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Dog Facilities Workshop



Agenda

- ❖ Welcome / Introductions
- ❖ Dog Park Research & Best Practice
- ❖ Code of Conduct
- ❖ Potential Off-Leash Locations
- ❖ Map & Survey Exercise
- ❖ Dog Walk Map Exercise



Research / Best Practice

- * Park Size: typically ½ - 1 acre
- * Minimize impact on neighbouring property
- * Water source
- * Parking
- * Fencing: some have a fenced corral for leashing/unleashing
- * Separate areas for small and larger dogs
- * Surface: Grass and/or crusher dust
- * Amenities: benches, shade structures, bulletin boards



Common Off-Leash Park Management Practices

Attention Dog Walkers

Pick up after your dogs. Thank You

Attention Dogs

Grrrr, Bark, Woof
Good Dog.

Per City and County Regulations

- * Warning tickets and/or fines tend to reduce repeat offenders.
- * Obtaining a dog park permit as part of purchasing a dog licence is a common practice. The fees are typically in the \$35-50 range.
- * Currently 80 dog licenses in Amherst: \$15/year if neutered, \$30 if not.
All licencing revenue goes to the animal shelter
- * Some restrict use of dog parks to patrons who pay for the permit by installing a key for entry find that it encourages more people to follow the rules.
- * Volunteers involved with the park maintenance and activity programming tend to increase acceptance of the Dog Park and help to minimize problems.

Code of Conduct

- * Dog owners/walkers are legally responsible for their own dog and any injury or damage caused by their dog(s). Individuals who choose to use off leash areas do so at their own risk.
- * Dog owners must be present and within view of their dogs at all times.
- * Aggressive dogs are not allowed in off leash areas.
- * Dogs must be under voice controls while off leash.
- * Dog owners must have a leash in hand at all times.
- * Holes dug by dogs must be filled by the dog owners.
- * Female dogs in heat are not allowed in off leash areas.
- * All feces must be picked up by the dog owner and removed or deposited in waste receptacles.
- * All dogs must be licensed in accordance with the Town of Amherst By-Law.



Donald Avenue





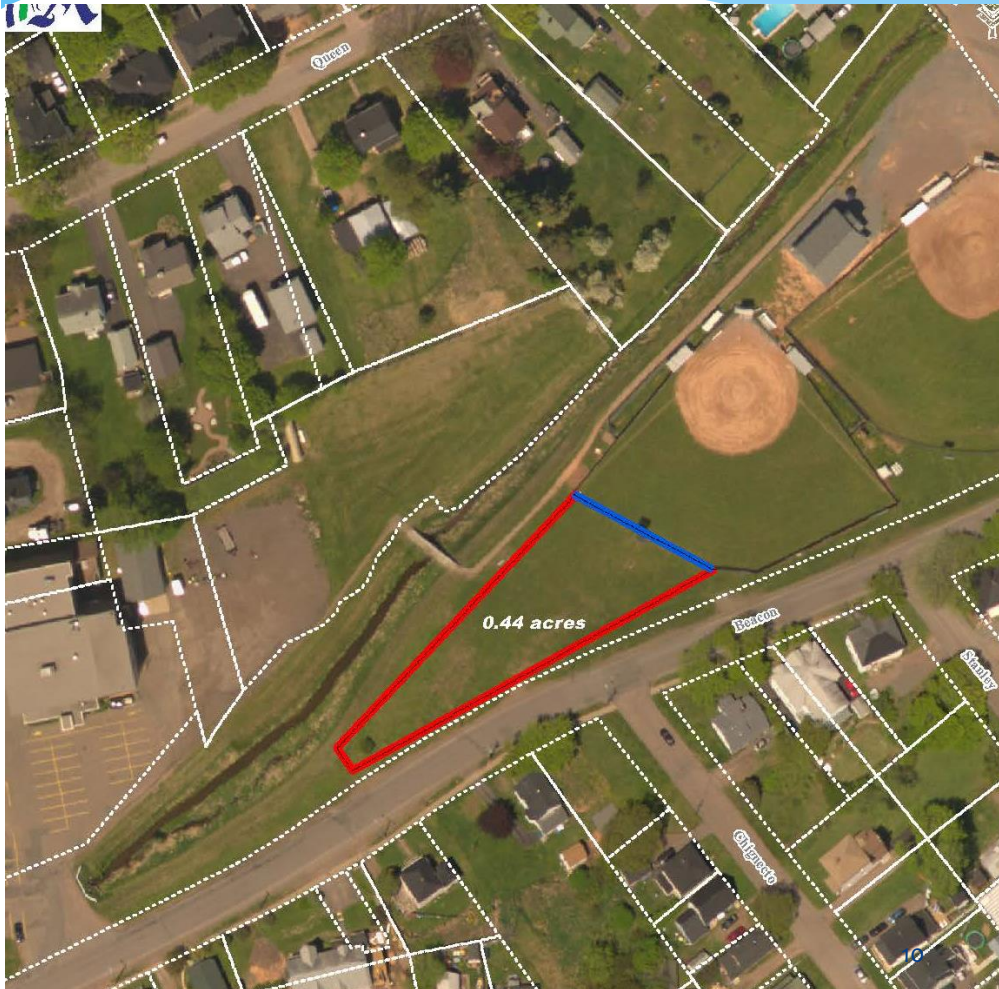
Park Street



Motor Avenue



Beacon Street



Robb Complex



Dickey Park





 Type: Stand Alone Waste Can Unit Cost: \$450 / each Total: 31 Estimated cost if 31 units were purchased: \$13,950
 Type: Bag Dispensers Cost: \$150 / each Total: 26 Estimated cost if 26 units were purchased: \$3,900

Dog Walking Facilities



3rd Public Input Session

Thursday September 7th @ 7pm

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