What We Heard Pop-Up Dog Park Program Phase 1

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INTRODUCTION: PROJECT OVERVIEW

The City of Edmonton is launching a new Pop-up Dog Park Program in spring 2023, installing up to 30 temporary dog parks in neighbourhoods identified as having a high need for an off-leash area. These neighbourhoods were selected based on their proximity to existing off-leash areas, guidelines in the <u>Dogs in Open Spaces</u> Strategy, the number of licensed dogs and requests that City Councillors and Administration have received since 2016. Potential locations within these neighbourhoods were selected based on the availability of unused or underutilized green space and took into consideration other factors such as zoning, adjacent land uses and setbacks, fit within the overall park site, ability to be serviced by operations crews, accessibility factors like the terrain, proximity to paved trails and sidewalks with curb cuts to access them, lighting, sight-lines, availability of active transportation options and parking and presence of foot/vehicle traffic.

During Phase 1, the City gathered insights from external and internal stakeholders and residents to help understand residents' preferences for the proposed Pop-up Dog Park locations. An online survey was available for residents in neighbourhoods where the installation of Pop-up Dog Parks was proposed.

Locations proposed during Phase 1 engagement were evaluated and finalized based on the feedback received from residents and technical/operational considerations. Installation of the selected Pop-up Dog Parks will begin in May. All selected sites located in the same park as a playground, splash pad, sports fields, or adjacent to an environmentally sensitive area or arterial road, will be fully or partially fenced. These amenities will be operational until November, weather permitting. Once the sites are installed, a survey will be available to capture the lived experience of the dog park users and non-users. At the end of the Pop-up Dog Park season, Administration will evaluate all the technical data and feedback gathered throughout the program to make final recommendations for ongoing off-leash areas.

Public Engagement Approach

The City of Edmonton's public engagement spectrum defines the public's level of influence in engagement processes. The role of the public during this engagement was at the ADVISE level on the City of Edmonton's Public Engagement Spectrum and the public was invited to share their feedback and perspectives on the proposed locations. Visit edmonton.ca/publicengagement for more information on the City's public engagement process.



How We Engaged

Online engagement opportunities were provided to broaden outreach and ensure a diversity of voices in the engagement process. An open link online survey was available from March 6-27, 2023 targeted toward residents in 37 neighbourhoods¹ where the installation of a Pop-up Dog Park was proposed. The survey was open to all members of the public, however, the neighbourhood of residency was used to screen responses for a targeted analysis of the results.

Information about how to participate in the survey was communicated through the following:

- Mailer to 142,000 residents living near the proposed Pop-up Dog Park locations with the website address and QR code linking to the survey
- Signs strategically placed within the proposed neighbourhoods
- Social media posts about the pilot and how to participate in the survey (City of Edmonton Facebook, Instagram and Twitter)

The survey received over 6,561 responses.

¹ In some cases, adjacent neighbourhoods were grouped together to identify proposed location(s).

Who Was Engaged

Administration gathered insights from external and internal stakeholders and residents to help understand residents' preferences for the proposed Pop-up Dog Park locations.

- All residents of the proposed locations and neighbouring communities (a group of neighbourhoods that would be served by the proposed pop-up dog park) were invited to share their feedback through an online survey.
- Feedback was collected from Community Leagues and Homeowner Associations about the existing recreational uses and prior community need assessments.
- Internal and external stakeholders including utility companies, were consulted for any concerns or conflicts with other projects or planned land use.

What We Asked

The goal of the survey was to understand the perceptions and attitudes of residents on the proposed locations, including the overall support level for having a Pop-up Dog Park in the neighbourhood and support for each of the proposed sites (if more than one site was proposed). Additional input was gathered about concerns, the current need for the dog parks, the likelihood of using the dog park and travel modes to access the potential locations.

To ensure diversity of responses from residents, Administration considered the proximity of the proposed locations whether adjacent, within one block, within 15 minutes of walking distance and more than 15 minutes from the proposed site. Although the varying perspectives of respondents living in close proximity were taken into account, the decision not to publish those detailed results in this report was made due to privacy concerns.

WHAT WE HEARD

Summary

- In general, opinions about the Pop-up Dog Parks were divided between residents that support or
 oppose the pilot. Of the 6,561 submitted responses for all 37 neighbourhoods, 59.3 per cent
 strongly/somewhat supported the idea of having a dog park in their neighbourhoods and 35.7 per cent
 strongly/somewhat opposed it.
- Respondents shared 3,976 comments about their support or opposition to the proposed sites and
 locations. Comments were coded and themed for further analysis. The main themes of support were:
 proposed locations, fulfilling the community's need for a dog park, convenient walking distance to the
 park, benefits to dogs, support for fencing, acknowledging the control of off-leash rules in dog parks and
 advocating for separation based on dog size.
- Respondents in favour of having a dog park in their neighbourhood think that given the number of dogs
 in their neighbourhood and the proximity of the closest off-leash parks, a Pop-up Dog Park is a
 community need.
- Respondents who did not support Pop-up Dog Parks were concerned about potential conflicts between
 different leisure activities within green spaces. Fencing, cleanliness and the unpredictability of the dogs
 were some of the other concerns, especially for families with children and people with allergies or dog
 phobias.
- Living in close proximity to the proposed locations was a major concern for some people as the presence and sounds of dogs in a Pop-up Dog Park could potentially be a constant nuisance during the day and stimulation for the dogs in the home.
- Other respondents did not support or oppose a Pop-up Dog Park in their neighbourhood for several reasons including not owning a dog, living far from proposed locations and the absence of small dog-only areas.
- The majority of respondents shared that they would walk to the dog park.

Dog behaviour Adjacent to people's backyard Safety concerns for kids Community need Should pay per use Conflict with other activities Prefer playground Not fair to adjacent buildings Proximity to the road Cost for tax-payers Oppose if not fenced Too far to walk Useless Increased traffic Prefer alternate location Larger dogs Nausiance Makes dogs excited at home Area too small Noise Separate dogs Unpredictable No community need Close proximity Closeness Convenient Dog size Animal phobia Surrounding stimulants Doesn't matter Benefits for dogs Cleanliness Close proximity to homes Irresponsible owners Controls off-leash rules Unpleasant Not a priority Not needed Scaring kids Barking Easy access Attracting more cars Close to the playground Support if fenced Closeness to school Walk to the site Busy roads Aggressive dogs Picking up after dogs

Weighted themes and codes for all the neighbourhoods - Reference Phase 1 survey (Open-ended question)

Detailed Findings

Public feedback was analyzed by neighbourhood and also by the specific location(s) within each neighbourhood where a Pop-up Dog Park was proposed. Some neighbourhoods had one proposed location while others had two to four locations. Also, there were neighbourhoods in close proximity that shared locations. Key findings for each neighbourhood(s) are summarized below.

Allard		
Number of responses	252	
Percentage of respondents with a dog	65%	
Overall level of support towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	53.4%	
Overall level of neutrality towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	4.2%	
Overall level of opposition towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	42.4%	

Proposed Site	Location A: 490 Allard Blvd SW	
Support (Strongly/Somewhat)	55.2%	
Key Themes	LocationCommunity need and convenience	
Neither support nor oppose	3.6%	
Oppose (Strongly/Somewhat)	41.3%	
Key Themes	 Proximity to the recreational area and/or school Dog behaviour Irresponsible ownership 	

- Use available resources for the existing school park and overall community maintenance.
- Fully fence the location to mitigate the risks to dogs and children.
- Foxtail grass needs to be cleared as it is harmful to dogs.

Ambleside - Glenridding Heights		
Number of responses	257	
Percentage of respondents with a dog	68%	
Overall level of support towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	59.5%	
Overall level of neutrality towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	2.7%	
Overall level of opposition towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	37.8%	

Proposed Sites	Location A: Glenridding Park, 1315 163 St SW	Location B: Glenridding Park, 1315 163 St SW	Location C: Ambleside Park, 181 Ambleside Drive
Support (Strongly/Somewhat)	53.3%	58.4%	53.3%
Key Themes	LocationCommunity need and convenience	LocationCommunity need and convenience	LocationCommunity need and convenience
Neither support nor oppose	12.5%	11.7%	18.3%
Oppose (Strongly/Somewhat)	34.2%	29.9%	28.4%
Key Themes	 Proximity to the recreational area and/or school Dog behaviour 	 Proximity to the recreational area and/or school Dog behaviour 	 Proximity to the recreational area and/or school Dog behaviour

- Glenridding Park is large and can accommodate the many dogs from the neighbourhood.
- Available parking close to the park may encourage visits from those outside of the neighbourhood.

Breckenridge Greens - Granville		
Number of responses	102	
Percentage of respondents with a dog	75%	
Overall level of support towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	64.9%	
Overall level of neutrality towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	8.2%	
Overall level of opposition towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	26.9%	

Proposed Sites	Location A: 1314 Breckenridge Dr. NW	Location B: 7630 Getty Link NW
Support (Strongly/Somewhat)	66.7%	57.9%
Key Themes	• Location	LocationBenefits to dogs
Neither support nor oppose	9.8%	15.7%
Oppose (Strongly/Somewhat)	23.5%	26.4%
Key Themes	CleanlinessConcerns around dog behaviour	 Proximity to the playground, sports field, or school Cleanliness Irresponsible ownership

People suggested alternate sites along Suder Greens Drive.

Britannia Youngstown - Glenwood		
Number of responses	127	
Percentage of respondents with a dog	74%	
Overall level of support towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	66.1%	
Overall level of neutrality towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	7.1%	
Overall level of opposition towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	26.8%	

Proposed Sites	Location A: 10235 160 St NW	Location B: Mayfield Park, 107 Ave & Mayfield Rd NW	Location C: Jack Horan Park, 16919 99 Avenue NW
Support (Strongly/Somewhat)	52%	45.7%	46.4%
Key Themes	LocationCommunity need and convenience	• Location	LocationCommunity need and convenience
Neither support nor oppose	22%	23.6%	26.1%
Oppose (Strongly/Somewhat)	26%	30.7%	27.5%
Key Themes	CleanlinessConcerns around dog behaviour	 Proximity to the playground, sports field, or school Cleanliness Irresponsible ownership 	LocationCommunity need and convenience

Concerns included cleanliness and dog owners who do not dispose of dog waste. Participants asked for clarity on the City's resources to monitor, enforce and mediate any disputes.

Bulyea Heights		
Number of responses	169	
Percentage of respondents with a dog	64%	
Overall level of support towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	53.9%	
Overall level of neutrality towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	4.4%	
Overall level of opposition towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	41.7%	

Proposed Site	Location A: G.H.V. Bulyea Park, 280 Bulyea Road NW	
Support (Strongly/Somewhat)	54.4%	
Key Themes	LocationCommunity need and convenience	
Neither support nor oppose	6.6%	
Oppose (Strongly/Somewhat)	39%	
Key Themes	 Dog behaviour Irresponsible ownership Proximity to the playground, sports field or school 	

Parents are concerned about the close proximity of the proposed location to the George H. Luck School.

Carlton	
Number of responses	128
Percentage of respondents with a dog	74%
Overall level of support towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	66.4%
Overall level of neutrality towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	5.5%
Overall level of opposition towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	28.1%

Proposed Sites	Location A: 16407 139 St NW	Location B: 16332 136 St NW	
Support (Strongly/Somewhat)	67.2%	64.9%	
Key Themes	LocationCommunity need and convenience	LocationCommunity need and convenience	
Neither support nor oppose	4.7%	8.6%	
Oppose (Strongly/Somewhat)	28.1%	26.5%	
Key Themes	 Proximity to the playground, sports field, or school Proximity to home Irresponsible ownership 	 Proximity to the playground, sports field, or school Proximity to home Irresponsible ownership 	

A dog park located within the neighbourhood would provide a great opportunity for both dogs and their owners to engage with the community and socialize with one another.

Charlesworth	
Number of responses	109
Percentage of respondents with a dog	73%
Overall level of support towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	60.5%
Overall level of neutrality towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	3.7%
Overall level of opposition towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	35.8%

Proposed Sites	Location A: Charlesworth Park, 503 59 St. SW	Location B: 5805 3 Avenue SW	
Support (Strongly/Somewhat)	60.5%	56%	
Key Themes	• Location	• Location	
Neither support nor oppose	4.6%	6.4%	
Oppose (Strongly/Somewhat)	34.9%	37.6%	
Key Themes	Proximity to the playground, sports field, or schoolIrresponsible ownership	Proximity to the playground, sports field, or schoolIrresponsible ownership	

- A dog park is an identified need for this community and would be welcomed.
- Concern that the location A is very close to a large playground and there need to be strategies to mitigate risks for children.

Crawford Plains		
Number of responses	95	
Percentage of respondents with a dog	70%	
Overall level of support towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	65.3%	
Overall level of neutrality towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	2.1%	
Overall level of opposition towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	32.6%	

Proposed Sites	Location A: Crawford Plains Parks, 4012 12 Ave NW	Location B: 2 49 St & 10 Ave NW	
Support (Strongly/Somewhat)	57.9%	61.1%	
Key Themes	• Location	• Location	
Neither support nor oppose	11.6%	16.8%	
Oppose (Strongly/Somewhat)	30.5%	22.1%	
Key Themes	 Proximity to the playground, sports field, or school Cleanliness Irresponsible ownership 	CleanlinessIrresponsible ownershipConcerns around dog behaviour	

- Location A is closer to the playground.
- Some respondents thought that Location B is closer to the Sakaw neighbourhood than Crawford Plains.

Edgemont	
Number of responses	368
Percentage of respondents with a dog	77%
Overall level of support towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	61.7%
Overall level of neutrality towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	4.1%
Overall level of opposition towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	34.2%

Proposed Sites	Location A: 5210 Edgemont Blvd NW	Location B: 395 Edgemont Rd NW
Support (Strongly/Somewhat)	59.5%	55.1%
Key Themes	Community need and convenienceLocationBenefit to dogs	LocationCommunity need and convenienceBenefits to dogs
Neither support nor oppose	13%	8.2%
Oppose (Strongly/Somewhat)	27.5%	36.7%
Key Themes	 Cleanliness Concerns regarding dog behaviour Proximity to nearby homes 	CleanlinessProximity to homeConcerns around dog behaviour

- Some respondents indicated a preference for playground facilities in their community rather than a pop-up dog park.
- A dog park would be beneficial for dogs as it provides a safe and controlled environment for them to exercise.

Glenora	
Number of responses	382
Percentage of respondents with a dog	56%
Overall level of support towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	39.8%
Overall level of neutrality towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	7.6%
Overall level of opposition towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	52.6%

Proposed Sites	Location A: Ravine Drive NW	Location B: 13204 104 Avenue NW	
Support (Strongly/Somewhat)	37.7%	42.1%	
Key Themes	Community need and convenienceLocationBenefit to dogs	 Community need and convenience Preferred location Benefit to dogs 	
Neither support nor oppose	6%	20.2%	
Oppose (Strongly/Somewhat)	56.3%	37.7%	
Key Themes	 No community need Proximity to road Proximity to the recreational area and/or school 	 No community need Proximity to road Proximity to the recreational area and/or school 	

The proposed locations are too small and are not worth the cost and resources.

Haddow - Terwillegar Towne		
Number of responses	319	
Percentage of respondents with a dog	61%	
Overall level of support towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	49.5%	
Overall level of neutrality towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	5.1%	
Overall level of opposition towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	45.4%	

Proposed Sites	Location A: Haddow Park, 2099 Haddow Dr. NW	Location B: 1084 Tory Rd NW	Location C: Tomlinson Common Park, 1765 Tomlinson Common NW
Support (Strongly/Somewhat)	42%	42.6%	44.5%
Key Themes	LocationCommunity need and convenience	• Location	LocationCommunity need and convenience
Neither support nor oppose	17%	17.3%	20.4%
Oppose (Strongly/Somewhat)	41%	40.1%	35.1%
Key Themes	 No community need Prefer playground Cleanliness Noise, traffic, and parking 	 Proximity to home Cleanliness No community need Noise, traffic, and parking 	No community needCleanliness

- People are already allowing their dogs off-leash in the neighbourhood. To prevent conflicts, it would be helpful to regulate off-leash rules.
- Dogs need the freedom to move around and explore their surroundings, as well as the opportunity to socialize with other dogs.
- Support for locations B and C in this dense and populated community.

Holyrood	
Number of responses	258
Percentage of respondents with a dog	70%
Overall level of support towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	47.3%
Overall level of neutrality towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	5.8%
Overall level of opposition towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	46.9%

Proposed Sites	Location A: 81 Street between 96 Ave & 97 Ave NW (Pocket park)	Location B: 83 Street between 93 Ave & 93a Ave NW (Pocket park)
Support (Strongly/Somewhat)	45.7%	44.2%
Key Themes	• Location	• Location
Neither support nor oppose	9.7%	9.7%
Oppose (Strongly/Somewhat)	44.6%	46.1%
Key Themes	 Cleanliness Proximity to the playground, sports field, or school Concerns around dog behaviour Noise, traffic, and parking 	 Proximity to the playground, sports field, or school Proximity to busy neighbourhood road

• There are concerns that mixing dogs of different breeds and sizes within a small space may increase attacks.

Jamieson Place		
Number of responses	122	
Percentage of respondents with a dog	75%	
Overall level of support towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	62.3%	
Overall level of neutrality towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	7.4%	
Overall level of opposition towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	30.3%	

Proposed Sites	Location A: 18717 54 Ave NW	Location B: 5403 190 St NW
Support (Strongly/Somewhat)	54.1%	57.4%
Key Themes	Community need and convenienceSupport if fenced	LocationCommunity need and convenience
Neither support nor oppose	16.4%	9%
Oppose (Strongly/Somewhat)	29.5% 33.6%	
Key Themes	Proximity to roadProximity to school or playground	Concerns around dog behaviour

Both locations are easily accessible to most residents of the neighbourhood and would provide a convenient and local option for dog owners to exercise their pets without having to travel outside of the area.

Kilkenny		
Number of responses	121	
Percentage of respondents with a dog	80%	
Overall level of support towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	69.4%	
Overall level of neutrality towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	2.6%	
Overall level of opposition towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	28%	

Proposed Sites	Location A: Penny Wood Park, 15231 74 St NW	Location B: Penny Wood Park, 15231 74 St NW	Location C: Penny Wood Park, 15231 74 St NW	Location D: Kilkenny Park, 7245 149a Ave NW
Support (Strongly/Somew hat)	62%	59.5%	68.6%	58.7%
Key Themes	 Location Community need and convenience Benefits to dogs 	 Location Community need and convenience Benefits to dogs 	LocationCommunity need and convenience	LocationCommunity need and convenience
Neither support nor oppose	7.4%	12.4%	3.3%	11.6%
Oppose (Strongly/Somew hat)	30.6%	28.1%	28.1%	29.7%
Key Themes	No community needCostCleanliness	No community needCostCleanliness	No community needCostCleanliness	CleanlinessCostNo community need

- Concerns with the lack of budget for this program and the priority it is being given over other potential projects.
- Penny Wood Park seems to have less traffic than Kilkenny Park.

La Perle (Belmead)		
Number of responses	232	
Percentage of respondents with a dog	67%	
Overall level of support towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	63.4%	
Overall level of neutrality towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	7.7%	
Overall level of opposition towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	28.9%	

Proposed Sites	Location A: 9011 189 St NW	Location B: 9011 189 St NW	
Support (Strongly/Somewhat)	61.6%	62.9%	
Key Themes	LocationCommunity need and convenience	LocationCommunity need and convenience	
Neither support nor oppose	8.6%	6%	
Oppose (Strongly/Somewhat)	29.8%	31.1%	
Key Themes	 Proximity to the playground, sports field or school Concerns around dog behaviour 	No community needCleanlinessIrresponsible dog ownership	

- Both proposed sites are not currently used for any other recreational activity.
- Location B is preferred over location A due to its larger size.

Maple Ridge	
Number of responses	39
Percentage of respondents with a dog	76%
Overall level of support towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	51.3%
Overall level of neutrality towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	5.1%
Overall level of opposition towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	43.6%

Proposed Sites	Location A: Maple Downs Park, 1515 66 Ave NW	Location B: Maple Downs Park, 1515 66 Ave NW
Support (Strongly/Somewhat)	48.7%	43.6%
Key Themes	LocationCommunity need and convenience	LocationCommunity need and convenience
Neither support nor oppose	7.7%	15.4%
Oppose (Strongly/Somewhat)	43.6%	41%
Key Themes	Irresponsible ownership	Irresponsible ownershipNo community needConcerns around dog behaviour

The irresponsible behaviour of some dog owners, such as failing to clean up dog waste and allowing them to behave aggressively, is stressful for some community members.

Matt Berry - Hollick-Kenyon		
Number of responses	168	
Percentage of respondents with a dog	70%	
Overall level of support towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	57.7%	
Overall level of neutrality towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	4.8%	
Overall level of opposition towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	37.5%	

Proposed Site	Location A: 15803 64 St NW
Support (Strongly/Somewhat)	56.5%
Key Themes	Location
Neither support nor oppose	8.9%
Oppose (Strongly/Somewhat)	34.6%
Key Themes	CleanlinessConcerns around dog behaviour

- A dog park may create traffic issues in the neighbourhood.
- People would like to see bylaw enforcement for off-leash dogs in open spaces.
- Main streets are already busy and this proposal requires further consideration.

Meadowlark Park		
Number of responses	207	
Percentage of respondents with a dog	68%	
Overall level of support towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	61.8%	
Overall level of neutrality towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	7.7%	
Overall level of opposition towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	30.5%	

Proposed Sites	Location A: Jasper Place Jubilee Park, 9200 160 St NW	Location B: Jasper Place Jubilee Park, 9200 160 St NW
Support (Strongly/Somewhat)	58.4%	61.8%
Key Themes	LocationCommunity need and convenience	• Location
Neither support nor oppose	9.2%	7.7%
Oppose (Strongly/Somewhat)	32.4%	30.5%
Key Themes	Proximity to the playground, sports field or schoolCleanliness	No community needIrresponsible ownership

- The location beyond the trees within the site is better because it's further away from the sports field.
- Installing the dog park on the East side of the park would be cheaper because there is already fencing in place.

Rutherford	
Number of responses	417
Percentage of respondents with a dog	71%
Overall level of support towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	54.9%
Overall level of neutrality towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	5.5%
Overall level of opposition towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	39.6%

Proposed Site	Location A: 12102 16 Avenue SW	
Support (Strongly/Somewhat)	55.9%	
Key Themes	 Community need and convenience Location Benefit to dogs 	
Neither support nor oppose	3.8%	
Oppose (Strongly/Somewhat)	40.3%	
Key Themes	 Proximity to the playground, sports field or school Concerns around dog behaviour Proximity to home Cleanliness 	

- The area is already busy due to families with small children and seniors from a nearby retirement home who participate in various recreational activities.
- Houses are too close to the proposed location which is unfair to people who do not have dogs.
- This can be stressful for people who are afraid of dogs.

Secord- Rosenthal	
Number of responses	538
Percentage of respondents with a dog	83%
Overall level of support towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	70%
Overall level of neutrality towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	2.7%
Overall level of opposition towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	27.3%

Proposed Site	Location A: 9704 Winterburn Rd NW	
Support (Strongly/Somewhat)	69.5%	
Key Themes	Community need and convenience	
Neither support nor oppose	4.1%	
Oppose (Strongly/Somewhat)	26.4%	
Key Themes	CleanlinessConcerns around dog behaviour	

- While the number of dogs in the neighbourhood is high, the closest dog park is far from the community. This is needed and will be used regularly.
- A dog park would bring community members together.
- Some people who support a dog park in the neighbourhood worry about increasing traffic on Winterburn Road because it's already busy and only has one lane.

South Terwillegar	
Number of responses	299
Percentage of respondents with a dog	69%
Overall level of support towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	59.5%
Overall level of neutrality towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	4.7%
Overall level of opposition towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	35.8%

Proposed Sites	Location A: Constable Dan Woodall Park, 7304 South Terwillegar Drive	Location B: Terwillegar South Park, 1504 Towne Centre Blvd NW	
Support (Strongly/Somewhat)	49.5%	57.2%	
Key Themes	• Location	Community need and convenienceLocation	
Neither support nor oppose	16.4%	8.4%	
Oppose (Strongly/Somewhat)	34.1%	34.4%	
Key Themes	Proximity to roadProximity to the playground	 Proximity to the playground, sports field or school Concerns around dog behavior 	

- Constable Woodall Park is already used by football teams.
- The area is a corridor for coyotes which could be dangerous.
- Locations are close to the existing off-leash park in Terwillegar, so the park is not a priority and a need for the community.

Suder Greens - Webber Greens		
Number of responses	212	
Percentage of respondents with a dog	73%	
Overall level of support towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	63.2%	
Overall level of neutrality towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	5.7%	
Overall level of opposition towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	31.1%	

Proposed Sites	Location A: Suder Greens Park, 213 St & 87 Ave NW	Location B: Suder Greens Park, 213 St & 87 Ave NW	Location C: Suder Greens Park, 213 St & 87 Ave NW	Location D: 1180 Webber Greens Drive NW
Support (Strongly/ Somewhat)	63.7%	63.7%	61.3%	62.3%
Key Themes	LocationCommunity need and convenience	• Location	LocationCommunity need and convenience	LocationCommunity need and convenience
Neither support nor oppose	9.9%	12.3%	10.4%	6.1%
Oppose (Strongly/ Somewhat)	26.4%	24%	28.3%	31.6%
Key Themes	• Cleanliness	Dog behaviour	Proximity to the playground, sports field or school	 Proximity to the playground, sports field or school Dog behaviour Cleanliness

- Some people prefer location D due to easier access.
- Webber Greens may be more accessible. Suder Green is already busy along 213 Street.

Summerside-Walker	
Number of responses	451
Percentage of respondents with a dog	75%
Overall level of support towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	63.4%
Overall level of neutrality towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	4.7%
Overall level of opposition towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	31.9%

Proposed Sites	Location A: 1513 88 St SW Watt Promenade & Watt Drive SW		Location C: Watt Promenade & Watt Drive SW
Support (Strongly/Somewhat)	64.5% 53.2%		55%
Key Themes	LocationCommunity need and convenience	• Location	LocationCommunity need and convenience
Neither support nor oppose	10.2%	18.6%	16.2%
Oppose (Strongly/Somewhat)	25.3%	28.2%	28.8%
Key Themes	Proximity to the playground, sports field or school	 Proximity to the playground, sports field or school Cleanliness 	Dog behaviour

- Location A is large and a better option for a dog park.
- Locations B and C may have parking issues as they are already busy roads.
- People appreciate that they would not need to drive to other parks.

The Hamptons - Glastonbury		
Number of responses	396	
Percentage of respondents with a dog	77%	
Overall level of support towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	68.9%	
Overall level of neutrality towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	3.8%	
Overall level of opposition towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	27.3%	

Proposed Site	Location A: Glastonbury Park, 1101 Grantham Dr. NW
Support (Strongly/Somewhat)	67.9%
Key Themes	Community need and convenienceLocation
Neither support nor oppose	8%
Oppose (Strongly/Somewhat)	24.1%
Key Themes	 Proximity to the playground, sports field or school Cleanliness Proximity to home

- Having dogs in a designated park would help manage their behaviour.
- The schoolyard and playground have a no-dog policy.

Trumpeter - Starling - Hawks Ridge		
Number of responses	349	
Percentage of respondents with a dog	79%	
Overall level of support towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	57.3%	
Overall level of neutrality towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	5.2%	
Overall level of opposition towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	37.5%	

Proposed Sites	Location A: Trumpeter Way NW between 205 St & 130 Ave NW	Location B: Trumpeter Park, 20326 128 Ave NW
Support (Strongly/Somewhat)	51.3%	57.6%
Key Themes	• Location	Community need and convenienceLocation
Neither support nor oppose	13.2%	13.7%
Oppose (Strongly/Somewhat)	35.5%	28.7%
Key Themes	Proximity to the playground, sports field or schoolProximity to home	Proximity to the playground, sports field or school

Location A that is closer and within walking distance from residents is the most preferred option.

Windermere		
Number of responses	444	
Percentage of respondents with a dog	71%	
Overall level of support towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	59.4%	
Overall level of neutrality towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	4.5%	
Overall level of opposition towards a pop-up dog park in the neighbourhood	36.1%	

Proposed Sites	Location A: Washburn Dr & Wates Link/5a Avenue	Location B: 1220 Windermere Way SW
Support (Strongly/Somewhat)	60.1%	58.1%
Key Themes	LocationCommunity need and convenience	• Location
Neither support nor oppose	11.5%	13.5%
Oppose (Strongly/Somewhat)	28.4%	28.4%
Key Themes	 Proximity to the recreational area and/or school Proximity to home Dog behaviour 	Proximity to the recreational area and/or schoolDog behaviour

Respondents would support a dog park in their neighbourhood if it is fenced and bags and garbage cans are supplied.

GBA+ Spotlight

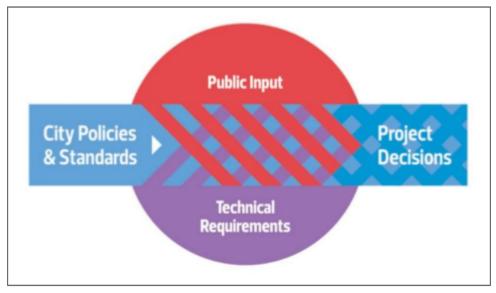
The City of Edmonton has adopted a Gender-Based Analysis Plus (GBA+) process to consider more equitable access to programs and services. The survey was open to residents of the proposed pop-up dog park locations and completed by 6,561 respondents. The tables below show the diversity of survey respondents.

GBA+ table of survey respondents	N=6,561 ²	
Gender		
Woman	59%	
Man	30%	
Non-binary/Trans/Two-Spirit/Other	2%	
Prefer Not To Answer	10%	
Identity		
Racialized/visible minority	13%	
Persons with disabilities	4%	
Indigenous	2%	
New to Canada	1%	
LGBTQ2S+	4%	
Other	3%	
None of the above	56%	
Prefer Not to Answer	18%	
Age		
Under 18	1%	
18-34	27%	
35-54	45%	
55+	21%	
Prefer Not to Answer	7%	

² Demographic questions are optional and non-exclusionary with multiple choice answers. As a result, the total might not add up to 100%.

DECISION-MAKING

The Pop-up Dog Park Program takes into consideration a variety of inputs, including technical requirements and feasibility assessment, City policies and procedures, and thoughts and perspectives from public engagement at Phase 1 to select the Pop-up Dog Park locations for the installation at Phase 2. Individual Pop-up Dog Park locations will be announced on the Pop-Up Dog Park Program web page in May 2023. The installation will begin in May and locations will be operational until November, weather permitting.



Decision-making process

Over the course of the trial period, a survey will be available for residents and park users to provide feedback on individual locations as well as the Pop-up Dog Park program as a whole. Based on the results of public feedback collected during the six-month trial period and site evaluations, technical and operational feasibility and City priorities and programs, some or all of the Pop-up Dog Parks locations may be recommended to transition into ongoing off-leash areas with standard amenities including signage, dog waste bag dispensers, garbage cans and clear boundaries. If significant site enhancements are required such as fencing, trails or lighting, a funding request would need to be brought forward to City Council.