



RE: OFF LEASH DOG AREA IN ROBERT BURNABY PARK

ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. *THAT the recommendation as contained in the report from the Director Recreation & Cultural Services be adopted.*

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1985 MAY 30

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
 FROM: DIRECTOR RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES
 RE: OFF LEASH DOG AREA IN ROBERT BURNABY PARK

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council receive this report for information purposes.

REPORT

At its meeting of 1985 May 13, Municipal Council received a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission that bylaws 8258 and 8330 be repealed thus eliminating dog off leash areas in Robert Burnaby Park.

Council postponed consideration of these recommendations for the purpose of allowing the Parks and Recreation Commission to receive further representations from both sides in the matter of off leash dog areas and to obtain input from the S.P.C.A.

Subsequently, the Commission has heard five delegations (3 on May 15th, and 2 on May 29th), received additional correspondence and requested the Director Recreation and Cultural Services to meet with both parties to determine possible areas of agreement.

The Director met with both citizen groups including representation from the S.P.C.A. on Friday, 1985 May 24. Consensus could not be reached. Areas of agreement were so broad that they did not lead to a mutually acceptable solution.

A special Commission meeting was then held on 1985 May 29 to consider the subject further. At that meeting, the staff made a compromise recommendation for the use of a vastly reduced dog off leash area in Robert Burnaby Park for the remainder of the trial period, that is, until the end of October 1985.

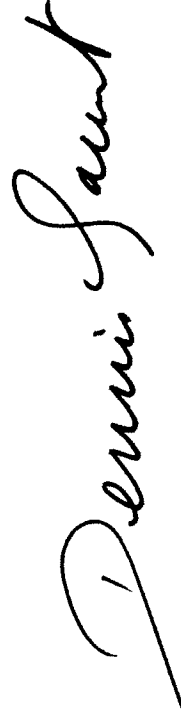
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By questioning the delegations that appeared at that special Commission meeting, the Commissioners ascertained that the staff compromise was not fully satisfactory to either of the citizen groups. After reviewing this and other additional information including information on various dog attacks/threats on citizens and staff, the Commission by motion rejected the staff recommendation.

The Commission would therefore report that its position is unchanged from that reported to Council at its meeting of 1985 May 13. It would now therefore be appropriate for Council to consider the recommendations of that date which were to repeal bylaws 8258 and 8330, thus eliminating dog off leash areas in Robert Burnaby Park, which consideration Council had postponed pending this further review by the Commission.



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