

## NEWS RELEASE

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### 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.

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.

If there is widespread support for the Nob Hill location, a similar trial could be implemented by the Parks and Recreation Commission. If not, the park will remain as it is with a picnic area, trail and playground facilities. A survey is available online to determine support. A Public Input Session will also be held on Tuesday, January 19 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the Vancouver Island Conference Centre.

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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 park in Nob Hill Park if there is clear neighbourhood support.
- A survey is available online as well a Public Input Session is scheduled for 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Tuesday, January 19 at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre.

#### Quotes

"We look forward to hearing from the community on the concept of a dog off-leash park in Nob Hill Park. Residents are encouraged to provide their thoughts by attending the public input session or filling out 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.
- 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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