



STAFF REPORT

Title: Capital Project - Off-Leash Dog Park

Meeting Date: June 16, 2020

Executive Summary:

Identified in the 2020 Capital Projects is the creation of an Off-Leash Dog Park. History of this initiative extends back to the 2015 Blackfalds Off-Leash Dog Area Strategy. In November 2019 Ms. Hawco presented Council with a PowerPoint presentation respecting the community desiring a second more centralized off-leash dog park.

The purpose of this report is to brief Council on Ms. Hawco's PowerPoint presentation and to receive Council feedback on proposed locations for the park.

Background:

Council has set a capital budget of \$50,000. Basic features of the park should include fencing, signage, waste bag stations, waste receptacles, staging entrance. A well-appointed park may include features like lighting, shade, benches, water, separated area for small dogs and agility obstacles.

Imperial Park seems to be the lead most supportive location the off-leash dog park. We've attached some other locations for consideration and feedback.

We also understand that Council previously raised Lyons Park as an opportunity. This did not sit well with the Lyon's Association despite bring a high profile use opportunity to the area. The Merits of Lyon's Park included: parking, expandable, area is fenced which would allow for upgrades to the park i.e. shade, benches, area for small dogs and agility obstacles.

Administration is soliciting feedback from City Council on the proposed sights for a Community Off-Leash Dog Park.

Alternatives:

At this time, Administration is not presenting alternatives on this subject matter for Council's consideration.

Recommended Action:

That the Corporate Priorities Committee provide a recommendation to City Council on the proposed location of the Community Off-Leash Dog Park.



Budget Implications (Yes or No):

Yes

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