
CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 26, 2005
File No.: 6130-02

To: Ron Born, City Manager

From: Joe Creron, Parks Manager

Subject: Dogs in City, Kerry and Waterfront Parks

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT dogs on leash be permitted on walkways and park roads from Highway 97 through city lakefront parks to Sunset Drive on a trial basis as recommended by the Regional Dogs Advisory Committee.

THAT public feedback be gained including a statistically significant random telephone survey in August 2006 and the results be reported back to City Council.

AND THAT the Parks and Public Spaces Bylaw #6819 be amended accordingly.

BACKGROUND:

The Regional Dog Advisory Committee at it's meeting of September 27, 2005 adopted the following resolution:

"That the Dog Advisory Committee recommend that City of Kelowna Council allow dogs on leash on walkways and park roads from Highway 97 through city lakefront parks to Sunset Drive for a six month trial period."

Over the past 3 years public input has been sought through the annual citizen survey. In 2003 59% supported allowing dogs on leash on all clearly defined paths and walkways within City Park and Waterfront Park and 53% in 2004 and 2005. The City currently allows dogs in 33 parks and 80% of respondents in 2004 and 2005 believed this was sufficient.

The Parks and Leisure Services Department does not support allowing dogs within City Park, Kerry Park and Waterfront Park given our experience in these and other parks and also due to the minimal amount of dog bylaw enforcement in these parks.

Joe Creron
Parks Manager

Cc Director of Parks and Leisure Services