



The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

Date	November 22, 2017	Report No:	R & C 17-17
Directed To:	Council	Attachments:	
Department:	Culture and Recreation	Policy References:	Parks and Recreation Master Plan
Prepared By:	Director of Culture and Recreation		
Subject:	Dog Park		

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report from the Director of Culture and Recreation dated November 22, 2017 (C&R 17-17) regarding Leash Free Dog Parks in LaSalle BE RECEIVED for information;

REPORT:

Council received inquiries regarding the possibility of constructing a Dog Park within the municipality. Staff completed a preliminary report May 4th highlighting project costs and recommended sizing. Staff were instructed to host an Open House and report back on the information and feedback received. The Open House took place at the Vollmer September 21st and a report was presented to Council October 17th on the information gathered.

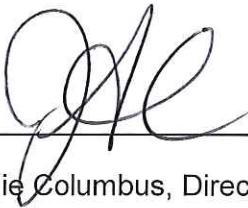
The 2018 Capital Budget currently shows \$32,000 for the Dog Park Project under a column called "Reduction and Deferrals". The breakdown for the amount is as follows:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>COST</u>
Fencing (1,150' galvanized 5', 2 equipment gates, 3 man gates, bottom rail)	\$23,000
Trees (10 Shade trees)	\$ 3,000
Signage (rules of dog park posted at entrance and interior to park)	\$ 250
Doggie Bags and Dispenser (x 2)	\$ 600
Garbage Cans (x4)	\$ 500
Benches (x2)	\$ 3,000
*Activity Obstacles are optional (prices would vary)	
*Water is optional (price would vary on location)	
TOTAL	\$ 30,350

The annual operating expenses on the Parks Department would include staffing salaries to maintain the park, equipment to tend to grass cutting, garbage pick-up and any general repairs of elements found within the park. This cost should be considered in the operating budget in the same operating annual budget the project is approved.

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan recommends several different locations for an off leash dog park throughout LaSalle. Should Council consider erecting the park at the Vollmer Complex as it is central, has parking and capacity to host the facility staff recommends waiting for Vollmer Property Master Plan before determining it as the ideal location.

Other locations have been suggested in the Parks Master Plan 2015 and through feedback from the community. Alternate locations include Brunet Park and Optimist Park. The location is important to its success with a focus on parking, accessibility, water supply and proximity to residents.



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