NEIGHBOURHOOD DOG PARK IN DOWNTOWN WINNIPEG

WELCOME! Please participate today by:

1. Viewing the story boards for an update on the project
2. Finding out what we heard from the online survey
3. Reviewing preferred Neighbourhood Dog Park site options in Downtown Winnipeg
4. Asking questions and talking with the consultants & City of Winnipeg staff
5. Providing input at our site selection map station
6. Providing feedback on a survey about this event
The City of Winnipeg has recognized the need for a Neighbourhood off-leash dog park in Downtown Winnipeg

**Benefits of a Neighbourhood Downtown Dog Park include:**

- Increases accessibility of dog ownership in downtown,
- Encourages downtown living,
- Builds strong community ties by fostering opportunities for socialization,
- Provides a designated space for dogs to safely exercise and play with other dogs

**Project Scope & Timeline**

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**Existing Dog Parks in Winnipeg**

**Regional Dog Park (8+ Hectares)**
1. Little Mountain Park
2. Kil-Cona Park
3. Maple Grove Park
4. Charleswood Dog Park

**Community Dog Park (1-8 Hectares)**
5. Sturgeon Road and Silver Avenue
6. Westview Park
7. Mazenod Park
8. King’s Park
9. Brenda Leipsic Park

**Neighbourhood Dog Park (<1 Hectare)**
10. Bourkevale Park
11. Woodsworth Park

**Local Situation and Context:**
- No dog park serving residents of the Downtown
- Many parks have evolved from interim use of an under used green space and are under pressure from overlapping interest and user groups
- Stewardship groups aid in upkeep and fundraising for additional site amenities

**Dog Park Classification and Proximity to Users**

**Regional Dog Park:**
- A large destination park that attracts many users
- Typically accessed by car and provides parking

**Community Dog Park:**
- Attracts local users associated with a cluster of neighbourhoods
- Accessed by walking and/or car, and may provide parking

**Neighbourhood Dog Park:**
- A small local park that serves a specific area of residents
- Typically within 5-10 minute walking distance of user

**Source:** Guidelines for off-leash Dog Parks in the city of Winnipeg
• The City of Winnipeg is selecting a site for an off-leash dog park in the downtown area. Identified for 2016 construction ($300,000 budget)

• Three areas have concentrated residential populations. These neighbourhoods include Central Park, Broadway-Assiniboine, and the East Exchange District

• 2011 Census data identified that 14,870 people live in Downtown Winnipeg. With recent residential building developments this number has likely increased
NEIGHBOURHOOD DOG PARK IN AN URBAN AREA

This neighbourhood dog park in Downtown Winnipeg will be designed as an ‘Urban Dog Park’.

Common Characteristics of Urban Dog Parks:

• Typical size for an Urban Dog Park is 0.15 ha - 0.5 ha. Approximate size of a hockey rink = 0.15 ha
• Often function as ‘Downtown Plazas’ and social gathering spaces
• Located within a 5-10 minute walk of residents
• Should be places that are convenient, safe, and accessible 24 hours
• Offer connections to walking trails and other parks
• Can be a catalyst for spin off economic development such as pet friendly eateries, cafes and hotels, pet stores, etc.

Urban Dog Park Features:

* Play equipment and stimulating activities for dogs
* Perimeter fencing & double gate
* Site lighting
* Shade trees/shade structures
* Separate enclosure for small dogs
* Surfaces that are easy to clean up (crushed gravel, bark mulch)
* Waste receptacles; dedicated dog waste disposal and bag dispensers
* Site furnishings (benches, picnic tables, other)
* Clear entry signage & Information board
* Potable water source

* Indicates top four features from online survey results
An online survey was completed between January 7th and January 20th 2016.

Survey results revealed that there is support for creating a Neighbourhood Dog Park in Downtown Winnipeg.

- **Downtown residents WITH a dog:**
  - ✔️ 95% support
  - ✗ 4% oppose
  - 🔴 1% neutral/don’t know

- **Downtown residents WITHOUT a dog:**
  - ✔️ 69% support
  - ✗ 26% oppose
  - 🔴 4% neutral/don’t know

Of the 1,828 responses to the survey, 497 people said they live Downtown.

Support for a Neighbourhood Dog Park in Downtown Winnipeg:

- ✔️ 83% support
- ✗ 13% oppose
- 🔴 4% neutral/don’t know

Based on the results of the online survey, the map on the right identifies two Downtown areas, East Exchange District and Broadway Assiniboine, where the City is considering locating the dog park.

The online survey results supported these areas as they serve local residents well, based on the following factors:

1. where the concentration of downtown survey respondents live;
2. where the concentration of downtown survey respondents that own a dog live; and
3. where survey respondents indicated that they would like to have a dog park.
### SITE STRENGTHS & WEAKNESSES

**ALL SEVEN SITES:**

- Are city-owned green space
- Are approximately 0.15 hectares in size
- Have access to services - power & water
- Will be accessible 24 hours

#### A Waterfront Drive - Heaton Avenue

**PROS:**
- Has mature shade trees
- Uses 'left over' green space

**CONS:**
- Requires street crossing to access Waterfront Drive walking paths and Stephen Juba Park for on-leash dog walking
- Near moderately busy streets
- Adjacent industrial use
- Less than recommended size of 0.15 ha

#### B Waterfront Drive - Fort Douglas Park

**PROS:**
- Within a 5-10 minute walk of the East Exchange neighbourhood
- Away from busy streets
- Adjacent to Waterfront Drive walking paths and Stephen Juba Park for on-leash dog walking

**CONS:**
- Within existing green space in downtown Winnipeg
- May be impacted by spring and summer flooding

#### C Waterfront Drive - Alexander Avenue

**PROS:**
- Within a 5-10 minute walk of the East Exchange neighbourhood
- Adjacent to Waterfront Drive walking paths and Stephen Juba Park for on-leash dog walking

**CONS:**
- May be impacted by spring and summer flooding
- Has few mature shade trees on site
**SITE STRENGTHS & WEAKNESSES**

**D  Waterfront Drive - Alexander Docks**

**PROS:**
- Within a 5-10 minute walk of the East Exchange neighbourhood
- Away from busy streets
- Adjacent to Waterfront Drive walking paths and Stephen Juba Park for on-leash dog walking

**CONS:**
- No existing mature shade trees on site
- Impacted by spring and summer flooding
- Located on sloped riverbank terrain

**E  Notre Dame Avenue - Smith Street Island**

**PROS:**
- Has existing mature shade trees on site
- Not impacted by spring and summer flooding

**CONS:**
- Surrounded by high traffic streets
- Few residential buildings in close proximity
- Not adjacent to walking paths and parks for on-leash dog walking
- Less than recommended size of 0.15 ha

**F  Assiniboine Avenue - Bonnycastle Park**

**PROS:**
- Within a 5-10 minute walk of the Broadway-Assiniboine neighbourhood
- Adjacent to existing Assiniboine Riverwalk and Bonnycastle Park for on-leash dog walking
- Not impacted by spring and summer flooding

**CONS:**
- Located within existing green space in Bonnycastle Park

**G  Assiniboine Avenue - Donald Street**

**PROS:**
- Within a 5-10 minute walk of the Broadway-Assiniboine neighbourhood
- Away from busy streets
- Adjacent to existing Assiniboine Riverwalk and Bonnycastle Park for on-leash dog walking

**CONS:**
- Less than recommended size of 0.15 ha
THANK YOU

Next Steps

- Selecting a site using feedback from this Open House
- Schematic Design, Review and Approval
- Construction Drawings and Implementation

Please fill out a COMMENT FORM before you leave

Your comments will help us determine if we are on the right track and will help inform the Project Team as we finalize the site selection and plans for a Neighbourhood Dog Park in Downtown Winnipeg.

THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY!