

Staff Report

Report From: Sean Thomas, Directory of Community Services, Infrastructure and Operations

Meeting Date: April 29, 2024

Subject: Dog Park Relocation

Attachment(s): 1. 438 Parsons Court Map

Recommendation:

That Goderich Town Council receive this report for information;

And That Council approve in principle the relocation of the existing dog park from its current location adjacent to the wastewater treatment plant to a new, permanent location at 438 Parsons Court, and direct staff to bring forward a Temporary Use By-Law to a future Council meeting for this purpose.

Report Summary:

This report proposes the relocation of the current temporary dog park to 438 Parsons Court. This relocation will provide a larger, more environmentally sustainable area for the dog park, integrating it into the existing trail network of the Maitland Woods, while preserving the wooded area of the property.

Background/Analysis:

The existing dog park is unfavourably situated next to the wastewater treatment plant. The proposed new location at 438 Parsons Court, currently zoned for industrial use, encompasses a partially wooded area adjacent to Maitland Woods, providing an ideal setting for a permanent dog park. This move aligns with recent discussions surrounding the extension of Warren Street and the necessity of finding a permanent location for the dog park. The new park would be approximately double the size of the existing one on Sunset Drive, offering access to the trail network for dog walkers.

The Estate of Doris Stanworth bequeathed \$10,000 in 2020, specifically for use at the dog park, which can be utilized towards the development of this new site.

Implementation and Budget Considerations:

Staff will be looking at the dog park relocation to be considered as part of the 2025 budget, and if approved, subsequently implemented in 2025. Approval in principle at this stage will allow for detailed planning and budgeting to proceed.

Linkages:

- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #1: Safe and Reliable Infrastructure
- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #2: Welcoming and Caring Community
- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #5: Environmental Stewardship

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

Funding for the dog park relocation can be partially offset by the \$10,000 Bequest from the Estate of Doris Stanworth. If applicable, additional costs will be evaluated and proposed under separate report to Council.

Reviewed By: Deanna Hastie, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer
Victor Kloeze, Senior Planner Huron County

Approved By: Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer
Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk