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Dear Community Associations,

RE: Pets in Parks 2022

Below is information on two initiatives relating to pets in Saanich Parks. Please feel free to circulate this information to your members.

People, Pets and Parks Strategy

At the July 5, 2021, Special Council Meeting, Saanich Mayor and Council approved the development of a strategy titled *People, Pets and Parks: A District Wide Strategy for Sharing Saanich's Parks*.

The goal of the strategy is to conduct a transparent, clear and robust public engagement process, resulting in the development of a shared use framework. That framework will allow Saanich and its park users to achieve positive relationships between people (pet owners and non-pet owners) as well as pets and the environment.

We are pleased to announce that [Lees+Associates](#) are the selected consultants hired to develop the People, Pets and Parks Strategy. Sub-consultants for the project include:

- Modus Planning, Design and Engagement (public engagement)
- LADR Landscape Architects (precedent research)
- Mustel Group (market research)



This timeline graphic indicates the strategy's public engagement process, with Round 1 beginning soon. We will advertise engagement opportunities through a variety of channels (Facebook, Saanich News, posters, etc.) but will also update interested individuals via email.

We encourage people interested in this process to self-register for updates by visiting the project [webpage](#), or go directly to the [signup form](#).

Pop-up Dog Park Pilot –2022

Given Pop-up Dog Park success last year, Saanich Council has approved running the program again, with 9 parks selected (based on a number of factors including zoning, availability of space, conflicting uses, geographic distribution, and parking). Each location will host a Pop-up Dog Park for approximately 1 month. This summer's schedule is:

- June 1 to 27: Beckwith, Gorge, and Vantreight Parks
- July 1 to 26: Blair, Copley East and Rudd Parks
- July 30 to September 6: Fowler, Horner and Hyacinth Park

Dog-owners are invited to use the enclosures from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, subject to the rules and etiquette posted at each site. Residents can find all pertinent information, including maps showing the location of enclosed dog areas within the parks at: saanich.ca/dogs.

Information gathered from dog park users by consultants over the summer will contribute to the People, Pets and Parks Strategy.

Feel free to contact Saanich Parks at parks@saanich.ca or 250-475-5522 for more information.

Your truly,

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