

## PRESS RELEASE

## Guidelines for the development of a dog park adopted

North Perth, July 12, 2021 – North Perth Council has adopted in principle, guidelines for the development of a dog park in the municipality. Municipal staff have been directed to share these guidelines, including the proposed steps to develop a dog park, with the public.

In accordance with the guidelines, the development of a dog park in North Perth is to be a **community-driven project**. The community-driven nature of this project is supported by the experience of many other municipalities, where the success of such an area is dependent upon a designated group of community volunteers who use the facility and are willing to share in ongoing responsibility for the operations and maintenance of the facilities.

North Perth staff will facilitate the initiation of the community group. If you are interested in being part of this group and/or learning more about the expectations of the group, please contact Jeff Newell, Manager of Facilities jnewell@northperth.ca.

## Steps to develop a dog park in North Perth

The proposed steps to develop a dog park in North Perth are;

**Step 1**: Council adopts, in principle, the guidelines for the development of a dog park in North Perth. Adopted July 5, 2021.

Step 2: Guidelines are posted on the municipal website, including a call for interested parties to form a dog park group. Posted July 12, 2021

Step 3: Interested community members come together to form a dog park group. We are here!

**Step 4**: Dog park group works with municipal staff on location, criteria, design and cost estimates.

**Step 5**: Council approves location of a dog park and design.

**Step 6**: Fundraising campaign for park development led by dog park group.



Step 7: Once the funds are obtained, Council considers approval for development of dog park.

**Step 8**: Dog park is developed.

**Step 9**: Dog park opens; dog park group provides education to the public on safe dog park use; municipal staff provide grounds maintenance.

**Step 10**: Ongoing communication between dog park group and municipal staff; any future maintenance and repair costs to be fundraised by dog park group.

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