

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON DOG CONTROL

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND ALDERMEN

Madam/Gentlemen:

Re: Exclusion Of Dogs From Designated Parks or Park Areas

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. "THAT the Municipal Solicitor be directed to prepare a Poop-and-Scoop Bylaw."
2. "THAT the Parks and Recreation Commission be requested to review the concerns of the Ad Hoc Committee on Dog Control with respect to the exclusion of dogs from designated parks or park areas."

REPORT

Council, on 1988 October 17, adopted recommendations with respect to animal control in Burnaby of which Item 27 requires the Parks and Recreation Commission to designate, by posting, those areas from which dogs are totally excluded and those areas where dogs are allowed on a leash. On 1989 July 05 the Ad Hoc Committee on Dog Control met with staff from the Parks and Recreation Department and also the Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission to review the list of recommended park sites from which dogs would be excluded. This list was adopted by the Parks and Recreation Commission on 1989 June 07.

With respect to recommendation No. 1, the Ad Hoc Committee on Dog Control is of the opinion that if a Poop-and-Scoop Bylaw was adopted, it would serve as a valuable educational tool for dog owners and also provide a workable solution for preventing animal wastes from accumulating in public areas.

With respect to recommendation No. 2, the Ad Hoc Committee on Dog Control identified the following concerns:

1. That dog owners would be eliminated from using the open fields of Robert Burnaby and Ron McLean Parks.
2. That consideration be given to excluding dog owners from the parks on a seasonal basis, i.e. May - October.
3. That signs be posted in the parks urging dog owners to pick up and dispose of animal waste.
4. That consideration be given to allowing dogs to access the park perimeter of those areas where dogs have been excluded.
5. That consideration be given to allowing dogs within a portion of Willingdon, West Sells, Bonsor and Montecito Parks.

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6. That consideration be given to supplying barrels and shovels, with appropriate signage, in parks to encourage dog owners to clean up after their dog.
7. That consideration be given to signing the playing field areas within parks to discourage dog owners from exercising their dog in these areas.
8. That further consideration be given to allowing dogs within a portion of the park where it is proposed that dogs be excluded from the entire park.

your Committee is of the opinion that no action be taken on excluding dogs from park areas until such time as the above noted concerns have been addressed by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Alderman F.G. Randall
Chairman