



## STAFF REPORT

**Title:** Capital Project - Off-Leash Dog Park

**Meeting Date:** June 23, 2020

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### **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 present the recommendation rising from the June 16, 2020 Corporate Priority Committee meeting.

### **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.

### **Alternatives:**

Council may consider the following options:

1. Support the recommendation rising from the June 16, 2020 Corporate Priority Committee meeting for an Off-Leash Dog Park at Imperial Park.
2. Amend the recommendation rising from the June 16, 2020 Corporate Priority Committee meeting for an Off-Leash Dog Park at Imperial Park.
3. Accept this report titled Capital Project - Off-Leash Dog Park as information.



**Recommended Action:**

That Council supports the Corporate Priorities Committees recommendation and direct administration to proceed with the development of an Off-Leash Dog Park at Imperial Park.

**Budget Implications (Yes or No):**

No

**Submitted by:**

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