

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE

BYLAW NO. 2011-55

Being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2010-03, which is a by-law to provide for the licensing and registering of dogs and prohibiting their running at large; for regulating kennels; and to regulate the keeping of animals in the Town of Gananoque.

WHEREAS the Municipal Act R.S.O. 2001, c. M.25, Section 11, authorizes the Councils of municipalities to pass by-law with respect to animals;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Gananoque deems it necessary to pass such a by-law.

NOW THEREFORE the Council for The Corporation of the Town of Gananoque enacts as follows:

1. That the said by-law, being By-law 2010-03 is hereby amended by adding the following to Section to By-law 2010-03:

DESIGNATED PUBLIC DOG PARK

- a. A designated public dog park is located at 165 River Street known as Steelworkers' Park
 - b. Notwithstanding Subsection 5 a and c, any dog may run at large without a leash within a designated public dog park.
 - c. The rules and regulations of a public dog park shall also apply, as per Schedule B.
2. That By-law 2010-03 is further amended by adding:
Schedule B - Rules of a Public Dog Park
 3. That this By-law shall come into force on the day on which it receives third reading and is passed.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME passed, signed and sealed with the corporate seal this 07th day of June, 2011.



Mayor, Erika Demchuk



Clerk, Bonnie Dingwall

SCHEDULE B TO BY-LAW 2010-03
RULES OF A PUBLIC DOG PARK

- a. Dog waste cleanup by the owner is mandatory;
 - b. Dog park use is at your own risk, owners assume all risks related to off-leash area usage;
 - c. Hours of operation 8:00am - sunset
 - d. Dogs must be licensed, vaccinated for rabies and wear appropriate collar with tags;
 - e. Dogs must be leashed coming in and out of the park;
 - f. Dogs must be removed from the park at the first sign of aggression;
 - g. Dogs in heat are not permitted;
 - h. Excessive barking is not permitted;
 - i. No more than two (2) dogs may be brought into the off-leash dog area by any individual at the same time;
 - j. All children under 12 years of age must be supervised by an adult attendant while inside the off-leash dog area; Children under the age of 6 are not permitted.
 - k. No food (including dog treats) is permitted in the off-leash dog area;
 - l. Off-leash areas are smoke-free areas;
 - m. Owners must remain with their dogs at all time;
 - n. Non compliance with the rules can result in fines and/or banning from the park;
 - o. Dog owners are subject to Ontario Dog Owner's Liability Act and the Town of Gananoque Animal Control Bylaw.
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Off-Leash Dog Area – Parks

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1.0 PURPOSE

The Town of Gananoque recognizes the benefits of off-leash dog areas that provide safe areas for owners to exercise and socialize their dogs. The Town also recognizes the requirement for responsible pet ownership within the parkland system.

This policy pertains to permanent an off-leash dog areas in Town owned and operated parks, green spaces, waterfront areas and alternative sites.

2.0 AMENITIES IN OFF LEASH DOG AREAS

Designated off-leash dog areas will be clearly signed throughout Town parks. Hours of operations will be posted at each location. Hours of operation for off-leash areas are from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. every day of the week unless otherwise posted.

The following amenities shall at a **minimum** be included in off-leash dog areas:

- Completely fenced area (fence shall be four (4) feet high with double gate entry);
- Parking (this may be on site or a combination of on site and on street depending on the site);
- Regulatory signage posted outside the entry gate;
- Garbage receptacles.

The following amenities are **optional** and may be provided:

- Fresh water;
 - Separate areas for small and large dogs;
 - Shaded areas or shelters;
 - Wood chips/pea gravel;
 - Plastic bags;
 - Notice board.
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3.0 RULES AND REGULATIONS

The intent of the rules and regulations are to provide clear guidelines for off-leash dog areas users. **Rules and regulations do not include off-leash areas etiquette that shall be developed in collaboration with the Committee and promoted with the users of off-leash area.** Rules and Regulations signage with hours of operation and emergency contact numbers shall be posted at the entrance of each off-leash area.

See Schedule B of By-law 2011-55 Rules of a Public Dog Park

By-law 2010-03 is applicable is all other areas.

4.0 IMPROVEMENT OF OFF-LEASH AREAS

Town Parks and Recreation staff, and the Committee will meet four (4) times per year to review needs and requirements for off-leash area. This review may include but not be limited to consideration of amenities, maintenance, operations and awareness. The Committee will establish park etiquette guidelines that will be posted in each off-leash dog area.

Committee members will provide suggestions for new initiatives and improvements to off-leash dog areas. Committee members will also be involved with awareness and promotion initiatives.

Committee members may choose to establish sub-committees to undertake fundraising initiatives for a specific off-leash area. Funds raised can be reinvested in off-leash area as recommended by the Committee and approved by the Town. No amenities shall be added to an off-leash area without the prior consent of the Town.

5.0 ASSESSMENT OF OFF-LEASH AREAS

Town Parks and Recreation staff along with By-Law Enforcement shall evaluate the performance of the off-leash dog area annually for the first year of operation, and bi-annually for following years. In the evaluation process, staff will review comments received from off-leash park users and the general public and will also consider the following:

- a. Public health concerns;
- b. Number and severity of complaints;
- c. Risk management issues;
- d. Impact on turf and shrub;
- e. Non-compliance with municipal by-laws.

Where one or more indicators have been identified as areas of concerns (which could have an impact on public safety or quality of life) staff and Council will determine if further action is required to eliminate the concerns.
