City of St. Albert

TED HOLE PARK OFF-LEASH AREA CHANGE REQUEST

What We Decided

OVERVIEW

The Process

The City of St. Albert updated its off-leash designation change request process in 2020 to align with the Animal Bylaw (11/2013). The process allows the community to request a change in the off-leash designation for a park, including altering, adding or removing the off leash designation. For more information on the process, please see: https://stalbert.ca/city/maps/dogs/off-leash-designation/.

The Request

On August 22, 2024, a resident submitted a request asking the City to create a fenced off-leash area for small sized dogs within Ted Hole Park.

Ted Hole Park

Ted Hole Park (see Figure 1) is the second largest of seven parks in Erin Ridge. This park contains a storm water management facility, a playground, and open green space. Ted Hole Park is a designated off leash area for dogs of all sizes and currently has no fencing. Dogs are permitted off-leash throughout the majority of the site. As with other off leash areas, dogs must be leashed when on or within 1m of trails and cannot enter playground areas.



Figure 1: Overhead view of Ted Hole Park with proposed small dog area (yellow circle)

DECISION

Our park spaces are important to the quality of life for all our residents, providing a safe space for wide range of activities and interests. In making its decision, the City considers the request alongside administrative policies and standards, other uses and users of the park, review of known concerns or issues and a regional scan of best practices. In this case, the City has declined the request to create a small dog fenced off leash area at Ted Hole Park.

While this request was not supported, the City recognizes that fenced areas for small dogs are important to dog owners. As a result, the City plans to provide a fenced small dog area at Dodger Dog Park and will update its dog park standards to include consideration of small dog fenced areas in St. Albert dog parks.

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