



## INFORMATION ONLY COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

Date: April 28, 2026

From: Ron Bowles, Chief Administrative Officer

Subject: **Dog Park Guidelines and Dog Park Improvements**

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### INFORMATION SUMMARY

*There is no recommendation. This report is for information only.*

### STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

**Invest in Infrastructure** – We will invest in building, improving and maintaining infrastructure to meet the needs of, and to provide a high quality of life for, current and future generations.

**Strengthen Our Community** – We will provide opportunities for the residents of West Kelowna to build connections, celebrate successes, embrace the community's strengths and diversity, address shared needs, and contribute to shaping the community's future.

### BACKGROUND

Council requested the development of dog park guidelines to ensure a standardized approach to the planning, design and service level of the City's dog parks. In response, staff have prepared a guideline document for Council.

In addition, Council previously approved \$55,000 in funding for dog parks and directed that these funds support improvements to the City's existing dog park locations. While the sites already meet many components of the proposed guidelines, this funding will be allocated toward enhancements across all locations to better align them with the guidelines and further improve overall quality of the dog parks. Upgrades will focus on enhancing safety, usability, user experience, and may include fence improvements, installation of benches, updated signage, bear-safe waste receptacles, and the addition

of interactive features such as logs and rocks to encourage play and engagement for both dogs and their handlers.

Specific improvements at each location will be prioritized based on site conditions, identified deficiencies, and operational considerations.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no immediate financial implications related to the Dog Park Planning and Design Guidelines.

Dog park improvements will be funded through previously approved budget. The following table outlines the funding assigned to each dog park location.

<b>Dog Park</b>	<b>Value</b>
Gellatly Dog Park	\$12,400
Wild Horse Dog Park	\$11,500
Shannon Woods Dog Park	\$11,500
Westbank Centre Dog Park	\$11,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$46,900</b>

Any remaining funds will be returned to the appropriate reserve accounts.

PowerPoint: Yes  No

Attachments:

Dog Park Planning and Design Guidelines