

Cheng, Theresa

Commission Agenda

Date 2018 Sep 19

Correspondence (b)

From: Clerks
Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 11:11 AM
To: Chu, Lambert; Ellenwood, Dave
Cc: Cheng, Theresa
Subject: Purple Pkg 2018.08.23 - Hamilton - Petition for Off-Lease Dog Park
Attachments: Section 2 - Hamilton - Petition for Off-Leash Dog Park (FINAL).pdf; Section 2 - Hamilton - Petition for Off-Leash Dog Park (FINAL) REDACTED.pdf

The attached item of correspondence will appear in Section 2 of the Council Correspondence package for 2018 August 23.

This item has been referred to Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission meeting on 2018 September 19.

Note that for Commission use, a redacted copy of the correspondence is also attached.

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Note

Staff are preparing a report on the feasibility and desirability of developing additional facilities for dogs in parks. This request will be considered within the context of that report.

Section 2 Council Correspondence 2018.08.23

August 21, 2018

Mayor and Council of the City of Burnaby
c/o Office of the City Clerk
4949 Canada Way
Burnaby, BC

Dear Mayor and Council,


Please see attached petition* requesting that an optional part-time off leash dog park be created at the eastern end of Foreshore Park, specifically along the service road which begins at the foot of Fraser Park Drive to the GVRD Junction Chamber (pump house). I believe this area is also known as Terminus Park.

Off leash parks have a real role to play in the development of community; I have met many people over the years walking my dogs at Foreshore park, some of them have become close friends. I am truly grateful to Burnaby for supporting the number of off leash parks already existing in Burnaby; however, as a long-time resident of the Southslope, there is currently no off-leash park in South Burnaby that allows dogs access to the Fraser River where they can swim and play.

People have been walking their dogs along this part of Foreshore Park for many years. Some of the people who signed the petition thought that dogs had always been allowed off leash in this area and were surprised to be informed by bylaw officers that they were not. Some people, like myself, have been walking in the area for decades, even before Marine Way or the golf course were developed. Foreshore Park, and particularly this specific part of it, is really all that is left of the eco system that existed before. We truly respect and value what is left. Although a by-law officer told me that the area is now a wildlife sanctuary and this is why dogs are not allowed off leash, I respectfully request that consideration be given to at least have a trial period to assess the impact of a part-time off leash park along the service road.

If you have any questions concerning the above, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,



Shelley Hamilton

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*Petition contains 165 Signatures

Referred to:

Parks, Rec. and Culture Commission meeting (2018.09.19)

Copied to:

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Dir. Parks, Rec. and Cultural Services