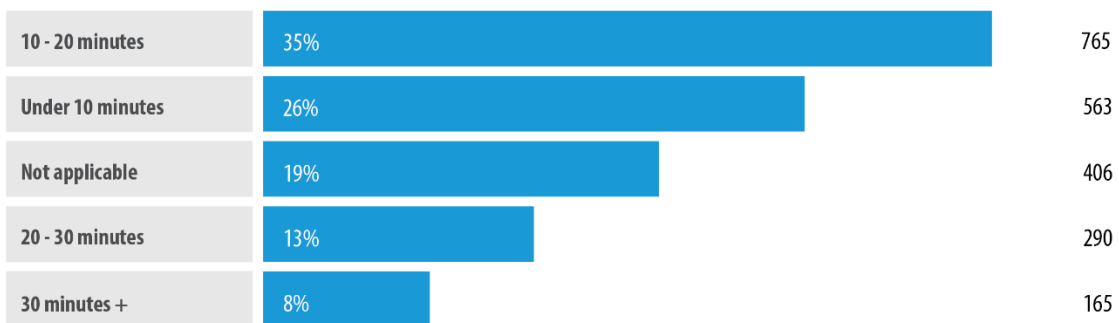
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Please select the most applicable for driving.

Total  
Responses



Total Respondents: 2189

## Question 8: Which of the following types of off-leash areas do you think should be a priority? (Please select the most applicable)



† i.e. small off-leash areas within neighbourhood parks that are typically accessed by walking

\* i.e. large off-leash areas in key parts of the city that are typically accessed by walking or driving, and may have more amenities such as a dog wash station and agility features

*Total Respondents: 4056*

## Question 9: If you have a dog, is your dog licensed? (Please select the most applicable)



## If no, why not? (Please select all that apply)



*Note: Due to a programming error, this question was only available on the TalkVancouver online survey as of Wednesday, September 21, 2016.*

If no, why not? Themes from <u>other</u> (48 responses):	Number of Mentions
1. Don't see the need or benefit of having a licensed dog.	12
2. Plan on licensing dog but haven't gotten around to it.	5
3. Dog is already licensed.	5
4. Licensed is expired and haven't renewed yet.	4
5. Dog is too young or old to license.	3



## Question 10: Do you have any additional comments?

<b>Themes from additional comments:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1917 total responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1058 respondents identified as dog owners</li> <li>857 respondents identified as non-dog owners</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Total Number of Mentions</b> n = 1917	<b>Mentions from Dog Owners</b> n = 1058	<b>Mentions from Non-Dog Owners</b> n = 857
<b>Challenges of off-leash areas:</b>			
Enforcement of dog off-leash activity is currently inadequate/there is a need for more enforcement of off-leash activity.	376	92 (9%)	284 (33%)
Enforcement of waste pick-up is currently inadequate/there is a need for more enforcement of dog-waste pick-up and suggestions of solutions to improve dog waste management.	281	87 (8%)	194 (23%)
Identification of specific parks with problem off-leash activity, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>John Hendry Park (46 comments)</li> <li>Hinge Park/Olympic Village (19 comments)</li> <li>Spanish Banks West (17 comments)</li> </ul>	230	110 (10%)	120 (14%)
Concerns regarding human health and safety from off-leash activity.	138	40 (4%)	98 (11%)
Concerns regarding the safety of children around off-leash dogs.	110	21 (2%)	89 (10%)
<b>Design of off-leash areas:</b>			
There is a need for clearer delineation of off-leash areas, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fencing (233 comments)</li> <li>Signage (80 comments)</li> <li>Other (i.e. natural boundaries/hedges) (17 comments)</li> </ul>	330	216 (20%)	114 (13%)

<b>Themes from additional comments:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1917 total responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1058 respondents identified as dog owners</li> <li>857 respondents identified as non-dog owners</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Total Number of Mentions n = 1917</b>	<b>Mentions from Dog Owners n = 1058</b>	<b>Mentions from Non-Dog Owners n = 857</b>
<p>Suggestions for improvements to dog off-leash areas, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make more aesthetically pleasing/ensure they are well maintained (65 comments)</li> <li>Elimination/extension of time restrictions (62 comments)</li> <li>Additional waste bins (41 comments)</li> <li>Drinking water for dogs (30 comments)</li> <li>Doggie waste bag dispensers (26 comments)</li> </ul>	322	280 (26%)	42 (5%)
There is a need for large off-leash areas for dogs.	107	96 (9%)	11 (1%)
<b>Benefits of off-leash areas:</b>			
<p>Support for specific off-leash areas, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>John Hendry Park (33 comments)</li> <li>Spanish Banks West (19 comments)</li> <li>Charleson Park (16 comments)</li> <li>George Wainborn Park (16 comments)</li> </ul>	284	248 (23%)	36 (4%)
<p>Comments regarding the benefits of off-leash areas, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creates a social community environment (88 comments)</li> <li>Promotes positive dog behaviour (63 comments)</li> <li>Those who don't have dogs can observe them (47 comments)</li> <li>Promotes positive activity in parks/prevents crime (23 comments)</li> </ul>	220	152 (14%)	68 (8%)
<b>Distribution of off-leash areas:</b>			
There are not currently enough dog off-leash areas in Vancouver.	170	129 (12%)	41 (5%)
Dog off-leash areas should be within walking distance.	181	154 (15%)	27 (3%)

<b>Themes from additional comments:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1917 total responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1058 respondents identified as dog owners</li> <li>857 respondents identified as non-dog owners</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Total Number of Mentions n = 1917</b>	<b>Mentions from Dog Owners n = 1058</b>	<b>Mentions from Non-Dog Owners n = 857</b>
There is no need for more dog off-leash areas/there should be fewer dog off-leash facilities.	113	10 (1%)	103 (12%)
<b>Education of dog owners and non-dog owners:</b>			
Dog owners need to be educated on how to manage their dogs and educated on respecting bylaws and other park users.	372	119 (11%)	253 (30%)
<b>Licensing:</b>			
Need to increase the number of licensed dogs in the City of Vancouver through enforcing or incentivizing licensing, including suggestions that licensing should be used as a funding mechanism.	141	80 (8%)	61 (7%)
<b>Additional comments/themes:</b>			
The City of Vancouver needs to be more dog friendly, including allowing dogs in stores, on public transit or off-leash on sidewalks.	134	117 (11%)	17 (2%)

## 6.2 Small Group Meeting Key Themes

Meeting	Key Themes
<p><b>Small Group Meeting 1</b></p> <p>Trout Lake Community Centre Thursday, September 15, 2016 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>29 attendees</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clear boundaries for off-leash areas are important for reducing conflict between park users. Some participants expressed a preference for signage and others expressed a preference for fencing to delineate off-leash area boundaries.</li> <li>2. Strong support for off-leash areas that are easily accessible on foot, also expressing support for larger, more diverse neighbourhood off-leash areas.</li> <li>3. Desire for welcoming off-leash areas that consider the needs of people.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Small Group Meeting 2</b></p> <p>Roundhouse Community Centre Thursday, September 29, 2016 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>36 attendees</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Waste management is an issue for existing off-leash areas. There are not enough bins for dog waste and general garbage in parks, and there should be more bins, no matter what the outcome of this consultation.</li> <li>2. Animal control is poorly handled. Bylaw officers have to know how to relate to people and dogs, and can't just enforce the bylaws without working to build relationships with the residents of Vancouver.</li> <li>3. Education of all park users is needed to increase the general population's understanding of dogs.</li> <li>4. Signage can be and needs to be improved. Many parks are already being used as off-leash areas at certain times of the day when they're not designated as such. This creates challenges for animal control and bylaw enforcement, so improved and additional signage is necessary.</li> <li>5. It's important to look at the density of neighbourhoods when determining where to develop off-leash facilities and how many to build.</li> </ol>

Meeting	Key Themes
<p><b>Small Group Meeting 3</b></p> <p>Sunset Community Centre Tuesday, October 4, 2016 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>19 attendees</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There is a need to increase the number of licensed dogs in Vancouver to improve enforcement and to obtain more accurate statistics to inform strategic decisions regarding dog facilities.</li> <li>2. There should be more neighbourhood dog off-leash areas easily accessible on foot.</li> <li>3. Increased education of dog owners and non-dog owners is critical to ensure the safety and overall well-being of all park users.</li> <li>4. Signage and boundaries of off-leash areas should be creative and effective. Improving off-leash area signage and boundaries will promote more positive interactions between dog owners and non-dog owners.</li> <li>5. Bylaws are not currently enforced. Increasing enforcement of waste and off-leash bylaws will promote environmentally-sustainable and socially-responsible dog ownership.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Small Group Meeting 4</b></p> <p>Kitsilano Community Centre Thursday, October 6, 2016 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>33 attendees</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dogs are children for many families in Vancouver, and as such, have to be recognized as a group in the city that needs services.</li> <li>2. There's a need to make off-leash areas attractive so that dog owners and even non-dog owners will want to go there.</li> <li>3. There are many potential partnership opportunities for dog off-leash areas throughout the city, for example, with developers.</li> <li>4. Dog licensing fees should be used to provide education to those who pay the fees. More education is needed for dogs and people/owners.</li> <li>5. A new, graduated program for well-behaved dogs would create incentive for owners to train dogs.</li> <li>6. Reducing the price of licenses and explaining the benefits would increase compliance from owners.</li> </ol>

## 6.3 Written Submissions (Email or Mail)

Themes from 50 written submissions (email or mail):	Number of Mentions
<b>Design of off-leash areas:</b>	
<p>Suggestions for improvements to dog off-leash areas, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extension of park hours/increased hours during off-season times (8 comments)</li> <li>• Doggie waste bag dispensers (4 comments)</li> <li>• Additional waste bins (4 comments)</li> <li>• Drinking water for dogs (3 comments)</li> <li>• Seating for dog owners and handlers (3 comments)</li> </ul>	29
<p>There is a need for clearer delineation of off-leash areas, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fencing (10 comments)</li> <li>• Signage (7 comments)</li> </ul>	17
<p>Suggestions on modification of ground surfaces, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preference for well-drained grass (6 comments)</li> <li>• Preference for gravel (1 comment)</li> </ul>	7
There is a need for larger off-leash areas for dogs.	5
There should be separate off-leash areas for small and large dog breeds.	4
<b>Challenges of off-leash areas:</b>	
<p>Identification of off-leash parks with problem activity, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• George Wainborn Park (2 comments)</li> <li>• Hadden Park (2 comments)</li> </ul>	18
Enforcement of off-leash activity is currently inadequate/there is a need for more enforcement of off-leash activity.	15
Concerns regarding human health and safety from off-leash activity, in particular the safety of children.	8
Enforcement of waste pick-up is currently inadequate/there is a need for more enforcement of dog-waste pick-up.	4

Themes from 50 written submissions (email or mail):	Number of Mentions
The current shortage of dog off-leash areas is contributing to conflicts.	3
<b>Benefits of off-leash areas:</b>	
Support for specific off-leash areas, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>John Hendry Park (3 comments)</li> </ul>	12
Comments regarding the benefits of off-leash areas, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creates a social community environment (3 comments)</li> <li>Promotes positive dog behaviour (2 comments)</li> <li>Those who don't have dogs can observe them (1 comment)</li> <li>Promotes positive activity in parks/prevents crime (1 comment)</li> </ul>	7
<b>Distribution of off-leash areas:</b>	
There are not currently enough dog off-leash areas in Vancouver/there is a need for more dog off-leash areas in Vancouver.	9
Dog off-leash areas should be within close walking distance.	3
<b>Education of dog owners and non-dog owners:</b>	
Dog owners and non-dog owners need to be educated on how to manage their dogs and/or behave around other people's dogs.	7
<b>Licensing:</b>	
Need to increase the number of licensed dogs in the City of Vancouver through implementing programs to incentivize licensing.	5
<b>Additional themes/comments:</b>	
Specific suggestions to look at other cities' as models for dog off-leash facilities and bylaws (e.g. Calgary).	3
Need to consider past research and dog off-leash programs as part of the current <i>People, Parks &amp; Dogs</i> strategy.	3





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**Planning for the  
Future of Northeast  
False Creek**

**Public Launch Event**  
During our outreach last year on the future of the viaducts, we heard initial ideas, interests and opportunities for the future of the area. We now have the opportunity to create a vibrant, inviting waterfront district with a beautiful destination park.

Come learn more about the Northeast False Creek planning process and share your vision for the future of the area at an interactive open-house event. Join us for live music, food trucks and family friendly activities.

**Thursday, September 15, 2016**  
Plaza of Nations, 8:30 - 9 pm  
Outdoors. Drop in anytime.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
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**Public Hearing: September 20, 2016**

**Tuesday, September 20, 2016, at 6 pm**  
City Hall, 453 West 12th Avenue  
Third Floor, Council Chamber

Vancouver City Council will hold a Public Hearing to consider zoning for these locations:

**1. Miscellaneous Text Amendments**

Miscellaneous text amendments to four CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District By-laws. CD-1 (628) By-law No. 11504 for 4162 and 4188 Cambie Street amends permitted height and CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District By-laws: CD-1 (575) By-law No. 11017 for 2290 Main Street; CD-1 (521) By-law No. 10413 for 7299 Granville Street (Shannon Mews) (formerly known as 7101-7201 Granville Street); and CD-1 (478) By-law No. 9850 for 188 East 1st Avenue (1721 Main Street) amends the permitted uses.

**2. 2016 Inflationary Rate Adjustments to Development Cost Levies (DCLs), Density Bonus Contributions and Community Amenity Contribution (CAC) Targets**


To amend the Zoning and Development By-law to implement inflationary adjustments to the Density Bonus Contributions by increasing the values of the affordable housing shares and the amenity shares in the RM-8 and RM-8N Districts Schedule and in the RM-9, RM-9A, RM-9N and RM-9AN Districts Schedule.

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To amend the Zoning and Development By-law to add two new districts proposed by the Joyce-Collingwood Station Precinct Plan. Accordingly, some properties within the Plan area would be rezoned to RM-7AN to allow for duplexes/townhouses and to RM-9BN to allow for apartments. These zoning changes would help implement the Plan by allowing for more housing in close proximity to rapid transit.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE APPLICATIONS INCLUDING LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTIES:** [vancouver.ca/rezapps](http://vancouver.ca/rezapps) or 604-873-7038

Anyone who considers themselves affected by the proposed by-law amendments may speak at the Public Hearing. Please register individually beginning at 8:30 am on September 9 until 5 pm on the day of the Public Hearing by emailing [publichearing@vancouver.ca](mailto:publichearing@vancouver.ca) or by calling 604-829-4238. You may also register in person at the door between 5:30 and 6 pm on the day of the Public Hearing. You may submit your comments by email to [mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca](mailto:mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca), or by mail to: City of Vancouver, City Clerk's Office, 453 West 12th Avenue, Third Floor, Vancouver, BC, V5Y 1V4. All submitted comments will be distributed to Council and posted on the



City's website. Please visit [vancouver.ca/publichearings](http://vancouver.ca/publichearings) for important details.

Copies of the draft by-laws will be available for viewing beginning on September 9 at the City Clerk's Office

In City Hall, 453 West 12th Avenue, Third Floor, Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. All meetings of Council are webcast live at [vancouver.ca/councilvideo](http://vancouver.ca/councilvideo), and minutes of Public Hearings are available at [vancouver.ca/councilmeetings](http://vancouver.ca/councilmeetings) (posted approximately two business days after a meeting). For real time information on the progress of City Council meetings, visit [vancouver.ca/speaker-wait-times](http://vancouver.ca/speaker-wait-times) or @VanCityClerk on Twitter.

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**The Arbutus Greenway is a future north-south transportation corridor that will connect False Creek to the Fraser River.**

In the short term, the City of Vancouver is building a temporary pathway that everyone can enjoy. We're looking at several different types of hard-surface materials, especially those that improve safety and accessibility.

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**PEOPLE  
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## 公園局開放日： 遊人與狗隻共用公園策略

有關溫市居民與狗隻共用公園方面的各項議題，例如安全、保養、環境、地點以及無狗帶溜狗區的設計等事項，溫哥華公園局都希望聽到您的意見。

在制訂遊人與狗隻共用溫市公園策略的規劃程序上，公園局將會以開放日、小組會議及問卷調查等方法進行大規模的公眾諮詢。這些策略將會實施於建造經仔細規劃的公園，讓所有居民包括養狗人士可享用設施。

### 開放日地點和時間(可隨時參加):

**2016年9月13日(星期二)下午6時至晚上9時**

Trout Lake Community Centre,  
3360 Victoria Drive

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Langara Golf Course Clubhouse,  
6706 Alberta Street

閣下亦可登記參加在10月5日舉行的小組會議，或在9月8日與10月14日期間填寫網上問卷，網址：

**[vancouver.ca/people-parks-dogs](http://vancouver.ca/people-parks-dogs)**

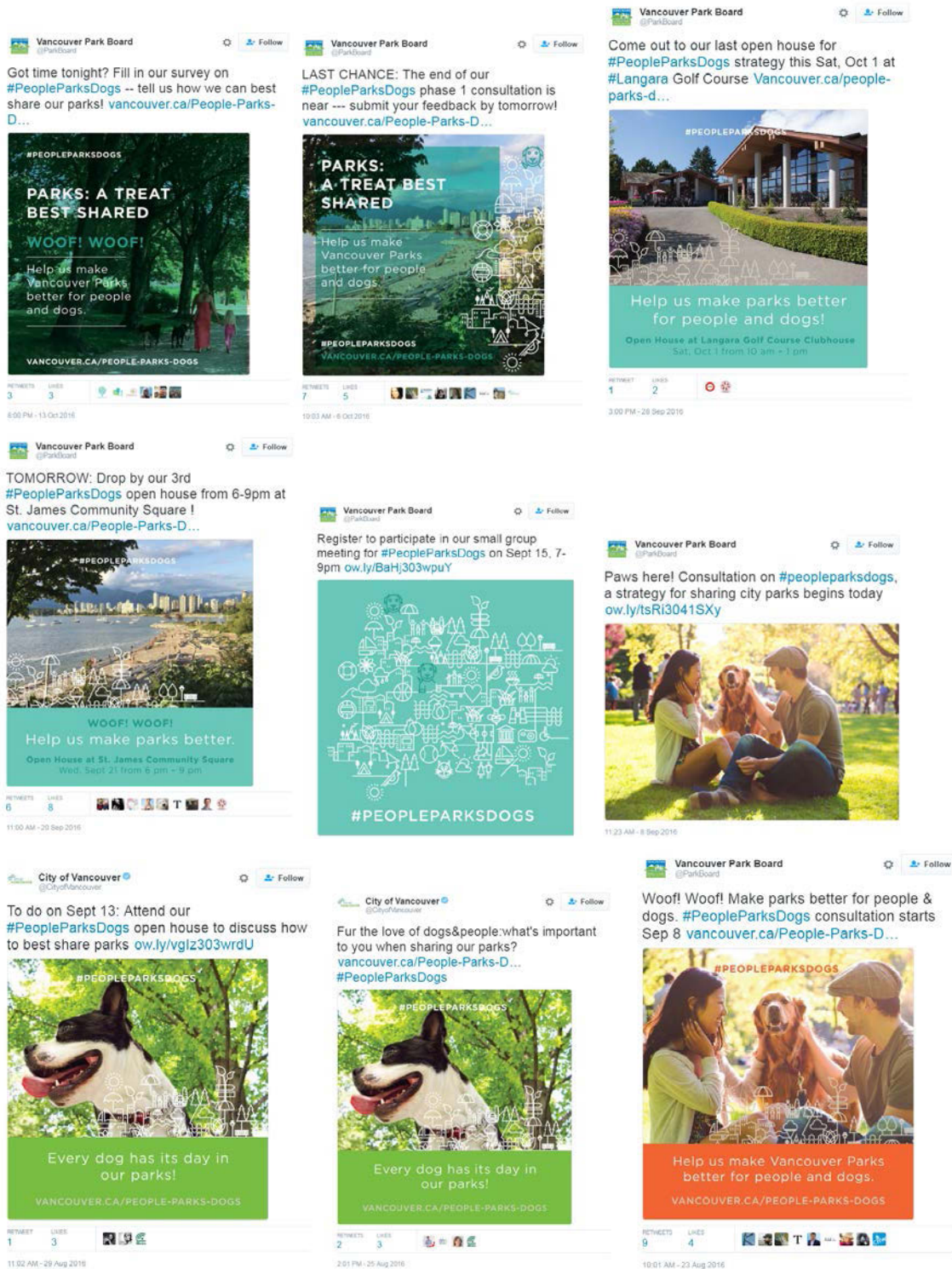
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## Social Media

### Tweets






## Facebook Posts

**Vancouver Park Board**

October 6 · 🌐

If you still have yet to join the canine convo, tomorrow is the last day to submit your feedback as part of our "People, Parks and Dogs" strategy. Tell your human friends to share their thoughts: [vancouver.ca/People-Parks-Dogs](http://vancouver.ca/People-Parks-Dogs)



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**Vancouver Park Board** shared their event

September 28 · 🌐

Vancouver has approximately 145,000 dogs!  
Got ideas on how we can share our parks with dogs?  
Drop by our last open house on this Saturday, October 1 from 10am to 1pm at Langara Golf Course.



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**People, Parks, and Dogs: Langara op...**

Sat 10 AM · Langara Clubhouse, 6706 Alberta S...

3 people interested · 1 person going

★ Interested

**Vancouver Park Board**

September 24 · 🌐

In Vancouver, we have 36 off-leash areas. Six sites are fenced and are typically only used by dog owners and their dogs. The remaining 30 sites are unfenced and these park spaces are shared with other users.  
How do you think we can best share these spaces with all park users?



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# PEOPLE PARKS & DOGS

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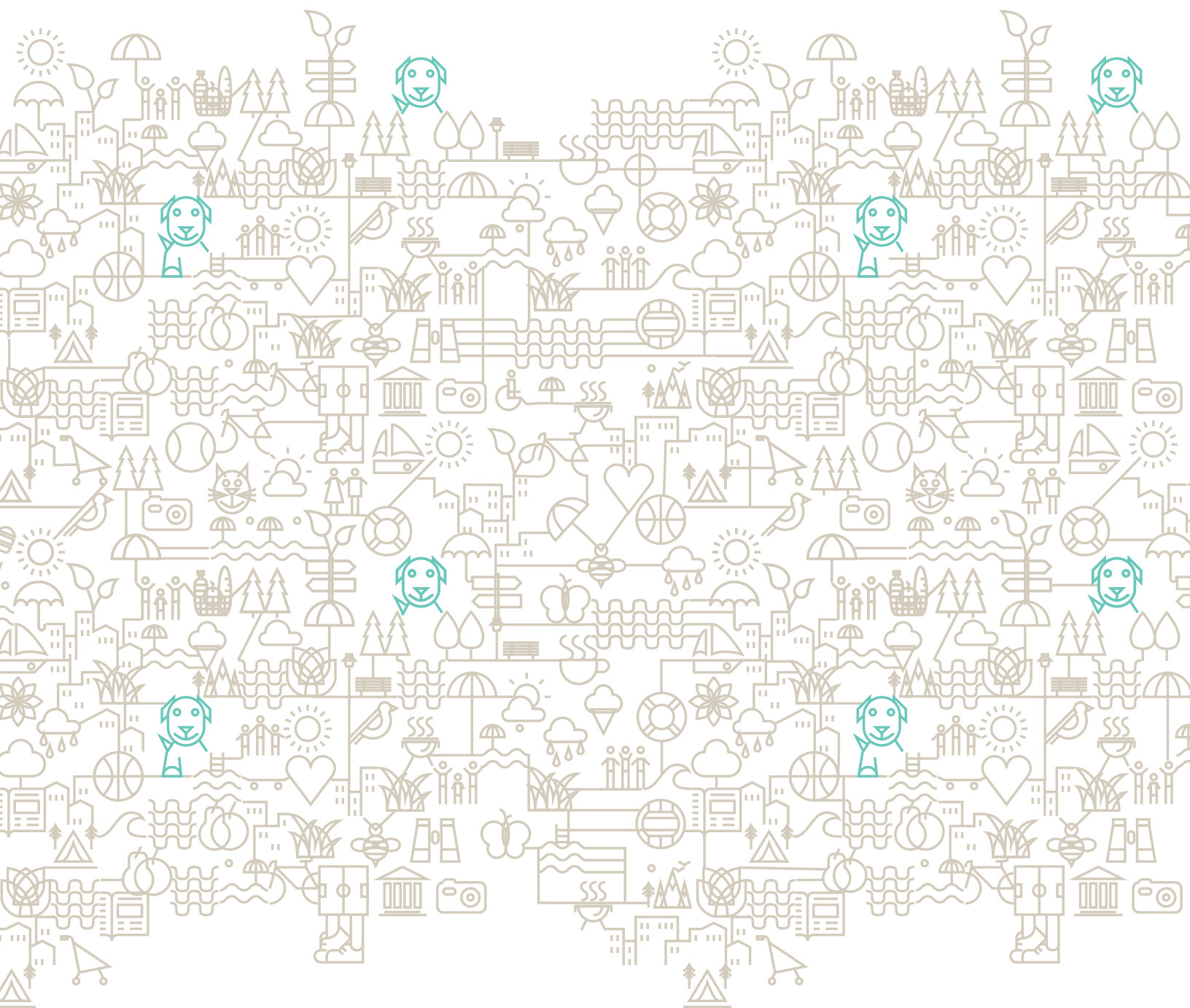
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### SURVEY INSIDE

For more information about the strategy visit: [vancouver.ca/people-parks-dogs](http://vancouver.ca/people-parks-dogs)

*Please submit your feedback by October 14, 2016*



# WE WANT TO KNOW: HOW CAN PEOPLE AND DOGS BEST SHARE OUR PARKS?

The Vancouver Park Board is developing a comprehensive strategy to guide the planning and design of beautiful, safe and engaging parks for people with and without dogs.

This discussion guide gives you information on park use by people and dogs. It includes an overview of the city's existing off-leash areas, information on how to get involved, as well as a survey so you can share your opinions and ideas.

**People, Parks & Dogs: A strategy for sharing Vancouver's parks**  
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**September 8 – October 14, 2016**

The consultation includes:

- Discussion guide
- Survey attached and online at [vancouver.ca/people-parks-dogs](http://vancouver.ca/people-parks-dogs)
- Open houses and small group meetings throughout the city (see schedule on pages 5 and 6)



## How feedback will be considered

The planning team will consider feedback from this round of consultation, along with technical information, to develop recommendations for the planning, design and management of Vancouver's parks, beaches and dog off-leash areas for Park Board review and approval.





## Consulting with You

The Park Board is committed to consulting with a diverse range of stakeholders, park users and the public about *People, Parks & Dogs: A strategy for sharing Vancouver's parks*.

Further consultation opportunities are planned for early 2017. During the second round of consultation, we will ask for feedback on preliminary recommendations about the planning, design and management of Vancouver's parks, beaches and dog off-leash areas. Please visit [vancouver.ca/people-parks-dogs](http://vancouver.ca/people-parks-dogs) to sign-up for updates.

## People, Parks & Dogs Advisory Committee

In June 2016, the Park Board created an Advisory Committee for *People, Parks & Dogs* to provide focused feedback into the consultation process from a range of stakeholder perspectives. Advisory Committee members represent a broad range of interests, including sport, the environment, animal health and behaviour, persons with disabilities, seniors, multicultural, tourism and others.

The Advisory Committee is a valuable resource for information sharing between the Park Board and stakeholder groups. Members provided feedback on consultation topics and methods during pre-consultation. The Advisory Committee will continue to meet regularly throughout the planning process.

## Work to Date

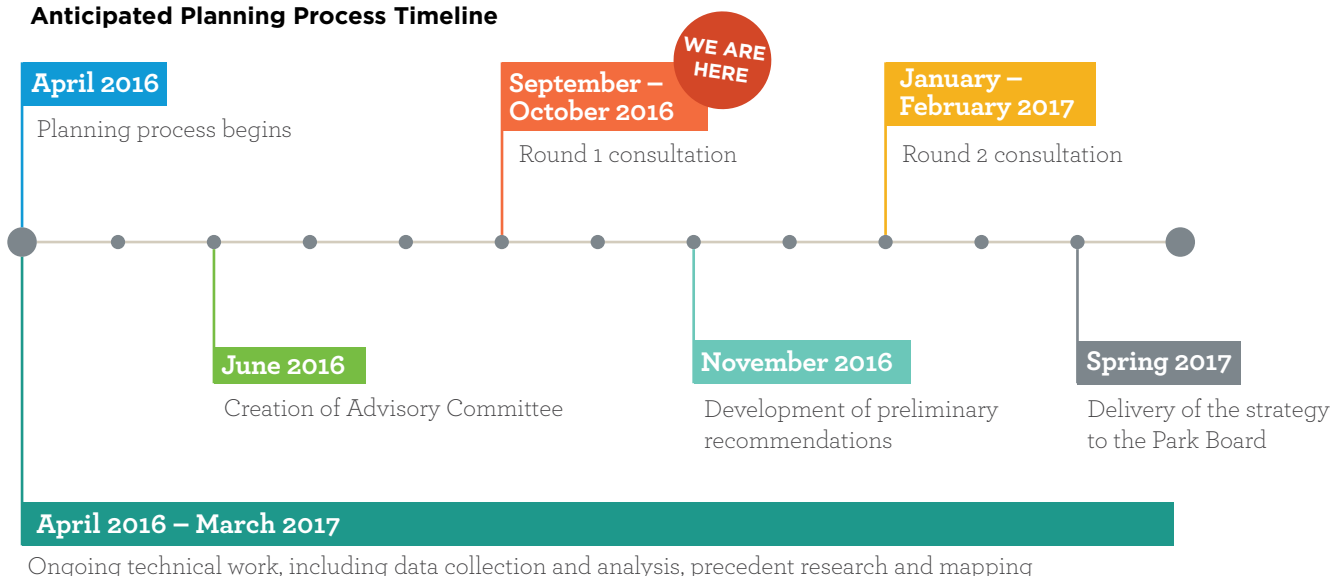
The planning team is working to gain a better understanding of how Vancouver's parks are used by people and their dogs, including opportunities and challenges related to off-leash areas. Work to date includes:

- Studying Vancouver's existing off-leash areas to identify opportunities and challenges in individual parks and within the larger parks system.
- Doing field surveys at eight off-leash parks to better understand how these parks are used. This includes observations of parks during weekdays and weekends, and surveys of park users.
- Studying dog parks in other cities, including interviews with parks department staff.
- Conducting a workshop with City of Vancouver and Park Board staff to identify opportunities and challenges in existing off-leash areas.

## Parks and Recreation Master Plan

The Park Board recently began a planning process to develop a bold, accessible and innovative master plan. This plan will guide the planning and provision of Vancouver parks and recreation facilities and services for the next 10 years and beyond. The Park Board and its planning team will consider *People, Parks & Dogs: A strategy for sharing Vancouver's parks* in this master planning process.


## Anticipated Planning Process Timeline



This first round of consultation will inform the development of *People, Parks & Dogs: A strategy for sharing Vancouver's parks*. There will be further consultation opportunities in early 2017, when we'll be asking you for feedback on preliminary recommendations about the planning, design and management of Vancouver's parks, beaches and off-leash areas.

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE

### 1 Discussion Guide and Survey



Take the survey  
any time from your  
mobile phone!

**Online** at [vancouver.ca/people-parks-dogs](http://vancouver.ca/people-parks-dogs)

**In person** at an open house or small group meeting

### 2 Open Houses

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Drop in to chat with the planning team and learn more about *People, Parks & Dogs*. You don't have to pre-register.

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# 3

## Small Group Meetings

Date	Time	Location*
Thurs, Sept 15	7 pm – 9 pm	Trout Lake Community Centre
Thurs, Sept 29	7 pm – 9 pm	Roundhouse Community Centre
Tues, Oct 4	7 pm – 9 pm	Sunset Community Centre
Thurs, Oct 6	7 pm – 9 pm	Kitsilano Community Centre

Join the planning team for an in-depth discussion about *People, Parks & Dogs*. To register, email [people-parks-dogs@vancouver.ca](mailto:people-parks-dogs@vancouver.ca) or phone 604.257.8476 with your name and the date, time and location of the meeting you would like to attend.

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## Written Feedback

**By email** [people-parks-dogs@vancouver.ca](mailto:people-parks-dogs@vancouver.ca)

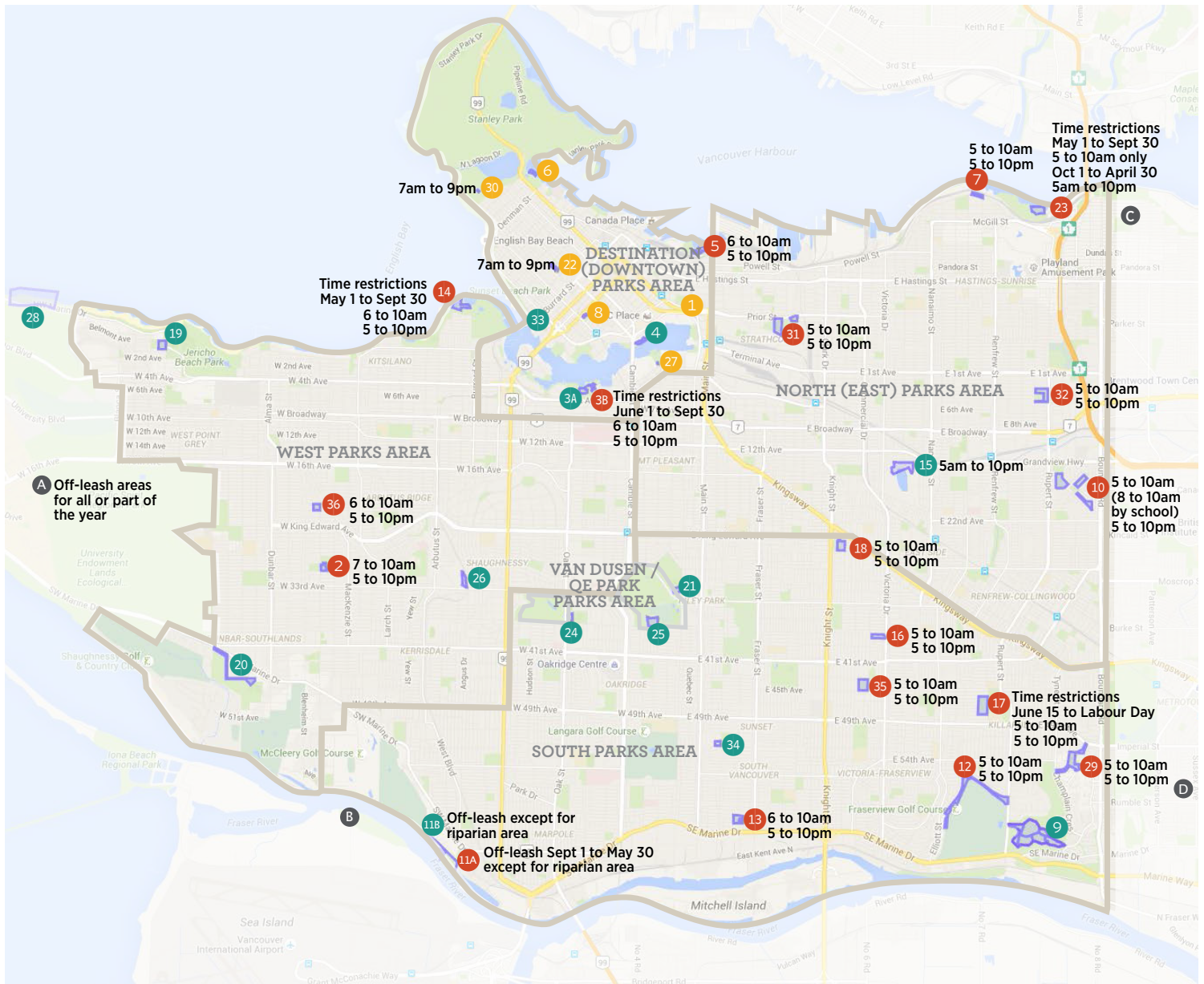
**By mail** Attn: People, Parks & Dogs  
Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation  
2099 Beach Avenue, Vancouver, BC V6G 1Z4

*Please submit your feedback by October 14, 2016*





## Map of Vancouver's dog off-leash areas



LEGEND:

- Unfenced and open all day\*
- Unfenced with time / seasonal restrictions
- Fenced and open all day

*\*Typical hours are  
6 am to 10 pm unless  
noted otherwise*

VANCOUVER PARK BOARD  
DOG OFF-LEASH AREAS:

- 1 Andy Livingstone Park
- 2 Balaclava Park
- 3A Charleston Park (west)
- 3B Charleston Park (east)
- 4 Coopers' Park
- 5 Crab Park at Portside
- 6 Devonian Harbour Park
- 7 Dusty Greenwell Park
- 8 Emery Barnes Park
- 9 Everett Crowley Park
- 10 Falaise Park
- 11A Fraser River Park (east)
- 11B Fraser River Park (west)

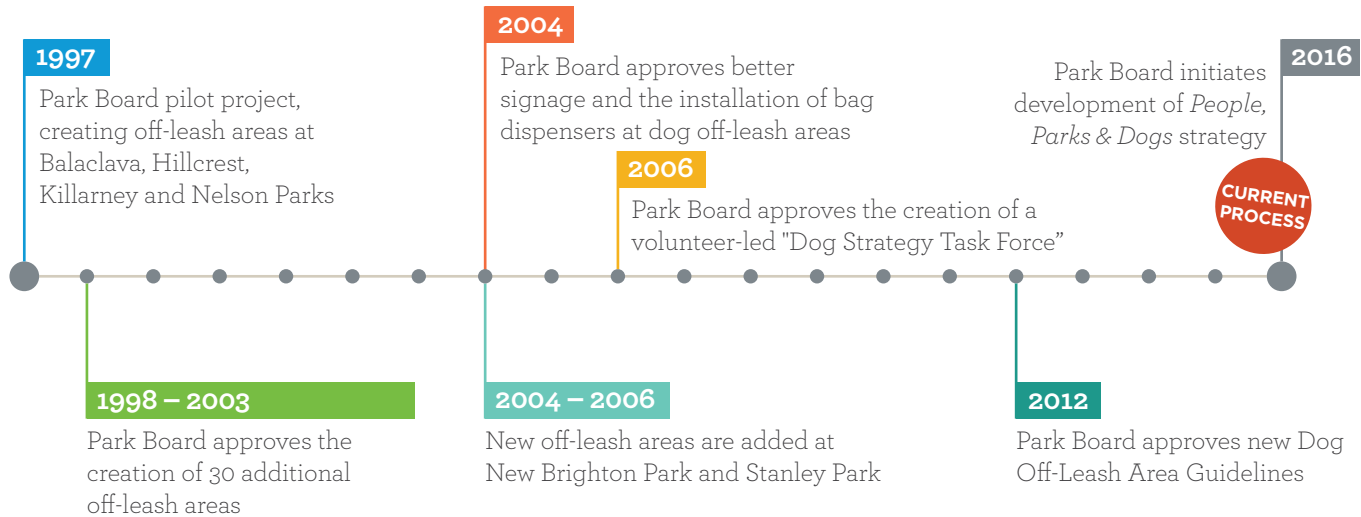
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- 13 George Park
- 14 Hadden Park
- 15 John Hendry (Trout Lake)
- 16 Jones Park
- 17 Killarney Park
- 18 Kingscrest Park
- 19 Locarno Park
- 20 Musqueam Park
- 21 Nat Bailey Stadium
- 22 Nelson Park
- 23 New Brighton Park
- 24 Oak Meadows Park
- 25 Queen Elizabeth Park

- 26 Quilchena Park
- 27 Southeast False Creek
- 28 Spanish Banks
- 29 Sparwood Park
- 30 Stanley Park
- 31 Strathcona Park
- 32 Sunrise Park
- 33 Sunset Beach
- 34 Sunset Park
- 35 Tecumseh Park
- 36 Valdez Park

LOCAL OFF-LEASH AREAS  
OUTSIDE OF VANCOUVER  
PARK BOARD JURISDICTION:

- A** Pacific Spirit Regional Park (Metro Vancouver)
- B** Macdonald Beach off-leash area (City of Richmond)
- C** Burnaby Heights Park (City of Burnaby)
- D** David Gray Park (City of Burnaby)

## History of Dog Parks in Vancouver



## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES OF OFF-LEASH AREAS?

### Benefits of off-leash areas include:



**Building community:** Off-leash areas are popular gathering places in neighbourhoods, both for people walking their dogs and for those who like to watch dogs. They bring people together, allowing neighbours to meet, socialize and build support networks. Off-leash areas can be particularly good for older adults who live alone because this type of park use encourages people to be active and social.



**Providing places for dogs to exercise and socialize:** Off-leash areas allow dog owners – especially those who live in apartments or condos – to exercise and socialize their dogs. Beyond the obvious benefits to dog health and happiness, this may also help dogs behave better on- and off-leash.



**Encouraging owners to keep off-leash activity to off-leash areas:** Offering off-leash areas can encourage owners to keep their dogs on-leash in areas where off-leash activity isn't allowed.



**Making parks and neighbourhoods safer:** Dog owners use parks every day, including in the early morning and late evening. Having these "eyes on the park" can help discourage crime and make parks feel safer for other users. Similarly, off-leash areas can also help increase usage of parks that are under-used. Increased foot traffic close to dog parks also lowers crime rates in these areas.



**Discouraging conflict in shared park spaces:** Creating separate dog off-leash areas may reduce conflicts from off-leash dogs in shared park spaces, by separating off-leash dogs from areas used for activities such as picnicking, playgrounds and sports.



**Promoting responsible dog ownership:** Cities can encourage responsible dog ownership and good animal welfare by using off-leash areas to share educational resources and provide locations for dogs to be trained and socialized. Informal education also happens at off-leash areas, since dog owners can share resources and learn from responsible dog owners.



### Challenges of off-leash areas include:



**Managing dog waste:** Dog waste is smelly, unpleasant to look at, and has health risks if not cleaned up and disposed of properly. Owners may not always see their dog defecate in an off-leash area, possibly leaving more uncollected dog waste in these areas.



**Safety concerns (people and dogs):** Dogs may display bad behaviour if they are not kept under supervision of their owners. Aggressive or poorly trained dogs in off-leash areas may scare or injure people or other dogs. Without play features and places to hide, small fenced dog off-leash areas can also be intimidating for shy and small dogs, and may lead to conflicts between dogs.



**Sharing limited park space:** With a limited amount of park space available, people who do not use off-leash areas may worry that off-leash areas leave less space for other park uses.



**Managing noise:** The noise from dog off-leash areas, where many dogs and people meet, may disturb other park users or neighbourhood residents.



**Increased maintenance and enforcement costs:** Concentrated areas of dogs off leash can wear away turf and lead to more conflicts with other park users, leading to higher maintenance and enforcement costs.



**Keeping off-leash activity to designated off-leash areas:** At some off-leash sites the boundaries between on-leash and off-leash areas aren't clear, leading to more off-leash activity in surrounding park areas.



**Potential environmental impacts:** Dogs in general, and dogs off leash in particular, have the potential to disturb wildlife, damage sensitive habitat areas, and negatively impact water quality.

What do you think about off-leash areas in Vancouver's parks?  
Please see attached survey to provide your feedback.









#### **Location and distribution of off-leash areas within neighbourhoods:**

Strategic location of off-leash areas throughout the city puts dog owners and dog walkers within easy reach of places to exercise and socialize their dogs.



#### **Noise:**

Off-leash areas can be noisy. Good placement of off-leash areas within parks and neighbourhoods helps to minimize noise problems for neighbours.



#### **Design of off-leash areas, including boundaries:**

Well-designed off-leash areas meet the needs of people and dogs, and also reduce maintenance requirements and costs. This includes attractive and durable surface materials and amenities for people and dogs (e.g. shade, water and seating). Off-leash area design also includes fencing and other strategies for clearly marking the boundaries of off-leash areas.



#### **Partnership opportunities:**

Exploring innovative opportunities to partner with volunteer community members, non-profit organizations and/or potential sponsors can help make dog facilities, including off-leash areas, better and more sustainable in the long-term.

#### **What Salt Lake County is doing:**

*Salt Lake County aims for neighbourhood dog off-leash areas to serve residents within 3 km; community dog off-leash areas to serve residents within 8 km; and for regional dog off-leash areas to serve the entire county.*

#### **What the City of Denver is doing:**

*In Denver, dog off-leash areas are separated from residential areas with dense vegetation or solid fencing to help reduce noise.*

#### **What the City of Malmö is doing:**

*In Malmö, Sweden, a recent urban development includes a half-acre dog off-leash area that has varied landscape, shade trees, a mix of turf and durable gravel surfacing in high-use areas, seating, drinking water, waste bins and dog agility features. The site is also fenced, which helps keep the dogs from running into the nearby play area.*

#### **What the City of Seattle is doing:**

*Citizens for Off-Leash Areas is a Seattle-based group that partnered with the city to help manage off-leash areas. Volunteers help with site planning, education initiatives, monitoring, fundraising and site clean-up.*

What do you think of this list? We want to hear from you about shared park use by people and dogs. Please see attached survey to provide your feedback on what is important to you.





## FILL IN OUR SURVEY!

As part of the first round of public consultation, we want to know what you think about dogs in parks! Fill out this survey to tell us what's important to you about dogs in Vancouver's parks, including opportunities and challenges for the City's off-leash areas, and outside of the off-leash areas. Please submit your feedback by October 14, 2016.

Your feedback will help inform the recommendations for planning, designing and managing Vancouver's parks, beaches and dog off-leash areas.

As in many other major North American cities, Vancouver's urban dog population is growing. With population growth and people living in smaller spaces, it's now more important than ever to balance different uses of parks and public spaces.

The Vancouver Park Board wants to develop a comprehensive strategy for dogs and people to guide well-planned parks that are designed to accommodate all park users.



# Q1 What is most important to you about people and dogs sharing Vancouver's parks and beaches?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Not Important At All
Safety for people	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Safety for dogs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Waste management	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bylaw education and enforcement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Education of dog owners and dogs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Environmental protection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Location of off-leash areas within parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Location and distribution of off-leash areas within neighbourhoods	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Noise	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Off-leash area boundaries (e.g. signage, vegetation, wood posts, fencing or other methods where appropriate)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Amenities for people and dogs (e.g. seating)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Partnership opportunities (e.g. volunteers and sponsors)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other: _____				
_____				
_____				

**2**

**What do you think are the top three BENEFITS** of having designated dog off-leash areas? (See page 9 for full descriptions).

Please check up to three.

- ☐ Building community
- ☐ Providing places for dogs to exercise and socialize
- ☐ Encouraging owners to keep off-leash activity to off-leash areas
- ☐ Making parks and neighbourhoods safer
- ☐ Discouraging conflict in shared park spaces
- ☐ Promoting responsible dog ownership
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**What are the top three CHALLENGES** of having designated dog off-leash areas? (See page 10 for full descriptions).

Please check up to three.

- ☐ Managing dog waste
- ☐ Safety concerns (people)
- ☐ Safety concerns (dogs)
- ☐ Sharing limited park space
- ☐ Managing noise
- ☐ Increased maintenance and enforcement costs
- ☐ Keeping off-leash activity to designated off-leash areas
- ☐ Potential environmental impacts
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



To what extent do you agree with the following statements:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Dog off-leash areas are an acceptable use of public parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There are enough places for dogs to be off leash in Vancouver parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dog off-leash areas in Vancouver are of good quality overall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The distribution of off-leash areas meets my needs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dog off-leash areas help reduce conflicts between off leash dogs and other park users	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dog off-leash areas should have clear boundaries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dog off-leash areas should be separated from other park activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dog owners and walkers do an adequate job of picking up dog waste from Vancouver parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There are enough waste bins in Vancouver parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There is enough enforcement of dog activity in Vancouver parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q5

What amenities would you like to see in Vancouver's off-leash areas?

Please check up to three.

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="radio"/> More waste bins                         | <input type="radio"/> Secure fencing         |
| <input type="radio"/> Drinking water for dogs                 | <input type="radio"/> Seating                |
| <input type="radio"/> Drinking water for people               | <input type="radio"/> Walking paths          |
| <input type="radio"/> Shade                                   | <input type="radio"/> Dog bag dispensers     |
| <input type="radio"/> Separated large and small/shy dog areas | <input type="radio"/> Play features for dogs |
| <input type="radio"/> Open areas for running and fetch        | <input type="radio"/> Other: _____           |

Q6

If you are a dog owner or handler, where do you currently let your dog(s) off leash?

Please select all that apply.

- ☐ Dog off-leash areas
- ☐ City park or beach without a designated dog off-leash area
- ☐ School grounds
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

If you let your dog(s) off leash outside of dog off-leash areas, why?

Please select all that apply.

- ☐ It's more convenient
- ☐ Non off-leash areas have a nicer atmosphere/better amenities
- ☐ Have had problems or anticipate problems at dog off-leash areas
- ☐ Off-leash areas are too crowded
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

If you let your dog(s) off leash outside of dog off-leash areas, which parks or public spaces in Vancouver do you use?

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How far are you willing to regularly walk and/or drive to get to a dog off-leash area?

Please select the most applicable for **walking**.

- ☐ Under 10 minutes
- ☐ 10 – 20 minutes
- ☐ 20 – 30 minutes
- ☐ 30 minutes +

Please select the most applicable for **driving**.

- ☐ Under 10 minutes
- ☐ 10 – 20 minutes
- ☐ 20 – 30 minutes
- ☐ 30 minutes +



Which of the following types of off-leash areas do you think should be a priority?

Please select the most applicable.

- ☐ Neighbourhood off-leash areas (i.e. small off-leash areas within neighbourhood parks that are typically accessed by walking)
- ☐ Destination off-leash areas (i.e. large off-leash areas in key parts of the city that are typically accessed by walking or driving, and may have more amenities, such as a dog wash station and agility features)
- ☐ Neighbourhood and destination off-leash areas should be of equal priority
- ☐ No preference



If you have a dog, is your dog licensed?

Please select the most applicable.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If no, why not?

Please select all that apply.

- ☐ Didn't know it's legally required
- ☐ Don't see the benefit
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_



Do you have any additional comments?

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## DEMOGRAPHICS

It's extremely important to us that we hear from a diversity of people and perspectives. The following questions help us to determine how the feedback we receive represents the community. Please note that individual responses are treated as anonymous and demographic information is always kept separate from personal identifiers.

### Do you identify as...

- |                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Male        | <input type="radio"/> None of the above. |
| <input type="radio"/> Female      | I identify as _____                      |
| <input type="radio"/> Transgender | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to say  |

### Which age group do you belong to?

- |  |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> 19 years and younger | <input type="radio"/> 50-59 |
| <input type="radio"/> 20-29                | <input type="radio"/> 60-69 |
| <input type="radio"/> 30-39                | <input type="radio"/> 70+   |
| <input type="radio"/> 40-49                |                             |

What is your home postal code? \_\_\_\_\_

### Do you walk dogs in Vancouver parks?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

### Are you a dog owner?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

## SIGN UP FOR UPDATES

**Optional:** To receive updates on the *People, Parks & Dogs* strategy, including notification of upcoming consultation, please complete the following information. You may opt out at any time.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_



*Thank you for participating!*  
*Please submit your feedback by October 14, 2016*



## PEOPLE PARKS & DOGS

幫助我們為居民  
和寵物狗規劃  
更好的公園

WOOF! WOOF!



## 請填寫這份問卷調查!

在第一期的公眾諮詢中，我們想知道你對公園內遛狗的意見。請填寫問卷，就溫哥華市內公園的遛狗情況，告訴我們你認為甚麼是重要的，包括市內不牽繩遛狗區及其他地點的使用可行性及挑戰。請於2016年10月14日之前提交意見。

你的意見有助於為溫哥華公園、海灘及不牽繩遛狗區的規劃、設計和管理提供建議。

溫哥華跟北美洲許多主要城市一樣，市區寵物狗數目不斷增加。在人口持續增長及居住空間漸趨縮小的環境下，更應均衡公園與公共空間的各種用途。

溫哥華公園局希望為寵物狗與居民制訂全面策略，設計出規劃完善的公園，以滿足所有公園使用者的需要。



# 1 居民與寵物狗一起使用溫哥華公園及海灘時， 你認為甚麼是最重要的？

	非常重要	比較重要	不太重要	毫不重要
居民安全	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
寵物狗的安全	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
廢物處理	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
相關條令的教育和執行	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
狗主培訓及寵物狗訓練	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
環境保護	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
不牽繩遛狗區在公園內的位置	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
不牽繩遛狗區在社區內的位置和分佈	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
噪音	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
不牽繩遛狗區的分界（例如：以告示牌、植物、木柱、圍欄或其他適用方式分隔）	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
供居民和寵物狗使用的設施（例如：座椅）	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
合作機會（例如義工和贊助者）	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
其他: _____				
_____				
_____				

## 2 你認為設置指定的不牽繩遛狗區，有哪三項是最主要的效益？ (詳細說明請參閱第9頁。)

最多請選擇三項。

- ☐ 社區建設
- ☐ 提供地方讓寵物狗活動及交流
- ☐ 鼓勵狗主只在不牽繩區內不牽繩遛狗
- ☐ 維護公園及社區安全
- ☐ 減少在分享公園空間的衝突
- ☐ 培養狗主的責任感
- ☐ 其他: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## 3 設置指定的不牽繩遛狗區，有哪三項是最主要挑戰？ (詳細說明請參閱第10頁。)

最多請選擇三項。

- ☐ 處理狗糞便
- ☐ 安全問題（居民）
- ☐ 安全問題（寵物狗）
- ☐ 分享有限的公園空間
- ☐ 控制噪音
- ☐ 維修及執法費用增加
- ☐ 只限在指定的不牽繩區內不牽繩遛狗
- ☐ 可能帶來環境影響
- ☐ 其他: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Q4

請選擇你對下列各項的同意程度：

	非常 同意	同意	中立	不同意	非常 不同意
公眾公園可以接受不牽繩遛狗區	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
溫哥華的公園有足夠地方可以不牽繩遛狗	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
溫哥華的不牽繩遛狗區整體上品質良好	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
不牽繩遛狗區的分佈符合我的需要	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
不牽繩遛狗區有助減少不牽繩寵物狗與其他公園使用者之間的衝突	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
不牽繩遛狗區應該設有明顯分界	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
不牽繩遛狗區應該與其他公園活動分開	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
狗主和遛狗人在撿起溫哥華公園狗糞便方面做得足夠	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
溫哥華公園內有足夠的垃圾桶	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
溫哥華公園內對寵物狗活動的執法充足	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Q5 你希望看到溫哥華不牽繩遛狗區內有哪些設施？

最多請選擇三項。

- |   |                                 |
|---|---------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> 更多垃圾桶                 | <input type="radio"/> 安全圍欄      |
| <input type="radio"/> 供寵物狗飲用水               | <input type="radio"/> 座椅        |
| <input type="radio"/> 供居民飲用水                | <input type="radio"/> 步行徑       |
| <input type="radio"/> 遮蔭地點                  | <input type="radio"/> 狗糞便袋分配機   |
| <input type="radio"/> 設置獨立區域將大型狗與小型狗/害羞狗分隔開 | <input type="radio"/> 寵物狗遊樂設施   |
| <input type="radio"/> 空曠區域讓寵物狗奔跑及玩取物遊戲      | <input type="radio"/> 其他: _____ |

## Q6 如果你是狗主或寵物狗訓練員，最近在什麼地方不牽繩遛狗？

請選擇所有適用項目。

- ☐ 不牽繩遛狗區
- ☐ 沒有指定不牽繩遛狗區的溫哥華市內公園或海灘
- ☐ 學校範圍
- ☐ 其他: \_\_\_\_\_

如果你在不牽繩遛狗區以外的地點不牽繩遛狗，為什麼這樣做？

請選擇所有適用項目。

- ☐ 較方便
- ☐ 不牽繩區以外地點氣氛較佳/設施較好
- ☐ 在不牽繩遛狗區曾遇到問題或認為會遇到問題
- ☐ 不牽繩遛狗區太擠逼
- ☐ 其他: \_\_\_\_\_

如果你在不牽繩遛狗區以外地點不牽繩遛狗，你使用哪一個溫哥華公園或公共空間？

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## Q7

為了前往不牽繩遛狗區，你願意定期步行及/或開車多遠？

請選擇最適用於步行的一項。

- ☐ 10分鐘以下
- ☐ 10 – 20分鐘
- ☐ 20 – 30分鐘
- ☐ 30分鐘以上

請選擇最適用於開車的一項。

- ☐ 10分鐘以下
- ☐ 10 – 20分鐘
- ☐ 20 – 30分鐘
- ☐ 30分鐘以上

## Q8

你認為以下哪一種不牽繩遛狗區應該獲得優先考慮？

請選擇最適用的一項。

- ☐ 社區型不牽繩遛狗區（社區公園內的小型不牽繩遛狗區，通常可以步行前往）
- ☐ 指定的不牽繩遛狗區（在市內各主要地區設置的大型不牽繩遛狗區，通常可以步行或駕車前往，可能有較多設施，例如寵物狗洗澡站及訓練敏捷度的設施）
- ☐ 社區型及指定不牽繩遛狗區應該並重
- ☐ 沒有特別偏好

## Q9

如果你養狗，你的寵物狗是否已領牌？

請選擇最適用的一項。

- ☐ 有
- ☐ 沒有

如果沒有，請解釋理由。

請選擇所有適用項目。

- ☐ 不知道有法例規定
- ☐ 看不出有什麼益處
- ☐ 其他：\_\_\_\_\_



你有沒有任何其他意見？

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

## 統計資料

聽取社會各界不同的觀點，對我們來說極為重要。以下問題能協助我們判斷所得意見如何代表整個社區。請注意，個別回應會被匿名處理，統計資料也會與個人資料分開。

### 你的性別認同為：

- |                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> 男     | <input type="radio"/> 不是以上任何一項 |
| <input type="radio"/> 女     | 我的性別認同為 _____                  |
| <input type="radio"/> 跨性別人士 | <input type="radio"/> 不想回答     |

### 你屬於哪一個年齡組別？

- |                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> 19歲或以下 | <input type="radio"/> 50-59歲 |
| <input type="radio"/> 20-29歲 | <input type="radio"/> 60-69歲 |
| <input type="radio"/> 30-39歲 | <input type="radio"/> 70歲或以上 |
| <input type="radio"/> 40-49歲 |                              |

你的住宅郵區號碼是：\_\_\_\_\_

### 你有沒有在溫哥華公園內遛狗？

- ☐ 有  
☐ 沒有

### 你是不是狗主？

- ☐ 是  
☐ 不是

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團體（如適用）：\_\_\_\_\_

電郵：\_\_\_\_\_

電話號碼：\_\_\_\_\_



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## ਸਵਾਲ 1 ਲੋਕਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਕੁੱਤਿਆਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਵੈਨਕੂਵਰ ਦੇ ਪਾਰਕਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਬੀਚਾਂ ਦੀ ਰਲ ਕੇ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਕਰਨ ਬਾਰੇ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਲਈ ਕਿਹੜੀ ਚੀਜ਼ ਸਭ ਤੋਂ ਜ਼ਿਆਦਾ ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ ਹੈ?

	ਬਹੁਤ ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ	ਕੁਝ ਕੁ ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ	ਬਹੁਤ ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ ਨਹੀਂ	ਬਿਲਕੁਲ ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ ਨਹੀਂ
ਲੋਕਾਂ ਦੀ ਸੇਫਟੀ	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ਕੁੱਤਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਸੇਫਟੀ	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ਕੁੱਤਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਟੱਟੀ ਦੀ ਚੁਕਾਈ	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ਬਾਈ-ਲਾਅ ਦੀ ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਅਤੇ ਪਾਲਣਾ	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ਕੁੱਤਿਆਂ ਦੇ ਮਾਲਕਾਂ ਦੀ ਸਿੱਖਿਆ	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ਵਾਤਾਵਰਣ ਦੀ ਰਾਖੀ	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ਪਾਰਕਾਂ ਦੇ ਵਿਚ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਸੰਗਲੀ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਥਾਂਵਾਂ	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ਆਂਢ-ਗੁਆਂਢ ਵਿਚ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਸੰਗਲੀ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਥਾਂਵਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਵੰਡ	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ਰੌਲਾ	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ਬਿਨਾਂ ਸੰਗਲੀ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਥਾਂਵਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਹੱਦਾਂ (ਜਿਵੇਂ ਸਾਈਨ, ਬਨਸਪਤੀ, ਲੋਕੜੀ ਦੇ ਪੋਸਟ, ਜੰਗਲੇ ਜਾਂ ਜਿੱਥੇ ਵੀ ਢੁਕਵਾਂ ਹੋਵੇ ਹੋਰ ਤਰੀਕੇ)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ਲੋਕਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਕੁੱਤਿਆਂ ਲਈ ਸਹੂਲਤਾਂ (ਜਿਵੇਂ ਕਿ ਬਹਿਣ ਲਈ)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ਹਿੱਸਾ ਲੈਣ ਦੇ ਮੌਕੇ (ਜਿਵੇਂ ਕਿ ਵਾਲੰਟੀਅਰ ਅਤੇ ਸਪੋਂਸਰ)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ਹੋਰ: _____ _____ _____				

## ਸਵਾਲ 2 ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਖਿਆਲ ਮੁਤਾਬਕ ਕੁੱਤਿਆਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਸੰਗਲੀ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਪੱਕੀਆਂ ਥਾਂਵਾਂ ਦੇ ਤਿੰਨ ਵੱਡੇ ਕਿਹੜੇ ਫਾਇਦੇ ਹਨ?

ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਤਿੰਨ ਤੱਕ 'ਤੇ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨੀ ਲਾਉ।

- ☐ ਕਮਿਊਨਟੀ ਦੀ ਉਸਾਰੀ
- ☐ ਕੁੱਤਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਕਸਰਤ ਅਤੇ ਮੇਲਜੋਲ ਲਈ ਥਾਂਵਾਂ ਪ੍ਰਦਾਨ ਕਰਨਾ
- ☐ ਮਾਲਕਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਇਹ ਉਤਸ਼ਾਹ ਦੇਣਾ ਕਿ ਸੰਗਲੀ ਤੋਂ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਵਾਲੀ ਸਰਗਰਮੀ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਸੰਗਲੀ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਥਾਂਵਾਂ 'ਤੇ ਹੋਵੇ
- ☐ ਪਾਰਕਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਆਂਢ-ਗੁਆਂਢ ਨੂੰ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਅਤ ਬਣਾਉਣਾ
- ☐ ਪਾਰਕਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਸਾਂਝੀਆਂ ਥਾਂਵਾਂ 'ਤੇ ਝਗੜਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਘੱਟ ਕਰਨਾ
- ☐ ਕੁੱਤਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰੀ ਵਾਲੀ ਮਾਲਕੀ ਨੂੰ ਉਤਸ਼ਾਹ ਦੇਣਾ
- ☐ ਹੋਰ: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ਸਵਾਲ 3 ਕੁੱਤਿਆਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਸੰਗਲੀ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਪੱਕੀਆਂ ਥਾਂਵਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਤਿੰਨ ਵੱਡੀਆਂ ਚੁਣੌਤੀਆਂ ਕਿਹੜੀਆਂ ਹਨ?

ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਤਿੰਨ ਤੱਕ 'ਤੇ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨੀ ਲਾਉ।

- ☐ ਕੁੱਤਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਟੱਟੀ ਦੀ ਚੁਕਾਈ
- ☐ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਦੀ ਸੇਫਟੀ ਦੇ ਫਿਕਰ
- ☐ ਕੁੱਤਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਸੇਫਟੀ ਦੇ ਫਿਕਰ
- ☐ ਪਾਰਕ ਦੀ ਸੀਮਤ ਥਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਾਂਝੇ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਵਰਤਣਾ
- ☐ ਰੋਲੇ ਨੂੰ ਕਾਬੂ ਕਰਨਾ
- ☐ ਸੰਭਾਲ ਅਤੇ ਨਿਯਮਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਲਾਗੂ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਦੇ ਖਰਚਿਆਂ ਵਿਚ ਵਾਧਾ
- ☐ ਸੰਗਲੀ ਤੋਂ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਵਾਲੀ ਸਰਗਰਮੀ ਨੂੰ ਸੰਗਲੀ ਤੋਂ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਥਾਂਵਾਂ 'ਤੇ ਰੱਖਣਾ
- ☐ ਵਾਤਾਵਰਣ 'ਤੇ ਸੰਭਵ ਅਸਰ
- ☐ ਹੋਰ: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ਸਵਾਲ 4 ਅੱਗੇ ਦੱਸੇ ਬਿਆਨਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਕਿਸ ਹੱਦ ਤੱਕ ਸਹਿਮਤ ਹੋ?

	ਬਹੁਤ ਸਹਿਮਤ	ਸਹਿਮਤ	ਨਾ ਸਹਿਮਤ ਨਾ ਅਸਹਿਮਤ	ਅਸਹਿਮਤ	ਬਹੁਤ ਅਸਹਿਮਤ
ਕੁੱਤਿਆਂ ਲਈ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਸੰਗਲੀ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਥਾਂਵਾਂ ਪਬਲਿਕ ਪਾਰਕਾਂ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਵਾਨਯੋਗ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਹਨ	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ਵੈਨਕੂਵਰ ਦੇ ਪਾਰਕਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਕੁੱਤਿਆਂ ਲਈ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਸੰਗਲੀ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਕਾਫੀ ਥਾਂਵਾਂ ਹਨ	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ਵੈਨਕੂਵਰ ਵਿਚ ਕੁੱਤਿਆਂ ਲਈ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਸੰਗਲੀ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਥਾਂਵਾਂ ਸਮੁੱਚੇ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਚੰਗੀ ਕੁਆਲਟੀ ਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ਬਿਨਾਂ ਸੰਗਲੀ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਥਾਂਵਾਂ ਦੀ ਵੰਡ ਮੇਰੀਆਂ ਲੋੜਾਂ ਪੂਰੀਆਂ ਕਰਦੀ ਹੈ	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ਕੁੱਤਿਆਂ ਲਈ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਸੰਗਲੀ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਥਾਂਵਾਂ, ਬਿਨਾਂ ਸੰਗਲੀ ਵਾਲੇ ਕੁੱਤਿਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਪਾਰਕ ਦੀ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲੇ ਹੋਰ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਵਿਚਕਾਰ ਟਕਰਾਅ ਨੂੰ ਘਟਾਉਣ ਵਿਚ ਮਦਦ ਕਰਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ਕੁੱਤਿਆਂ ਲਈ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਸੰਗਲੀ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਥਾਂਵਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਸਪਸ਼ਟ ਹੱਦਾਂ ਹੋਣੀਆਂ ਚਾਹੀਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ਕੁੱਤਿਆਂ ਲਈ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਸੰਗਲੀ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਥਾਂਵਾਂ, ਪਾਰਕ ਦੀਆਂ ਹੋਰ ਸਰਗਰਮੀਆਂ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਖਰੀਆਂ ਹੋਣੀਆਂ ਚਾਹੀਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ਵੈਨਕੂਵਰ ਦੇ ਪਾਰਕਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਕੁੱਤਿਆਂ ਦੇ ਮਾਲਕ ਕੁੱਤੇ ਦੀ ਟੱਟੀ ਚੁੱਕਣ ਦਾ ਮੁਨਾਸਬ ਕੰਮ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਨ	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ਵੈਨਕੂਵਰ ਦੇ ਪਾਰਕਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਕੁੱਤਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਟੱਟੀ ਸੁੱਟਣ ਲਈ ਕਾਫੀ ਢੇਲ ਹਨ	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ਵੈਨਕੂਵਰ ਦੇ ਪਾਰਕਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਕੁੱਤਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਸਰਗਰਮੀ ਬਾਰੇ ਨਿਯਮਾਂ ਦੀ ਕਾਫੀ ਪਾਲਣਾ ਕਰਵਾਈ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## ਸਵਾਲ 5 ਵੈਨਕੂਵਰ ਦੀਆਂ ਕੁੱਤਿਆਂ ਲਈ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਸੰਗਲੀ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਥਾਂਵਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਕਿਹੜੀਆਂ ਸਹੂਲਤਾਂ ਦੇਖਣਾ ਚਾਹੋਗੇ?

ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਤਿੰਨ ਤੱਕ 'ਤੇ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨੀ ਲਾਉ।

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| <input type="radio"/> ਟੱਟੀ ਸੁੱਟਣ ਲਈ ਜ਼ਿਆਦਾ ਢੋਲ                                    | <input type="radio"/> ਸੁਰੱਖਿਅਤ ਜੰਗਲੇ               |
| <input type="radio"/> ਕੁੱਤਿਆਂ ਲਈ ਪੀਣ ਵਾਲਾ ਪਾਣੀ                                    | <input type="radio"/> ਬੈਠਣ ਵਾਸਤੇ ਥਾਂਵਾਂ            |
| <input type="radio"/> ਲੋਕਾਂ ਲਈ ਪੀਣ ਵਾਲਾ ਪਾਣੀ                                      | <input type="radio"/> ਤੁਰਨ ਲਈ ਰਾਹ                  |
| <input type="radio"/> ਛਾਂ   | <input type="radio"/> ਕੁੱਤਿਆਂ ਦੇ ਬੈਗਾਂ ਦੇ ਡਿਸਪੈਂਸਰ |
| <input type="radio"/> ਵੱਡੇ ਅਤੇ ਛੋਟੇ/ਸੰਗਾਊ ਕੁੱਤਿਆਂ ਲਈ ਵੱਖੋ ਵੱਖਰੀਆਂ ਥਾਂਵਾਂ          | <input type="radio"/> ਕੁੱਤਿਆਂ ਦੇ ਖੇਡਣ ਲਈ ਸਹੂਲਤਾਂ   |
| <input type="radio"/> ਕੁੱਤਿਆਂ ਦੇ ਦੌੜ ਕੇ ਕੋਈ ਚੀਜ਼ ਚੁੱਕ ਕੇ ਲਿਆਉਣ ਲਈ ਖੁਲ੍ਹੀਆਂ ਥਾਂਵਾਂ | <input type="radio"/> ਹੋਰ: _____                   |

## ਸਵਾਲ 6 ਜੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਕੁੱਤੇ ਦੇ ਮਾਲਕ ਜਾਂ ਸਾਂਭਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਹੋ ਤਾਂ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਇਸ ਵੇਲੇ ਕੁੱਤੇ ਦੀ ਸੰਗਲੀ ਕਿੱਥੇ ਲਾਹੁੰਦੇ ਹੋ?

ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਸਾਰਿਆਂ 'ਤੇ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨੀ ਲਾਉ ਜਿਹੜੇ ਲਾਗੂ ਹੁੰਦੇ ਹਨ।

- ☐ ਕੁੱਤਿਆਂ ਲਈ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਸੰਗਲੀ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਥਾਂਵਾਂ ਵਿਚ
- ☐ ਕੁੱਤਿਆਂ ਲਈ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਸੰਗਲੀ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਥਾਂਵਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਬਗੈਰ ਹੀ ਪਾਰਕ ਵਿਚ ਜਾਂ ਬੀਚ 'ਤੇ
- ☐ ਸਕੂਲ ਦੀਆਂ ਗਰਾਊਂਡਾਂ ਵਿਚ
- ☐ ਹੋਰ: \_\_\_\_\_

### ਜੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਆਪਣੇ ਕੁੱਤੇ ਦੀ ਸੰਗਲੀ, ਕੁੱਤਿਆਂ ਲਈ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਸੰਗਲੀ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਥਾਂਵਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਲਾਹੁੰਦੇ ਹੋ ਤਾਂ ਕਿਉਂ?

ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਸਾਰਿਆਂ 'ਤੇ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨੀ ਲਾਉ ਜਿਹੜੇ ਲਾਗੂ ਹੁੰਦੇ ਹਨ।

- ☐ ਇਹ ਜ਼ਿਆਦਾ ਸੌਖਾ ਹੈ
- ☐ ਗੈਰ-ਬਿਨਾਂ ਸੰਗਲੀ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਥਾਂਵਾਂ ਦਾ ਮਾਹੌਲ ਵਧੀਆ ਹੈ/ਬਿਹਤਰ ਸਹੂਲਤਾਂ ਹਨ
- ☐ ਕੁੱਤਿਆਂ ਲਈ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਸੰਗਲੀ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਥਾਂਵਾਂ 'ਤੇ ਸਮੱਸਿਆਵਾਂ ਹਨ ਜਾਂ ਸਮੱਸਿਆਵਾਂ ਦਾ ਡਰ ਹੁੰਦਾ ਹੈ
- ☐ ਕੁੱਤਿਆਂ ਲਈ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਸੰਗਲੀ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਥਾਂਵਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਬਹੁਤ ਜ਼ਿਆਦਾ ਭੀੜ ਹੈ
- ☐ ਹੋਰ: \_\_\_\_\_

ਜੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਆਪਣੇ ਕੁੱਤੇ ਦੀ ਸੰਗਲੀ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਸੰਗਲੀ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਥਾਂਵਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਲਾਹੁੰਦੇ ਹੋ ਤਾਂ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਵੈਨਕੂਵਰ ਵਿਚ ਕਿਹੜੇ ਪਾਰਕਾਂ ਜਾਂ ਪਬਲਿਕ ਥਾਂਵਾਂ ਦੀ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋ?

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## ਸਵਾਲ 7

ਆਪਣੇ ਕੁੱਤੇ ਨੂੰ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਸੰਗਲੀ ਵਾਲੀ ਥਾਂ 'ਤੇ ਨੇਮ ਨਾਲ ਤੁਰ ਕੇ ਅਤੇ/ਜਾਂ ਕਾਰ ਵਿਚ ਲਿਜਾਣ ਲਈ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਕਿੰਨੀ ਕੁ ਦੂਰ ਜਾਣ ਲਈ ਰਾਜ਼ੀ ਹੋ?

ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਉਹ ਸਮਾਂ ਚੁਣੋ ਜਿਹੜਾ **ਤੁਰਨ ਲਈ** ਸਭ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਠੀਕ ਲੱਗਦਾ ਹੈ।

- ☐ 10 ਮਿੰਟਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਘੱਟ
- ☐ 10-20 ਮਿੰਟ
- ☐ 20-30 ਮਿੰਟ
- ☐ 30 ਤੋਂ ਜ਼ਿਆਦਾ ਮਿੰਟ

ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਉਹ ਸਮਾਂ ਚੁਣੋ ਜਿਹੜਾ **ਗੱਡੀ ਚਲਾਉਣ ਲਈ** ਸਭ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਠੀਕ ਲੱਗਦਾ ਹੈ।

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## ਸਵਾਲ 8

ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਖਿਆਲ ਮੁਤਾਬਕ ਕੁੱਤਿਆਂ ਲਈ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਸੰਗਲੀ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਥਾਂਵਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਕਿਸਮਾਂ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਕਿਸ ਕਿਸਮ ਨੂੰ ਪਹਿਲ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਣੀ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ?

ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਉਸ 'ਤੇ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨੀ ਲਾਉ ਜਿਹੜਾ ਸਭ ਤੋਂ ਜ਼ਿਆਦਾ ਲਾਗੂ ਹੁੰਦਾ ਹੈ।

- ☐ ਆਂਢ-ਗੁਆਂਢ ਵਿਚ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਸੰਗਲੀ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਥਾਂਵਾਂ ਨੂੰ (ਜਿਵੇਂ ਆਂਢ-ਗੁਆਂਢ ਦੇ ਪਾਰਕਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਛੋਟੀਆਂ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਸੰਗਲੀ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਥਾਂਵਾਂ ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਤੱਕ ਆਮ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਤੁਰ ਕੇ ਪਹੁੰਚਿਆ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ)
- ☐ ਨਿਯਤ ਕੀਤੀਆਂ ਗਈਆਂ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਸੰਗਲੀ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਥਾਂਵਾਂ ਨੂੰ (ਜਿਵੇਂ ਸ਼ਹਿਰ ਦੇ ਮੁੱਖ ਹਿੱਸਿਆਂ ਵਿਚ ਵੱਡੀਆਂ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਸੰਗਲੀ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਥਾਂਵਾਂ ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਤੱਕ ਆਮ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਤੁਰ ਕੇ ਜਾ ਗੱਡੀ ਵਿਚ ਪਹੁੰਚਿਆ ਜਾ ਸਕੇ ਅਤੇ ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਹੋਰ ਸਹੂਲਤਾਂ ਹੋ ਸਕਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ ਜਿਵੇਂ ਕਿ ਕੁੱਤਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਨਹਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਸਟੇਸ਼ਨ ਅਤੇ ਚੁਸਤੀ ਲਈ ਚੀਜ਼ਾਂ)
- ☐ ਆਂਢ-ਗੁਆਂਢ ਦੀਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਨਿਯਤ ਕੀਤੀਆਂ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਸੰਗਲੀ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਥਾਂਵਾਂ ਦੋਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਬਰਾਬਰ ਦੀ ਪਹਿਲ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਣੀ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ
- ☐ ਕੋਈ ਪਹਿਲ ਨਹੀਂ

## ਸਵਾਲ 9

ਜੇ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਕੋਲ ਕੁੱਤਾ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਕੀ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਲਾਇਸੈਂਸ ਹੈ?

ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਉਸ 'ਤੇ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨੀ ਲਾਉ ਜਿਹੜਾ ਸਭ ਤੋਂ ਜ਼ਿਆਦਾ ਲਾਗੂ ਹੁੰਦਾ ਹੈ।

- ☐ ਹਾਂ
- ☐ ਨਹੀਂ

ਜੇ ਨਹੀਂ ਤਾਂ ਕਿਉਂ ਨਹੀਂ?

ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਜਿਹੜਾ ਵੀ ਲਾਗੂ ਹੁੰਦਾ ਹੈ ਉਸ 'ਤੇ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨੀ ਲਾਉ।

- ☐ ਇਹ ਨਹੀਂ ਪਤਾ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਦੀ ਕਾਨੂੰਨੀ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਲੋੜ ਹੈ
- ☐ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਕੋਈ ਫਾਇਦਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਦਿਖਾਈ ਦਿੰਦਾ
- ☐ ਹੋਰ: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ਤਾਜ਼ਾ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਲੈਣ ਲਈ ਸਾਈਨ ਅੱਪ ਕਰੋ

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**People, Parks & Dogs**  
**A strategy for sharing Vancouver's parks**

**Round 1 Public and Stakeholder Consultation**  
September 8 – October 14, 2016

**Appendix 3: Small Group Meeting Notes**

January 2017

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*The following summary notes are from the Trout Lake Small Group Meeting for People, Parks & Dogs: A strategy for sharing Vancouver's parks. This meeting was held as part of the first round of consultation regarding the strategy.*

*29 people attended the meeting, along with staff from the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation (Park Board), and consultants from space2place landscape architects and Kirk & Co. Consulting Ltd. The meeting was facilitated by Judy Kirk, President of Kirk & Co. Consulting.*

## AGENDA

1. Welcome and team introductions
2. Walkthrough of discussion guide

3. Breakout – table discussions of survey
4. Report back and roundtable discussion

## **OVERALL KEY THEMES**

1. Clear boundaries for off-leash areas are important for reducing conflict between park users. Preference for signage or fencing to delineate off-leash area boundaries.
2. Strong support for off-leash areas that are easily accessible on foot and support for larger, more diverse neighbourhood off-leash areas.
3. Desire for welcoming off-leash areas that consider the needs of people.

## **KEY THEMES FROM BREAKOUT SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS**

*Each table discussed the survey questions. The discussion was facilitated by a member of the People, Parks & Dogs planning team, who reported back on the key themes from their group discussion. These themes are presented below:*

### **Table 1 (Facilitated by Katy Amon)**

- 1) To reduce conflicts there is a need for better, clearer signage delineating off-leash areas.
- 2) Dog off-leash areas provide community benefits by bringing neighbours together.
- 3) Challenges of Vancouver's dog off-leash areas include small size of many areas and a lack of diversity in the types of off-leash area currently available.
- 4) People who use off-leash areas generally pick-up after their dogs.
- 5) One of the barriers to more widespread dog licensing is education about how to get a dog license (i.e. that it does not require going to City Hall).

### **Table 2 (Facilitated by Jeff Cutler)**

- 1) There is a need to educate dog owners about proper dog ownership and behaviour and dog training, but also to educate non-dog owners about dogs.
- 2) Neighbourhood dog parks are important, however there is concern about only having small off-leash areas in neighbourhoods. There should also be larger, more spacious off-leash areas that are easily accessible on foot.

### **Table 3 (Facilitated by Erin Embley)**

- 1) Safety for dogs and education for dogs and dog owners are both of high priority.
- 2) Off-leash boundaries, including fencing, are important elements for reducing conflict between park users.
- 3) Larger off-leash areas are needed for bigger and/or more energetic dogs.
- 4) Benefits of off-leash areas include building community, and providing areas for exercise and socialization.
- 5) Challenges include safety concerns for people and dogs and managing waste. Off-leash areas need to be well maintained to make sure they are safe for the dogs that are using them.
- 6) Dog off-leash areas that are easily accessible on foot should be prioritized, to encourage people to use them.
- 7) There is a need for better amenities in dog off-leash areas, for example more waste bins, fencing and drinking water.

**Table 4 (Facilitated by Tate White)**

- 1) There are health and safety concerns for dogs in off-leash areas, including injuring themselves on gravel surfaces in off-leash areas.
- 2) There needs to be on-leash and off-leash walking paths, as these are important for training dogs.
- 3) There is a need for more off-leash areas around the city that are easily accessible on foot, which help to promote walking.

**Table 5 (Facilitated by Amy Gore)**

- 1) It's important that off-leash areas are clearly delineated, though not necessarily with fencing, to reduce conflicts that occur because people aren't aware that they're entering an off-leash area and to educate people with dogs about where they need to put their dogs on a leash.
- 2) Rules need to be followed. If a person is leaving a dog off-leash area, they need to put their dog on a leash.
- 3) The biggest goal for the strategy is to how to reduce conflicts.

**Table 6 (Facilitated by Dave Hutch)**

- 1) Consideration needs to be given to improving the quality of the experience in off-leash areas for people, as well as for dogs. People need to feel comfortable spending time in off-leash areas with their dogs.
- 2) The dog waste pilot program is a great initiative that should be expanded.

- 3) Dog off-leash areas need to be easily accessible on foot (within 5-10 minutes) if they are going to be used.
- 4) Consideration should be given to the fact that different kinds of dogs need different kinds of off-leash areas.
- 5) If licensing revenues were to go to programs benefiting dogs and dog owners, it would be an incentive for licensing.

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*36 people attended the meeting, along with staff from the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation (Park Board), and consultants from space2place landscape architects and Kirk & Co. Consulting Ltd. The meeting was facilitated by Judy Kirk, President of Kirk & Co. Consulting.*



## **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and team introductions
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## **OVERALL KEY THEMES**

1. Waste management is an issue for existing off-leash areas. There are not enough bins for dog waste and general garbage in parks, and there should be more bins, no matter what the outcome of this consultation.
2. Animal control is poorly handled. Bylaw officers have to know how to relate to people and dogs, and can't just enforce the bylaws without working to build relationships with the residents of Vancouver.
3. Education of all park users is needed to increase the general population's understanding of dogs.
4. Signage can be and needs to be improved. Many parks are already being used as off-leash areas at certain times of the day when they're not designated as such. This creates challenges for animal control and bylaw enforcement, so improved and additional signage is necessary.
5. It's important to look at the density of areas when determining where to develop off-leash facilities and how many to build.

## **KEY THEMES FROM BREAKOUT TABLE DISCUSSIONS**

*Each table discussed the survey questions. The discussion was facilitated by a member of the People, Parks & Dogs planning team, who reported back on the key themes from their table discussion. These themes are presented below:*

### **Table 1 (Facilitated by Jeff Cutler)**

- 1) Waste management is a top issue that needs to be addressed.
- 2) Enforcement of dog activity has been maximized; if anything, less enforcement is needed.
- 3) Good distribution of dog facilities in parks is needed, within 10 minutes (walking or driving) from homes. Neighbourhood and destination off-leash areas are equal in importance.

- 4) Parks help build communities.
- 5) Wide range of opinions on the quality of current off-leash areas in the city.
- 6) Don't see benefits of having dogs licensed.

**Table 2 (Facilitated by Erin Embley)**

- 1) Safety for dogs is very important; aggressive dogs need to be controlled in some fashion.
- 2) Location and distribution of off-leash areas is key. The downtown core is underserved and those areas that allow off-leash are not well-maintained. Further, limited hours for off-leash activity causes issues across the city.
- 3) A variety of amenities in off-leash areas is important, as is the need for safe, comfortable and clean off-leash facilities. Too many current facilities are dusty, small and unsafe, largely due to gravel surfaces.
- 4) Closer proximity factors into using on-leash parks as off-leash facilities; if a park that's close to home doesn't allow off-leash activity, dog owners will use it anyway because of convenience. Dogs need to run.
- 5) Off-leash facilities should have clear boundaries and could be separated from other areas of parks.

**Table 3 (Facilitated by Sarah Primeau)**

- 1) Support for off-leash areas, generally.
- 2) Off-leash areas need to be designed so they're safe for dogs, including separate areas for large and small dogs. Further, attention needs to be paid to the design of the spaces (e.g. no gravel).
- 3) Noise is an issue, especially downtown. Off-leash areas need to be well-signed, with proper enforcement.
- 4) Keeping off-leash activity in off-leash areas is a challenge due to unclear boundaries (e.g. Sunset Beach).

**Table 4 (Facilitated by Katy Amon)**

- 1) Education of bylaws and park use is important and needed for all Vancouver residents, including kids in school. The more people know, the safer and more enjoyable parks will be for all users.
- 2) Partnership opportunities are an interesting idea and more should be shared about this.
- 3) More maintenance would be required for off-leash areas, and currently, not enough is done by dog walkers and owners who use these facilities year-round.

- 4) If contained, dogs tend to not get along. Walking paths or circuits would be a good alternative for exercise and socializing.
- 5) Dogs and people need more of a variety of off-leash facilities, whether that's in neighbourhood or destination areas.

**Table 5 (Facilitated by Dave Hutch)**

- 1) Waste management is a major issue; dog waste on fields doesn't properly allow for the various uses of parks.
- 2) Fencing is important and necessary for the safety of all park users, including children. Proper lighting should also be a priority.
- 3) Enforcement is key. There are different levels of enforcement that could happen based on the situation, and bylaw officers' attitudes should be more education-based than the heavy-handed approach that they currently use. Officers should be more invested in their relationship with dog owners and park users.
- 4) Signage in parks is ambiguous and needs to be clearer, and more waste bins are needed.
- 5) Longer park paths in parks would provide significant benefits for dog exercise while on-leash.

**Table 6 (Facilitated by Tate White)**

- 1) Waste management is important. There are repeat offenders who don't pick up, while some dog owners/walkers pick up but leave the bag behind for various reasons. More bins are necessary.
- 2) More education is needed and perhaps having experts at off-leash areas is a solution. Further, park users need to be able to efficiently report where there is a problem at an off-leash area, park or beach, and see the follow up.
- 3) A high quality off-leash area is needed for every neighbourhood, especially downtown due to higher density.
- 4) If more time restrictions lead to more off-leash areas, that's fine. Having the necessary infrastructure is the key.
- 5) Signage needs to be improved at existing off-leash areas. Landscaping could work as a more natural boundary, as opposed to fencing. Current off-leash facilities are too small and need better design, including more shade.

### **Additional Comments – Group Discussion**

- Dogs that are on-leash behave differently than when they're off-leash. Dogs need to be socialized and be comfortable without being constrained by a leash.
- Off-leash area time restrictions are a bad idea, except for in the middle of the night, when dogs can be loud.
- Pet-friendly restaurants should be available in Vancouver.
- Rules should be site-specific; some areas should have no restrictions, other should have some restrictions based on the layout and landscape of the park/off-leash area.
- Public service announcements could be used in the public education about dealing with dogs, like was the case in the United Kingdom.
- Off-leash areas are poorly located in some cases (e.g. next to cycling paths and daycares).
- Universal coloured leashes could be an idea to quickly identify which dogs are licensed and which dogs aren't licensed by the city.
- One idea to allow for dogs to have free run at parks is to put fencing around playgrounds and the like, instead of around off-leash areas.

## ATTENDEES

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*The following summary notes are from the Sunset Community Centre Small Group Meeting for People, Parks & Dogs: A strategy for sharing Vancouver's parks. This meeting was held as part of the first round of consultation regarding the strategy.*

*19 people attended the meeting, along with staff from the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation (Park Board), and consultants from space2place landscape architects and Kirk & Co. Consulting Ltd. The meeting was facilitated by Judy Kirk, President of Kirk & Co. Consulting.*

## AGENDA

1. Welcome and team introductions
2. Walkthrough of discussion guide
3. Breakout – table discussions of survey
4. Report back and roundtable discussion

## **OVERALL KEY THEMES**

1. There is a need to increase the number of licensed dogs in Vancouver to improve enforcement and to obtain more accurate statistics to inform strategic decisions regarding dog facilities.
2. There should be more neighbourhood dog off-leash areas easily accessible on foot.
3. Increased education of dog owners and non-dog owners is critical to ensure the safety and overall well-being of all park users.
4. Signage and boundaries of off-leash areas should be creative and effective. Improving off-leash area signage and boundaries will promote more positive interactions between dog owners and non-dog owners.
5. Bylaws are not currently enforced. Increasing enforcement of waste and off-leash bylaws will promote environmentally-sustainable and socially-responsible dog ownership.

## **KEY THEMES FROM BREAKOUT TABLE DISCUSSIONS**

*Each table discussed the survey questions. The discussion was facilitated by a member of the People, Parks & Dogs planning team, who reported back on the key themes from their table discussion. These themes are presented below:*

### **Table 1 (Facilitated by Erin Embley)**

- 1) There is a need for more dog off-leash areas. This will help dog owners to comply with off-leash bylaws, benefitting both other dog owners and non-dog owners.
- 2) Education of dog owners would be very valuable. For example, programs to train prospective dog owners on what they need to know and what they should expect as dog owners.
- 3) There needs to be more consistency in bylaw enforcement related to dog activity
- 4) Efforts should be made to improve relationships between dog owners and non-dog owners.

### **Table 2 (Facilitated by Tate White)**

- 1) Education of dog owners and non-dog owners will promote responsible ownership and positive park interactions.
- 2) There needs to be improved distribution of off-leash areas across all neighbourhoods, to ensure that more dog owners can walk to off-leash parks instead of driving. (Note: one non-dog owner believed dog owners should be willing to drive to off-leash areas).
- 3) Implement clearer signage to delineate where dog off-leash areas are located.

- 4) Boundaries and signage can include a range of options. Fencing will reduce conflict and improve dog safety. Fencing of dog off-leash dog areas does not always have to be complete, but should be used to delineate areas that are off-leash, materials for fencing could be natural bushes, rocks and vegetation instead of using wood or wire.
- 5) Improve dog waste programs, including by expanding ecologically-efficient disposal that has been implemented as part of the dog waste pilot program at Charleson Park, Grimmer Park and John Hendry Park.

**Table 3 (Facilitated by Jeff Cutler)**

- 1) Dog off-leash parks should be within 10 minutes or less (walking or driving distance).
- 2) Dog owner education will improve behavior of dogs and will solve many off-leash area issues, including increasing compliance with bylaws related to dog off-leash activity.
- 3) There is a need for clear off-leash area boundaries to increase safety for people and dogs.
- 4) Dogs can have a negative impact on sensitive environments; proper waste management helps to protect the environment.
- 5) There is a need for more off-leash areas.

**Additional Comments – Group Discussion**

- Discussion regarding the low number of licensed dogs in Vancouver, including: concerns regarding the effect of poor statistical information on strategy development; ideas for how to improve the number of licensed dogs; and recommendations that revenues from dog licensing be directed toward dog-related amenities.
- Recommendation that off-leash parks should include more agility features for dogs.
- Discussion regarding need for increased and more creative/effective signage around off-leash dog areas, including the need for multilingual signage.
- Need to maintain a variety of park styles.



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*The following summary notes are from the Kitsilano Community Centre Small Group Meeting for People, Parks & Dogs: A strategy for sharing Vancouver's parks. This meeting was held as part of the first round of consultation regarding the strategy.*

*33 people attended the meeting, along with staff from the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation (Park Board), and consultants from space2place landscape architects and Kirk & Co. Consulting Ltd. The meeting was facilitated by Judy Kirk, President of Kirk & Co. Consulting.*

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## **OVERALL KEY THEMES**

1. Dogs are children for many families in Vancouver, and as such, have to be recognized as a group in the city that needs services.
2. There's a need to make off-leash areas attractive so that dog owners and even non-dog owners will want to go there.
3. There are many potential partnership opportunities for dog off-leash areas throughout the city, for example, with developers.
4. Dog licensing fees should be used to provide education to those who pay the fees. More education is needed for dogs and people/owners.
5. A new, graduated program for well-behaved dogs would create incentive for owners to train dogs.
6. Reducing the price of licenses and explaining the benefits would increase compliance from owners.

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### **Table 1 (Facilitated by Sarah Primeau)**

- 1) The location and distribution of off-leash areas within neighbourhoods is key to the proper use of off-leash facilities. Off-leash areas should be accessible on foot.
- 2) Not enough enforcement is happening now to ensure parks are safe for all users. Everyone should feel comfortable in all parks – off-leash areas or not.
- 3) What's the value for dogs of off-leash vs on-leash activity, according to an animal behaviorists? This must be considered when determining if and where to build more off-leash facilities.

- 4) Agility features for dogs would have more value at small off-leash areas, more so than in large parks.
- 5) This strategy should focus on park use and put more consideration into designated times over designated areas. The current process is skewed to separation of parks instead of designation of parks.

**Table 2 (Facilitated by Judy Kirk)**

- 1) All off-leash areas should have more activities for dogs.
- 2) Education is very important and dog-related educational material should be available in all parks for dog owners and general park users.
- 3) Vancouver school yards should officially be made available as off-leash areas and should have the appropriate number of waste bins for dog waste, which isn't currently the case.
- 4) Enforcement currently seems like it's limited to low-use areas in winter months, for example, instead of high-use parks during the busy summer months. This has to change.
- 5) Fencing should be used for off-leash areas but only where appropriate. If fences will cause an unnatural divide in a park, find another way to delineate the off-leash part.
- 6) Signage is a key challenge and needs to be improved everywhere – all parks, beaches, etc. This is for the safety of all park users, not just dogs and dog owners.

**Table 3 (Facilitated by Erin Embley)**

- 1) Currently, there are not enough quality off-leash areas in Vancouver. Some parks provide good options for dog owners, while many others don't.
- 2) Conflict amongst dogs and between owners will be reduced only when off-leash areas are clearly marked, and available at the appropriate times of day, based on the individual park.
- 3) People should be able to go to certain areas with their dogs all the time, but never other areas (e.g. playgrounds).
- 4) There aren't enough waste bins in Vancouver parks, and generally, amenities for dogs and dog owners need to be improved in off-leash areas.
- 5) Enforcement is sufficient now but animal control and bylaw officers need to be better trained to deal with dogs, or hire ambassadors to visit parks to educate dog owners.
- 6) Increase licensing amongst dog owners but be clear on what these owners get for paying licensing fees; show the value. Perhaps there's an app or another way for owners to prove their dog is licensed without wearing a tag on their leash. Currently, the cost of licensing is too high.

**Table 4 (Facilitated by Dana McDonald)**

1. Signage at all parks needs to be better and clearly communicate why some areas are off-leash, while others aren't.
2. Education for dog owners needs to be improved; licensing fees can be used to fund this.
3. Beaches can and should be opened up to off-leash dogs when foot traffic is low (i.e. in the colder months).
4. One idea is to introduce a tiered licensing system that rewards controlled and well-behaved dogs, and allows them (with their owners) more access to off-leash areas and on transit in the city.
5. Create designated off-leash space for dogs along the new Arbutus corridor.
6. The problem of out-of-control dogs needs to be fixed in order to avoid conflict and to appease the dog owner community, which has many more positive interactions than negative.

**Table 5 (Facilitated by Katy Amon)**

- 1) More access to the ocean and beaches for dogs off-leash – on a seasonal basis – is a must.
- 2) Dog waste is a health issue and an enforcement issue. More needs to be done to reduce dog waste left behind by owners, whether it's self-policing or official enforcement. Further, bylaw officers should focus on bigger issues, not petty ticketing.
- 3) Specific to Kitsilano, there are few off-leash areas, so many unofficial parks have developed. In some cases, this has had a negative impact on playing fields. One option should be to create off-leash facilities along the new Arbutus corridor.
- 4) As the city focuses more on car share programs, more walkable off-leash areas should be available to dog owners.
- 5) Fencing off-leash is good but can have negative effects regarding safety (e.g. people walking away or not paying attention to their dogs once the pets are fenced in). But fences are beneficial to owners whose dogs may run away.

**Table 6 (Facilitated by Tate White)**

- 1) Quality of off-leash areas is poor. Better design, better signage and better distribution of off-leash areas will help with issues between dogs and owners.
- 2) Enforcement is necessary but more high-quality enforcement is needed across the board. Further education about the applicable bylaws would also help.
- 3) Better signage helps communicate where dogs can be off-leash, reducing confusion and ad-hoc park usage by dog owners. Improved signage would lead to improved etiquette and acceptance of the rules.

- 4) Off-leash areas need more amenities for dogs and have to be situated in the right area. All dogs need off-leash areas to run, and there's no need to separate small and large dogs within these off-leash areas.

**Additional Comments – Group Discussion**

- Improved access to waste bins in all areas of the city – on boulevards, for example – will help with the issue of dog owners who do not pick up after their dogs.