
CITY OF KELOWNA
MEMORANDUM

Date: November 24, 2005
File No.: 6130-02
To: Ron Born, City Manager
From: Joe Creron, Parks Manager
Subject: Millbridge Park Petition

RECOMMENDATION:

That Millbridge Park remain as an on leash dog park.

BACKGROUND:

The City Clerk's Office received a 106 name petition requesting that dogs not be permitted in Millbridge Park due to the environmental impact on Mill Creek and the danger to wildlife, children and the elderly from large dogs.

The Regional Dog Advisory Committee discussed the issue and brought it to the attention of Dog Bylaw Enforcement. Dog Bylaw Enforcement made 30 total visits to Millbridge Park, 23 times no dogs were present. Seven times dogs were present and there was 1 incident of non compliance with the bylaw and a ticket was issued.

In 2003 many linear parks adjacent to creeks and wetlands were permitted to allow dogs on leash. At that time the potential environmental impact to the creeks and wildlife was considered. The conclusion was that if dogs were on leash there would be minimal impact. Given the results of the Dog Bylaw Enforcement we conclude this park should remain as a dog on leash park.

Joe Creron
Parks Manager
Cc David Graham, Director of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Services
Mark Tompkins