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## LEASH FREE PARKS PROGRAM DOG PARK APPLICATION

**Dog Parks** are fenced facilities where residents have the opportunity to exercise their dogs off-leash within a controlled environment without being in contravention of municipal by-laws.

The following criteria (as stated in Section 2 of the Leash Free Parks Policy) will be used to assess the appropriateness of proposed sites for Dog Parks. No deviation may be made from the criteria listed below.

- Sites must not be less than 2.0 acres but not more than 5 acres in size.
- Sites will be restricted to particular geographical areas/regions of the City (as determined by the Parks Section) and should not be located in high density residential areas.
- Sites are not permitted in "Environmentally Significant Areas".
- Dog Parks will not be allowed in park sites containing sports facilities for which user groups pay permit fees, unless the total acreage of the potential site exceeds a minimum of 40 acres, and is designed to allow for a fenced pen facility with limited land-use and/or aesthetic conflicts.
- The site must be equipped with fencing (minimum height of four (4) feet) and must have a double gated entry system.
- Sites must have adequate on-site parking provisions.
- Adequate signage (regulatory and advisory) must be posted.
- A volunteer committee containing a constant minimum of **ten (10) members** is required.
- Park development costs shall be funded through the Leash Free Parks Account.
- The Leash Free Parks account will not provide funding for amenities, equipment or apparatus. These items must be funded through the independent efforts of the volunteer committees for a particular site.

**Note:** The development of all dog parks in the City, are subject to the following conditions:

- The development of all new dog parks will be done on a cost share basis, whereby the City will pay for 50% of the upstart development cost and the volunteer committee will pay the additional 50% of development costs.
- All cost share initiatives will be done on a first-come first-serve basis, subject to the availability of adequate funding on behalf of the City. The City will only enter into cost share agreements with those volunteer groups having their portion of the required funding, payable to the City, prior to any implementation / development works.

### Proposed Park Location:

Park Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Closest Cross Streets: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer Committee Contact Information**

**Note:** A volunteer committee containing a constant minimum of **ten (10) members** is required.

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