

High Park Off-leash area annual review Process and criteria overview

Mandate

To assess the off-leash area within High Park in terms of

- 1) The impact of the off-leash area on Park users, the natural environment, Park programs and the surrounding community
- 2) The effectiveness and appropriateness of existing regulations
- 3) The general direction of the program in relation to the master plan of High Park

and to provide direction and recommendations to the HPCAC to help enhance and integrate the off-leash area with the rest of High Park

Steering committee

Responsible for collecting and integrating the reports/surveys from various stakeholders into draft report, responding to comments on draft report and presentation of final report to HPCAC

Membership

- 1 Chair or designate from K9
- 1 Chair or designate from Natural Environment
- 1 Member designated from/by HPCAC

Stakeholders (see attached list)

Provide input to the steering committee in the form of surveys and reports as well as comments on the draft report

Process

- 1) Review of existing park and city regulations
- 2) Distribution of surveys and call for impact statements from stakeholders
- 3) Site visit
- 4) Public consultation
- 5) Write report incorporating stakeholders comments and public consultation
- 6) Draft report given to stakeholders to provide feedback
- 7) Feedback returned to steering committee for possible revisions to draft report
- 8) Presentation of final report to HPCAC and community by steering committee
- 9) HPCAC to decide on recommendations for off-leash area which are passed on to PFR and/or City of Toronto

- should a member of the review committee fail to agree with the final review, a minority or dissenting report can also be presented to the HPCAC

Recommendations

Continue

Revision to off-leash area

Timeframe (excluding year round collection of data by HPCAC and various programs)

1-2 month

Measures of success:

- Benefit to dog-owners and dog community
- Compliance with existing City regulations
- Impact on the natural environment
- Cooperation with HPCAC programs and Park staff