



Corporation of the Township of Brock

Staff Report to the Members of Council

From: Wayne Ward
Position: Director Parks, Recreation and Facilities
Title / Subject: Dog Park Proposal
Date of Meeting: October 14, 2025
Report No: 2025-PRF-022

1.0 Issue / Origin

On July 28, 2025 a report to Council was presented and was deferred to the next meeting. Due to scheduling issues the report was postponed to October, 2025

2.0 Background

The proposed dog park location in report 2025-PRF-013, was in Mill Gateway Park in Beaverton.

3.0 Analysis

Staff attended Mill Gateway Park to determine if the dog park area could be expanded from the proposal.

Due to existing conditions such as steel pedestal mounted tables on concrete pads, an existing stone monument along with the existing walking path around the park there is little area for expansion of this proposed dog park.

Given the size of this area and with this being the first installation of this kind staff are suggesting this area be limited to smaller dogs to see what the usage is and to treat this as a pilot project prior to any further installations or larger dog parks being created.

The area proposed is 30m (98 feet) by 45m (47 feet).

4.0 Related Policies / Procedures

N/A

5.0 Financial / Budget Assessment

There is currently a capital budget of \$15,000 that has been approved and has been carried forward to 2025 (originally budgeted in 2023).

Quotes for fencing were requested from three vendors with only two providing quotes.

- DC Fencing \$16,585.77 plus tax
- Johnston Fence \$19,094 plus tax (They did not quote paige wire but did quote chain link)

As both quotes are above the current budgeted amount staff recommended amending the sizing to bring the size down to meet the budgeted amount.

During the Council meeting of July 28, 2025 there was discussion by Council to increase the funding with an upset limit of \$20,000. However, this was only discussed and the report was deferred.

If Council accept the suggestion to create this dog park as a small dog park only the already approved funding of \$15,000 will be used as the maximum and the area reduced to meet this amount.

New signage will need to be created and installed. The costs for this signage for this new area is approximately \$250.

5.1 Asset Management

This installation would be an additional asset that the Township currently does not have and would need to be included in the asset management plan for future budgeting to ensure the installation can be maintained or replaced as necessary in the future.

6.0 Climate Change Impacts

This installation would have minimal climate change impacts as it maintains an open space for use. Additional trees could be planted to provide shade within this area for comfort of all users which would provide benefits in the way of additional oxygen production as well as cooling of the area under the canopy.

7.0 Communications

This report is being published on a public agenda.

8.0 Conclusion

Council has maintained a desire to create an off-leash dog park within the Township. This new installation would see this move forward.

9.0 Recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive report 2025-PRF-022, and

THAT staff proceed with the installation of the dog park in Old Mill Gateway Park to the upset limit of the previously approved capital budget of \$15,000 by reducing the size of the park area to fit within the budgeted amount along with \$250 reduced from fencing for new signage.