



## Survey: Off Leash Dog Park Public Meetings (2017)

We need your input to determine the interest in developing, maintaining and operating an off-leash dog park in Amherst. Please answer the following questions: **36 total surveys were completed.**

1. Do you currently have a dog? Yes **34** / No **2**

If yes, how many dogs? _____	Approximate weight? _____ pounds
<b>27 have 1</b>	<b>Under 20lbs (8)</b> <b>60-80lbs (3)</b>
<b>6 have 2</b>	<b>20-40lbs (5)</b> <b>80-100lbs (2)</b>
<b>1 has 3</b>	<b>40-60lbs (8)</b> <b>over 100 lbs (2)</b>

Is your dog(s) registered with the Town? Yes **11** / No **19**

2. If an off-leash Dog Park is located in town, how often do you think you might use it?

Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Once in a while	Never
<b>13</b>	<b>21</b>		<b>2</b>	

3. Circle the times of day would you most likely use the park?

Mon-Fri:	6am – 9am	9 am – noon	noon – 3pm	3pm – 7pm	7pm – Dusk
	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>22</b>
Sat-Sun:	6am – 9am	9 am – noon	noon – 3pm	3pm – 7pm	7pm – Dusk
	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>

4. How important are the following items to a successful dog park? Please number the 3 items that are most important, and place an X beside the least important items?

- Size **11 considered most important, 3 considered 2nd most 4 considered 3rd most**
- Benches for people **1 considered 2nd most, 1 considered 3rd most**
- Cleanliness/maintenance **5 considered most important, 3 considered 2nd, 8 considered 3rd**
- Dog amenities (toys, play structures, etc.) **1 considered 3rd**
- Lighting **1 considered most important, 2 considered 2nd**
- Location (specify) **2 considered most important, 2 considered 2nd, 3 considered 3rd**
- Parking close to site **3 considered most important, 1 considered 2nd, 1 considered 3rd**
- People/dog water fountain **4 considered most important, 5 considered 2nd, 3 considered 3rd**
- Restrooms **4 considered 2nd, 3 considered 3rd**
- Separate small dog area **6 considered most important, 8 considered 2nd, 1 considered 3rd**

- k. Shaded areas **2 considered most important, 2 considered 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5 considered 3<sup>rd</sup>**
- l. Waste bag dispensers **1 considered most important, 3 considered 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2 considered 3<sup>rd</sup>**
- m. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Are there issues related to dog parks that concern you. Select all that apply.

- a. Cleanliness **18**
- b. Dog conflicts **20**
- c. Maintenance **11**
- d. Location (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Dogs getting loose **10**
- f. User fees **6**
- g. Noise **3**
- h. Parking **5**
- i. Changes to landscape/view scape **1**
- j. Other: **garbage receptacles, supervision**

6. Would you be willing to sit on a dog park advisory committee? YES **22** / NO **11**

7. Would you support a dog park located on:

- a. Donald Avenue (near Community Garden) **5**
- b. Park Street (Northern Telecom Park) **4**
- c. Beacon Street (adjacent to Little League baseball field) **7**
- d. Robb complex (within one baseball field) **25**
- e. Dickey park (wooded area) **22**
- f. Motor Avenue (adjacent to the marsh and marsh trail) **8**
- g. Another location: \_\_\_\_\_

Other comments, suggestions, and concerns:

Fenced area

Supply waste bags / bins

No large gravel

Water source

Current Vaccination requirements

Would it be by permit only

Concerns of disease / injury

Cost to dog owners

Accessibility / Noise

Specify large/small dog times

Snow removal – can't exceed height of fence

Regular waste bag removal

Dog conflicts

Feels this is a necessary facility

Expression of thanks to the Committee

Thank you for providing feedback! For more information email [amherstrecreation@amherst.ca](mailto:amherstrecreation@amherst.ca) or call (902) 667-3352