

Dog Park Project – Community Correspondence emailed between October 10 - 27, 2020

Hi, I am a new resident of Summerland living by the Living Memorial Park in the new pet-friendly apartments on Kelly Avenue.

An off-leash dog park would be very much appreciated in this area as there is no place to let our little furry friends have a run. The building did build one, but it is very small.

Most importantly, an area specifically designated for the small 20lb and under group so they are separated from the "scary" larger dogs.

My 10lb dog is very intimidated by the large dogs on the off-leash area at the beach. There are quite a few that really monopolize that area, which mind you, isn't very big for them, but makes it hard for the smaller dogs to enjoy the area also.

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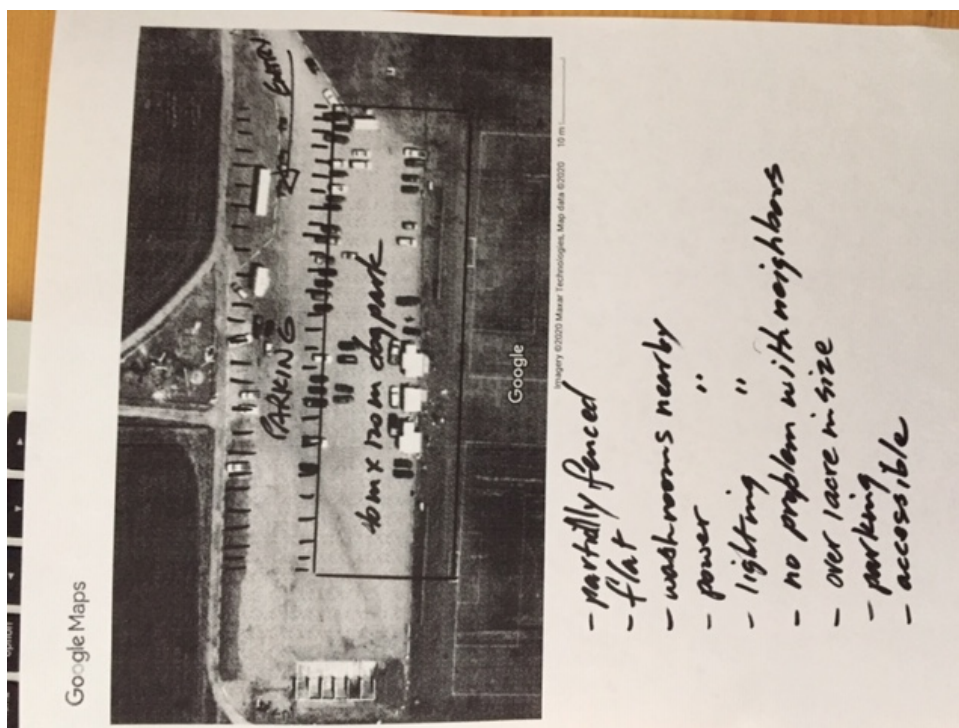
In my opinion, the Rodeo Grounds are not suitable for all the reasons mentioned by many others in the past. My preference would be Living Memorial Park as there would be fewer people inclined to complain about dog noise.

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I found a dog park – Dale Meadows Parking Lot

40 meters x 120 meters (over an acre); Flat/accessible; Partially fenced already; Municipality owned; Close to downtown; Parking; Washrooms; Lighting; Electrical; No neighbours

Carving this area out of the south part of the existing rough parking area would still leave room for a parking lot, if developed, for approximately 70 vehicles on the north side of the area. A dog park in this location would add year-round use for this valuable amenity right in the middle of our town.



I was just looking for a bit more information around the proposed renovation of the Powell Beach ball diamond if the other site (Snow Ave) were to be chosen for the dog park. There is mention of additional fencing in the outfield and also along the base perimeters.

Are you able to forward a proposed outline of the fencing that would be proposed? The visual detractor of long stretches of chain link fence to the serene park is a major concern for nearby residents (and to out of town residents and tourists whom are now increasingly using the beach and park as a destination with their families — this is a good thing) so this should probably be given further detail on the mitigation and 3 options information (a map of proposed fencing and details of the proposed renovations to the ball diamond).

Specifically:

- Is fencing mandatory along the entire perimeter including outfields if the ball diamond is used by the junior team(s) only? We currently have never had balls go as far as the road (May Street) unless it is Action Festival (temporary perimeter fencing is used for this occasion only as adults are participating).
- Could the renovations to the ball diamond be modified to eliminate extensive perimeter fencing and still be able to satisfy the proposed teams? If junior teams only will be using the diamond, it would be unlikely balls will make it past the road.
- Impacts on other users of this space should be considered for all options (yoga, meditation, slack line, pick up football, frisbee, and soccer, reading) including the dog park and also the proposed renovation of the ball diamond.
- Black chain link fencing is far more desirable than silver, as it blends in with the surroundings and matches the improvements to the Powell Beach Park parking area and walkways (bike racks, etc.) and gives a far nicer finished product if this is included in any final plan.

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I have written previously regarding the dog park proposals, but with further research have evolved my thoughts on the issue.

Of the three locations being looked at, the Rodeo Grounds is the least disruptive to adjacent properties. There would be no noise complaints, and no eye sore to look at from properties nearby. However, it would need to be a destination by vehicle in order to access this location.

The Powell Beach Park has for generations been a multi-use park. There are many unsanctioned activities that occur in the open grassed in area, including frisbee, football, pick-up soccer, reading, meditation, yoga, slack lines, young children learning to ride bikes, workouts, early childhood outdoor education, Tri-Power workouts and events, picnics, softball, and others. It is used heavily by families with young children. The option of taking over this space with a dog park would eliminate all of these activities, is highly disruptive to neighbours with noise (barking constantly from 7am-7pm), and would be a very unfortunate eyesore to adjacent properties. With dogs exercising there would be little to no grass — just a large brown scar in the middle of a previous serene setting. This would destroy a sanctuary of established natural beauty. There is also a functioning dog park at Sunoka Beach (with ample parking) so adding another dog park to Trout Creek with no servicing to upper town makes little to no sense.

The Snow Ave location is a little more insulated from neighbours, so would have less noise and visual pollution, but it is also removed from the main town. This location would be somewhat difficult for

locals to access without a car, but would be a bit better than a 2nd dog park in Trout Creek. Plans to renovate the Powell Beach ball diamond with this option are troublesome in that there is a budget for entire perimeter chain link fencing around the entire ball diamond. For reasons mentioned in the paragraph above, this would eliminate all of the multi-use activities currently occurring in this location. It is also highly undesirable to have an unsightly chain link fence engulfing this entire area. We are an adjacent property and have never complained about softballs as the softball users have been kept to the younger age groups. There would also be existing tree removals necessary in the area most used for these activities due to the shade.

Council would be encouraged to seek out additional properties to satisfy the needs of a properly located dog park. The site should not be an eye sore to adjacent properties, be well enough away to insulate neighbours from noise, and it should be close enough to the downtown core that users could walk, bike, or scooter to the location. Thoughts for this would include purchasing a portion of the high school field, subdividing a small area of land (would require purchase from private owner(s) adjacent the Dale Meadows sports complex, or Memorial Park.

This requires careful thought and consideration, as a hasty decision in a location that does not meet the criteria above would have long lasting implications.

Thank you for your considerations.

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Omitting the chain link fence and using temporary fencing only for special occasions (e.g. Action Fest) would save significant funds, keep the park available for other activities (yoga, meditation, frisbee, soccer, football, workouts, etc.) and maintain the serenity of the park.

Are you able to describe in a bit more detail the process for stakeholder consultations to date for the dog park project? I noticed on the website that there were additional site(s) initially considered, but it has now been narrowed down to three.

(a) Which stakeholder groups were invited? How were the invitations decided upon? Is it possible to publish the names of the group(s) consulted on the website so it is transparent?

(b) How were decisions made to narrow down the sites to the three chosen when the consultation process with neighbourhood and resident groups had not yet been completed?

I'm sure the process was intended to be complete and inclusive, but many are asking how other viable sites have been taken off the list and others (such as Powell Beach) left on. Both the Snow Ave site as well as the Powell Beach site have significant impacts on adjacent properties and other park user groups.

I have copied the Friends of Powell Beach, a community association that has formed in response to this issue as well as ensuring future planned development maintains the spirit and beauty of this multi-user community park.

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Lesley, are you a consultant that is a representative of the Summerland Dog Owners Association?

There is a lot of documentation on line referring to several Stakeholders meetings....seems the meeting I saw in the Summerland District notes was at the end of September and was by "invitation only".....and it appears only the Summerland Dog Owners Association attended.

I am concerned with the SDOA's proposal to take the Rodeo Grounds off the table due to cactus threats to their dogs, when the costs included in the building of the one acre site includes removal of cactus and snakes.

You can imagine the interest Trout Creek residents will take in this issue once they are aware of the SDOA's Updated Dog Park Design Fall 2020 which shows using the whole of the Powell Beach Dog Park with 2 small dog park enclosures and a Training Area as well as a complete Primary Dog Field using up all the Powell Beach space that the community has enjoyed with their families.

Trout Creek has grown significantly and we now have a lot of traffic congestion with parking an issue at all public beaches during the summer.

I read in the Considerations for Dog Park Design that best practices so not generally support off-leash parks at the neighborhood level and that a dog park should benefit a group of 2 or 3 neighborhoods. Turns out Powell Beach would require travel on the majority of Summerland Dog owners to bring their vehicles down to Trout Creek.

What are the reasons the churches withdrew the properties being originally considered?

Did you read with interest the recommendation by a Summerlander who stated the Broadstreet property has 88 suites with 300 residents and nearly 100 dogs, suggesting the underutilized bit of city property that is almost adjoining the apartment building beside the art gallery and is rarely used by anyone but dog owners.

They stated this property could be a reasonably cost-effective change of use, with a bit of fencing , garbage cans etc. Could a new property like this one be considered for a Dog Park area at this time?

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As long time residents of Trout Creek we are writing to express our concerns regarding the proposed use of Powell Beach park as a fenced dog park. There are a number of reasons that we feel make Powell Beach park unsuitable for this activity.

This is one of the most popular parks in all of Summerland and is used extensively year round by many local families and tourists. There are many activities participated in by people and their families in this park, including softball, frisbee, kite flying, yoga, fitness classes, tai chi, bocce, picnics, slack lining, bicycle riding, sunbathing etc,etc. As a result of these activities and the public beach associated, the vehicle traffic in this residential area is already significant. Adding more traffic and dogs, potentially off leash, outside of the fence would, in our opinion, be hazardous. The construction of this dog park would also require the elimination of an already established and well utilized softball diamond which we feel is unnecessarily wasteful.

In close proximity to the park is Trout Creek Elementary school. The students of this school routinely run

around and through the park on and off the surrounding streets. Do we really want to have more dog owners add to the already high volume of traffic in this area? We feel that this would create a very unsafe environment for our young children.

Powell Beach is also a considerable distance from the centre of town and the main population. Does it really make sense in the spirit of environmental conservation to have people drive this distance in order to walk their dog? This strikes us as irresponsible and unnecessary.

In addition, this proposed site would be located in the middle of a residential area. The increased traffic, noise, smell and unsightliness that would come along with it does not belong in an established residential area. There is no doubt that this will negatively impact surrounding residences in both quality of life and property value.

In closing, we believe it would be a shame to take a highly valued and well loved people park and give it to the dogs.

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I am writing a letter to express my concern regarding the recent survey that went out to the community regarding location options for a new dog park. Please note that I am not in favour of having an additional dog park in Trout Creek as we already have a fantastic dog park at Sunoka Beach that is well used and respected. I have a dog and have been using this dog beach over the last 5 years and have found it easy to access by foot, spacious, never crowded, and a real pleasure to take my dog for a walk at least 3x/week.

My main concerns for the Powell Beach option is as follows:

- 1) We don't have much public green space in Trout Creek. Fencing off an area for a dog park reduces this limited valuable green space for human enjoyment.
- 2) There is a children's play area/park in close proximity to the dog park. Many children are afraid of high pitched dog barking and may not create an enjoyable experience for them.
- 3) Powell Beach is very well used by my family for many activities, including reading, meditation, yoga, dance, fitness training, walking, visiting family and friends, picnicking, etc. Having a dog park at this location was distract from the serene experience and enjoyment of this space. I would no longer be able to use the park for these activities if we had the dog park located at Powell Beach.
- 4) Having a fenced off area for the dog park would detract from the aesthetics of the beach and park.
- 5) Dogs playing at a dog park would be very noisy for neighbours and guests residing in the area and enjoying the beach/park at Powell Beach.
- 6) Parking is already very limited. Having a dog park at Powell Beach will attract even more traffic to the area. This also poses safety concerns for children playing at the park.

I also want to ask what event/request initiated the survey in the first place. Is this something that numerous residents have requested? I would rather see the money invested in a dog park by diverted to investing in other more urgent social and cultural infrastructure, like bike path improvements, library, park and fitness infrastructure upgrades for human activities, etc.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

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I have completed the on-line survey and my preference for the three options was the Rodeo Grounds — large parking, ample space, removed from residential subdivisions; however it would only be accessible by car.

Two other options for location that come to mind include:

- 1) an expansion of the dog beach that is currently just to the left of Rotary Beach. I don't think this is possible though.
- 2) a sectioned off area in the large green space beside the boat launch at Rotary. However, I don't use that area as much in the summer and the District would have to consider the number of people that use that green space for picnics, etc. The parking might also be limited there.

I also want to share my thoughts on the Survey's Option 2's trigger to renovate the Powell Beach ball diamond where the entire perimeter of the ball diamond has chain link fencing. I am concerned that this would prevent people from using the green space for multi-use activities as mentioned in my previous email. I also think it would not be aesthetically pleasing. Being a lover of trees and the benefits they bring for shade, tranquility and carbon absorption from the atmosphere, I would be very sad and upset if existing trees are removed from the property to accommodate the renovations of the ball diamond.

I appreciate you sharing written submissions on the project page.

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Considering the 'budget' implications identified for the three sites shortlisted for the proposed dog park I am surprised this initiative has gotten legs to make it this far.

There have been several projects delayed due to resource challenges related to Covid 19; why would this one be any different? I would be interested to know what has been spent to date to progress the stage we are currently at.

I would appreciate knowing the 'priority list' of projects the recreation department is currently undertaking to identify where the dog park sits.

Also, I am aware of the online survey available for public input; when I reviewed the content of the survey I felt it did not address my concerns; therefore I have provided my feedback directly to the recreation department.

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We are not dog owners at this time, but, as a resident of Trout Creek we are not in favor of the conversion of the ball diamond at Powell Beach.

We utilize Powell Beach throughout the summer spending between 14 - 24 days at the beach .. we don't believe this location is the 'best' choice for the community for the following reasons:

1. there are neighbors on both sides of the park - not everyone is a dog owner or wants to have this type of facility close/near their property
2. parking is an issue during the summer - the improvements at the

beach have increased it's use and several times this past year the parking on the north side was full with the south boundary being utilized for parking as well - a dog park would only increase the parking required - access for non Trout Creek residents to utilize the dog park would most likely be by vehicle

Question - What are next steps associated with site selection? When do you expect Mayor and Council to provide approval to go ahead with the preferred site?

Comment - The selection of the site will not meet everyone's expectations - another 'not in my back yard' type issue for the district to tackle.

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I have a number of concerns regarding a dog park proposal for Powell Beach.

1. There are already 2 dog park/beaches along our lakeshore. It seems to me that a dog park is needed near where people live, work and shop in Summerland to avoid unnecessary car trips. The Powell Beach option will require more car traffic. This is not in keeping with sustainable development or planning.
2. Powell Beach parking space is at a premium spring through fall and gets worse when there is flooding, causing overflow parking into residential areas. A dog park will make the parking issue much worse. Has a census of off leash dog use at Sun-Oka and Peach Orchard Beach been factored into the parking design work at Powell Beach?
3. The baseball diamond and surrounding grassy area are used by many individuals and groups for a variety of activities including triathlon training, school events, fast pitch, picnics, family gatherings, yoga and just hanging out in the shade. Powell Beach redevelopment has raised the profile of the park, and has created a very high use area, and this focus will increase as people learn about the redevelopment. I feel by adding a dog park it will be asking a small site to address too many use issues. With all the development in Trout Creek (70+ lots over the last 5 years) why has there been no planning for new green space for this area? A neighborhood plan is long overdue. Sustainability and livability requires planning before the Trout Creek area is completely built out to maximum capacity.
4. It concerns me that DOS has the time and resources to consider Powell Beach as a candidate for a dog park and its associated development costs, while at the same time cannot find the resources to provide clear signage that the beach is off limits to dogs (one sign at the entrance does not cut it), and DOS can't afford to keep the gates open to the public past 8pm at the height of the summer. DOS priorities are mixed up. Dogs before people? Are dogs more important than families accessing the beach in the summer?
5. My observations are that dogs are increasingly brought onto Powell beach. Adding a dog park will exacerbate this as owners will not read the signs and will want to have access to the lake after running their dogs. Without adequate by-law enforcement on weekends and holidays, increased dog access to Powell Beach is likely to occur. Dogs should not be welcome on Powell Beach even if on leash. One thing leads to another it seems. How to tell a family with a Pit Bull or Doberman that their dog is not allowed or welcome on the beach. Where are the bylaw folks these days?
6. I notice in the documentation that other sites such as Dale Meadows were rejected due to a lack of neighborhood support. Have you asked the residents of Trout Creek what they think of this proposal?

7. I also notice in the documentation that a number of sites were rejected due to their small size or future “expansion” options. I think many smaller dispersed areas might be preferable to avoid dog conflicts and enable diverse site access options within the community.
8. I am concerned that the issue of an off leash park has been before council for many years and these three options are the best we can do. Come on! Two options impact existing recreational facilities, and the rodeo grounds are so far out of town and complicated by further environmental assessment issues, that this is really not an option.

Please slow this process down, listen to neighborhood concerns, and get it right!

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I am writing to voice my concern about the proposal to have an off leash fenced dog park at Powell Beach Park.

Powell Beach Park is a treasure that needs to be protected and cared for so that ALL can enjoy now and in the future. This beautiful green open space has so much value especially with the increased land development in Trout Creek where no green space has been included. We walk through this park almost daily and see that it is used for kids’ triathlon training, yoga, picnics, spontaneous games of soccer, football, etc., and for family and friends just to gather and spend time together. A fenced dog park would eliminate the use of the park for these activities.

Another concern I have is that if the dog park was located at Powell Beach Park, the likelihood of people taking their dogs down to the inviting water after a play in the park, is highly likely. We already see dogs on the beach almost daily in the summer despite the signage indicating that dogs are not allowed on the beach. The washrooms would also be an issue. The washroom block is located in the “no dogs” area. Owners would be bringing their dogs with them if they needed to use the washrooms.

I realize that this is a difficult problem to solve. I believe that none of the current 3 options are appropriate for the dog park. Peach Orchard Beach has not been listed as one of the options. This beach is already used for dogs. Perhaps a fenced area for unleashed dogs could be added. Locating the dog park in a residential neighbourhood is problematic. Not only does it become an eye sore it would be noisy. Penticton has various fenced dog areas in industrial settings. Does the city have any available land adjacent to its Works area in the James Lake area? What about the old skate board park/ area complex? This would be a central location close to town. Is there any available land in the Wharton St development...another central locale.

Thanks for your hard work trying to solve this issue.

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A few thoughts about the purposes dog park. I have already done the survey and I’m well aware of the issue and followed this from the start.

Why can’t the District turn one of the soccer fields that’s the furthest away at Dale Meadows into a dog park?

Does this impact the ball players that are young that use the Snow Ave field? People are always using Dale Meadows fields daily as an off leash space for dogs. There needs to be a compromise. The young

kids need the Snow Ave field it's fitted specifically for certain age groups. The Snow Ave field had a substantial amount of renovating after the firefighters used the field. If Snow Ave is picked for the dog park(it is my understanding after looking at the drawing of the purposed sites the District wants to renovate the powell beach diamond at a high cost)This is wasted money. Can you confirm the cost of making Snow Ave fit for how it currently is at Powell beach diamond?

One of the fields at Dale Meadows is ideal, and I'm not sure why it's not being considered as an option, it's more central as well.

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I feel like Snow Ave is not the right choice. I used to think it was but after the cost that was already put into that field after the damage it doesn't seem logical to not be used as a baseball field. As well I believe past ball players had donated this land to be used as a ball field, not exactly sure.

Powell Beach residents are already upset about losing a park space. Highly doubt this site will work. It is my choice personally. I still think something up town would be better.

There's talk about Memorial park section by horseshoes for a small park.

Someone also mentioned a small area by the skate park.

IF the Rodeo grounds was used, how much mitigation would have to happen to rid the supposed cacti? Would it keep growing back?

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We have already filled out the survey that requests preferences for a dog park.
Where is the question : "NO DOG PARK" ??

I'd like to point out that the people pushing for a dog park seem to think they're speaking on behalf of all dog owners. This is far from the truth. NOR do these people necessarily live in the neighbourhood that might be impacted by the "dog park" yet they presume to take over part of that neighbourhood. I suggest the matter be held over until a referendum be held (when there's a local election?)

Thank You! (yes, we are dog owners but NOT in favour of a dog park in Trout Creek in particular)

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Sources of information available on the Summerland website
<http://www.summerland.ca/dog-park-project> and participating in the on-line Public Open House Oct 22/20.

Powell Beach Park is a green space and sports ground that has a perimeter residential neighbourhood beside a popular public beach. It is an unacceptable location for a dog park.

Location

- Powell Beach Park is not central, requiring a 6.9 km drive (5 km on highway) from upper town. Compared to Living Memorial Park, which is 2.5 km across the highway from upper town.

- There has been unprecedented recent rapid growth in Trout Creek, accounting for up to 100 new residences. At past Public Open Houses (example: Nixon Rd project- 28 proposed residences), developers defended the lack of green spaces in their planning, suggesting that existing green space at Powell Beach Park accounts for the green spaces desired in community planning. A dog park effectively eliminates that green space. So does a renovated park for baseball with required fencing.
- Living Memorial Park has a highway, parking lot and sport field (with proposed buffer) as the perimeter. The description of Living Memorial Park as a residential area is debatable. Powell Beach Park has a residential neighbourhood on 3 sides and a 'no dogs' posted beach as the perimeter, with far more impact on the community.
- The dog park size at both Powell Beach Park and Living Memorial Park are equivalent, with the largest proposals at 1.6 acres.

Amenities

- washrooms or drinking water are not available to the proposed dog park at Powell Beach Park, as suggested on the website, as they are located on the adjacent beach area where 'no dogs' is posted.
- Mitigating factors at Living Memorial Park suggest the existing infrastructure is in poor condition already and would by inference be in need of upgrading, regardless of maintaining a baseball facility or replacing with a dog park. That inevitable upgrade for youth sport at Living Memorial Park has not been acknowledged in the funding charts.

Landscaping

- If the softball diamond at Powell Beach Park is renovated to accommodate baseball, many of the existing trees will have to be removed, and a considerable fence would line the perimeter, limiting access to current users of the green space.
- The larger option 2 at Living Memorial Park is reported to include some existing trees.
- mitigating factors on the website suggest that the Powell Beach Park was disturbed by recent spring flooding. Certainly, the Beach was damaged, and renovated in 2020. A description of Park flood damage needs an explanation, as the Park appears to be unaffected following 3 consecutive extreme highwater seasons.

Backgrounder- Impact and Mitigation: '...suffered damage during recent floods'

- It is clear from pictures of dog parks in other communities that the 'green' in a dog park is quickly eroded by traffic and dog urine. A dog park becomes unsightly within a community green space.

Costs

- Both sites include fencing as the largest expense (not including the mitigating cost factors), even though it is stated that existing fences and repurposing of material would be considered. Fencing a dog park at Powell Beach Park (\$46,000) would cost \$15,000 or 50% more than Living Memorial Park (\$31,000). The rest of the development and maintenance costs are equivalent for the two sites.
- Mitigating costs to re-develop Powell Beach Park (\$110,000) as a baseball/softball facility heavily favours Living Memorial Park to remain as a baseball facility. It does not weigh that if the Powell Beach Park is inadequate for baseball, how does it make it adequate for softball infield or outfield conditions?

It is strongly suggested that if Powell Beach Park softball diamond does not fit the needs of developmental baseball U-7/U-9, that a diamond be re-purposed at Dale Meadows to suit that age group. It would have no additional impact on that neighbourhood. Input from Sports Organizations should be sought to come to an agreement.

‘Let’s spend some money on our youth at existing sports complexes compared to creating a new development for dog owners’.

Stakeholders

- Two of 5 previous options proposed are no longer being considered. One option was at Peach Orchard Beach Park (where a Dog Beach already exists). The neighbourhood organized themselves as a ‘stakeholder’ group and successfully lobbied that no additional dog traffic would impact their neighbourhood. Is there really a close neighbourhood perimeter at Peach Orchard Beach? Compared to Powell Beach Park.

Trout Creek residents have the same opportunity to form their own stakeholder group to lobby for an alternative location.

- Dog owner, equestrian and sport groups have been consulted on the planning. There could be better balance in the conversation with input from the resident stakeholder groups being affected. Also, input from community groups such as Kinsmen and others who reportedly funded projects at the Powell Beach Park ‘girls softball’ park. Results of those consultations need to be publicized.
- At Living Memorial Park, the land was reported to have been dedicated in memory of veterans to support youth in the community. This 1948 plan needs to be re-considered with modern community planning. If a dog park was developed, the majority of the park remains baseball focused in keeping with the original intent of the memorial park.
- Users of the Living Memorial Park field 3 option are reported to be Minor Baseball under-7 and under-9 baseball players requiring specific amenities to accommodate their sport over a short spring/early summer season. Perhaps the website mistakenly reported the ages to be 7-11 years. It would add to the conversation to determine what numbers of players are being affected if they were displaced by a dog park at Living Memorial Park. Compared to the number of softball players of all ages displaced if the dog park was at Powell Beach Park. Recreation Department staff could investigate that issue and make it public.
- If a youth baseball facility was developed within the existing Dale Meadows ball fields, it might be a win-win for the baseball community rather than forcing a re-development at Powell Beach Park as proposed as the only alternative to a dog park at Living Memorial Park.

Alternative Sites

- Staff have narrowed choices to 3 sites. Reasons for not considering Dale Meadows or Peach Orchard have not been posted, and leaves too much uncertainty about the process. Both those sites still appear to have strong cases for a dog park compared to the expense of Powell Beach Park and Living Memorial Park, and the impact on the Trout Creek residential neighbourhood and loss of valuable community green space.
- Sunoka Provincial Park has a large dog beach area that is adjacent to the community of Trout Creek. Although it does not include a fenced dog park, it is well attended by both Penticton and Summerland residents. Would a dog park at Powell Beach Park attract extra unaccounted traffic from Penticton dog owners with such close proximity to Sunoka dog beach? Penticton in comparison has located their dog parks in industrial areas that do not displace community green spaces.

<https://www.penticton.ca/parks-recreation/parks/dogs-parks>

Has there ever been consultation with the Province about establishing a dog park within the Sunoka dog beach site? Does Summerland really need to have their own park if an alternative could be considered?

Dog Control

- Summerland bylaws state there is a Dog Control Officer who enforces bylaws, such as all dogs must have a paid license and how to control aggressive dogs.

<https://www.summerland.ca/city-services/dog-licencing-control>

- Summerland could be more clear on how they provide dog control. It is possible that dog control is by contract between Penticton-Summerland. Castanet Sept 2018 reported that Elizabeth Bigg is the contractor. That could be confirmed by Summerland staff. Can Summerland be confident that dog parks and public spaces are adequately patrolled with the Dog Control Officer shared with a different community?

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