



City of Port Moody

Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: July 26, 2021
Submitted by: Parks and Recreation Commission
Subject: Paws in Port Moody

Purpose

To provide Council with information regarding a resolution passed by the Parks and Recreation Commission to develop a municipal strategy addressing issues related to dogs in Port Moody.

Recommended Resolution

THAT the report dated July 26, 2021 from the Parks and Recreation Commission regarding Paws in Port Moody be received for information.

Background

At the July 14, 2021 Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) meeting, the Commission received a report from the Dog Management Working Group (**Attachment 1**). Following a review of the report and recommendations, the Commission passed the following resolution:

PRC21/012

THAT the Paws in Port Moody report be received and its recommendations be used to guide development of a municipal strategy addressing issues related to dogs in the City;

AND THAT this work be prioritized.

Discussion

The Parks and Recreation Commission Dog Management Working Group was formed to research and provide recommendations to improve dog management in Port Moody parks. The Working Group presented their initial report that included recommendations about issues related to off-leash dogs and dog waste diversion at the PRC meeting held on May 12, 2021. The report advised that enforcement incidents are increasing in Port Moody due to the rise in dog ownership and suggested that supporting dog-friendly initiatives in Port Moody would provide positive benefits to individuals, families, and the community at large.

The Dog Management Working Group incorporated the feedback received at the May 12, 2021 PRC meeting and presented the Paws in Port Moody report at the July 13, 2021 PRC meeting. The Paws in Port Moody report recommends prioritizing the development of a municipal strategy to address issues related to dogs in the City and includes recommendations about

determining community needs through community engagement and data analysis; modernizing park classification and municipal Bylaws; improving existing and creating new dog off-leash areas, including a pilot project idea for an off-leash area in Inlet Centre; commercial dog walkers; parking issues; and implementing new approaches to compliance and enforcement.

Other Options

1. THAT the report dated July 26, 2021 from the Parks and Recreation Commission regarding Paws in Port Moody be referred to staff for information.
2. THAT the report dated July 26, 2021 from the Parks and Recreation Commission regarding Paws in Port Moody be referred to staff for action.

Financial Implications

Further information on financial implications would be provided by staff should this report be referred to staff for action.

Communications and Civic Engagement Initiatives

Further information on communication and civic engagement requirements would be provided by staff should this report be referred to staff for action.

Council Strategic Plan Objectives

Supporting the development of a municipal strategy to address issues related to dogs in Port Moody aligns with the 2019-2022 Council Strategic Plan Objectives of:

- expand and make the most of our parks and green spaces and design them to create positive and diverse experiences throughout the community;
- ensure future community growth is carefully considered and strategically managed consistent with the targets approved in our Official Community Plan;
- ensure City assets are optimized, maintained, and funded for current and future needs; and
- bring people together by activating public spaces.

Attachment

1. Report, Paws in Port Moody, dated July 2021.

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Report Approval Details

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