

NM 2008-29 NOTICE OF MOTION

Regular Meeting of Council 2008 June 23

RE: OFF LEASH DOG AREAS
Alderman Brian Pincott

WHEREAS, Calgarians have an enduring desire to share their city with dogs, with the result that The City of Calgary currently has 141 Off Leash Dog Areas

AND WHEREAS, in the time since the Off Leash Dog Areas were established, the city population has grown by 311,349 people and 32,912 dogs

AND WHEREAS, the increased and intensified use of our Off Leash Dog Areas has resulted in environmental degradation, increased conflict between user groups, increased conflict with neighbouring communities and increased traffic concerns within neighbouring communities

AND WHEREAS, as The City of Calgary grows, dog populations will also keep pace with that growth

AND WHEREAS, providing good access to quality Off Leash Dog Areas encourages compliance in the on leash areas of our parks

AND WHEREAS Off Leash Dog Areas are important to healthy, well socialized dogs and play a significant role in reducing canine aggression

AND WHEREAS meeting places build community and sense of belonging

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Administration undertake a review of the management of Off Leash Dog Areas including, but not limited to: location and access to existing areas; establishing new areas in existing communities; minimum standards and facilities to create successful Off Leash Dog Areas; and placing the management of Off Leash Dog Areas within Animal and Bylaw Services, and report back to SPC on CPS no later than January 2009,

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Administration examine the feasibility of requiring that Off Leash Dog Areas be established in Area Structure Plans, and report to SPC on LPT no later than October 2008.

Decision of Council: **CARRIED AS AMMENDED**

AMENDMENT, Moved by Alderman Colley-Urquhart, Seconded by Alderman Chabot, that Alderman Pincott's motion be amended under Resolution 1 by adding the words "with options, Recommendations and Budget implications", following the words "no later than January 2009".

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FOR: Aldermen Mar, Ceci, Colley-Urquhart, Hawkesworth, Connelly, McIver, Jones, Pincott and Deputy Mayor Farrell

AGAINST: Aldermen Hodges, Chabot, Fox-Mellway and Lowe