

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Public input sought for dog off-leash area proposed for Nob Hill Park

#### Summary

The City of Nanaimo has received a petition and request from the residents of the Nob Hill neighbourhood to create a dog off-leash park in Nob Hill Park.

A Public Input Session regarding the proposed off-leash area will be held on Tuesday, January 19 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the Vancouver Island Conference Centre. An online survey is also available through the City website.

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#### Key Points

- In an ongoing effort to revitalize Nob Hill Park, and keep parks current with community demand, the City is considering adding a dog off-leash area in Nob Hill Park if there is clear neighbourhood support.
- A Public Input Session for the proposed dog off-leash area in Nob Hill Park is scheduled for 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Tuesday, January 19 at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre. An online survey is also available on the City website.
- If there is widespread support for the Nob Hill location, a trial dog off-leash area could be implemented for one year by the Parks and Recreation Commission. If not, the park will remain as it is with a picnic area, trail and playground facilities.

#### Quotes

"It's important to hear from all interested parties when it comes to making changes like this in Nanaimo's parks. We look forward to hearing from residents either at the public input session or through the online survey."

Al Britton  
Manager, Park Operations  
City of Nanaimo

#### Quick Facts

- Dog off-leash parks are specific locations where owners can exercise their dogs off-leash. Dogs must remain under their owner's control and owners must carry a leash with them at all times.
- There are currently twelve dog off-leash parks in Nanaimo. Most were introduced as one year pilot projects. After the one year pilot period, a public re-assessment was completed before the current off-leash parks were made permanent by the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- With the exception of designated off-leash areas and private property, all dogs must be on a leash in the City of Nanaimo.

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