



# Memo to Council

Date: May 1, 2023

Subject: Establishing an Off-Leash Dog Amenity Behind City Hall – Motion Served by Mayor Lahti

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## Motion Served

Notice of the following motion was provided at the April 25, 2023, Regular Council meeting:

**THAT staff report back on recommendations to facilitate the creation of an off-leash dog amenity in the outdoor grassy areas behind City Hall.**

## Background

As mayor I have the pleasure of witnessing the City Hall precinct area being used by numerous residents on a daily basis, many of whom utilize the space immediately behind my office as an off-leash area. Presently this area is not an established off leash area, however, it is regularly used as such, and my desire is to place signage indicating that this is an allowed use.

## Council Strategic Priorities

This recommendation aligns in three areas – Healthy Community Development by providing an outdoor recreational service amenity; Resilient Natural Environment by recognizing this need and enhancing this greenspace; Vibrant and Prosperous Community by enhancing and leveraging this public space.

## Council Options

The following options are available for Council consideration:

1. Receive for information.
2. Refer to staff for a report back on the feasibility of the proposed motion considering budget, alignment with Council's Strategic Priorities, and work plan implications, including but not limited to operational capacity, policy, legality, etc.
3. Other.