

Planning and Environment Committee – October 8, 2009

Committee discussed 4 proposed changes:

- New Off-leash areas at Devonian Harbour Park and Stanley Park Second Beach area
- Changes to off-leash hours at Fraser River Park and Portside Park

New Off-leash Areas Requiring Board Approval



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Devonian Harbour Park

- Serves a high density community
- Consultation - site signs and notice on Park Board website in September
- 33 comments received – 26 in favour, 7 opposed
- Petition for Coal Harbour site is supportive
- Potential conflict on adjacent pedestrian/cycle path
- Secondary issues were impact on wildlife, noise, animal waste and lack of enforcement
- Fencing will minimize conflicts and impact on wildlife
- Designated area may reduce off-leash activity in other areas
- Proposed hours - 6 am to 10 am & 5 pm to 10 pm
- Signs and enforcement are key to success

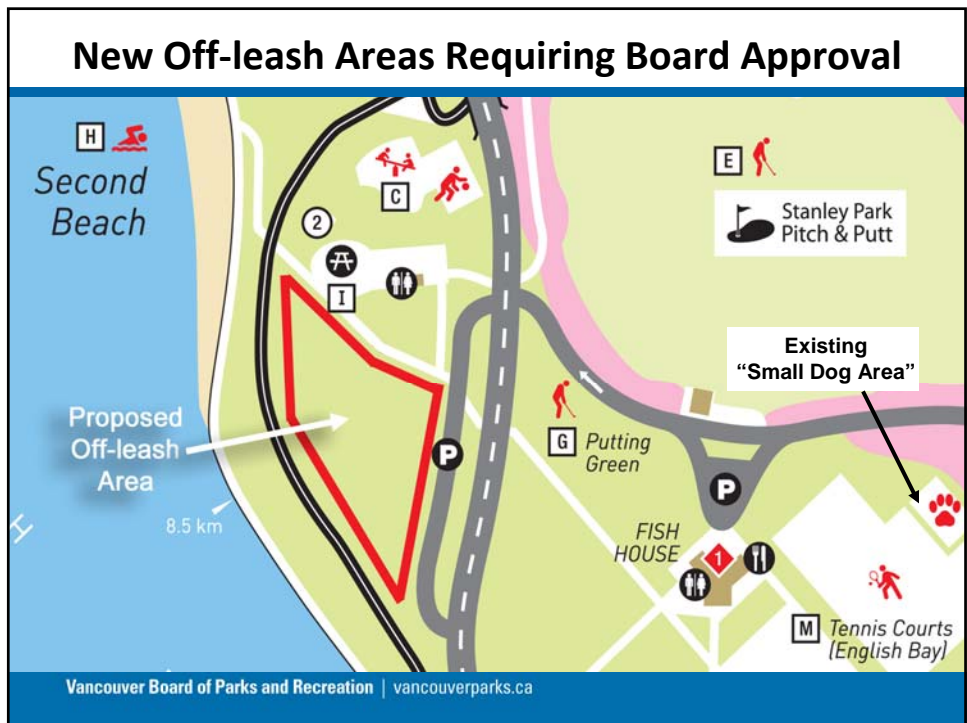
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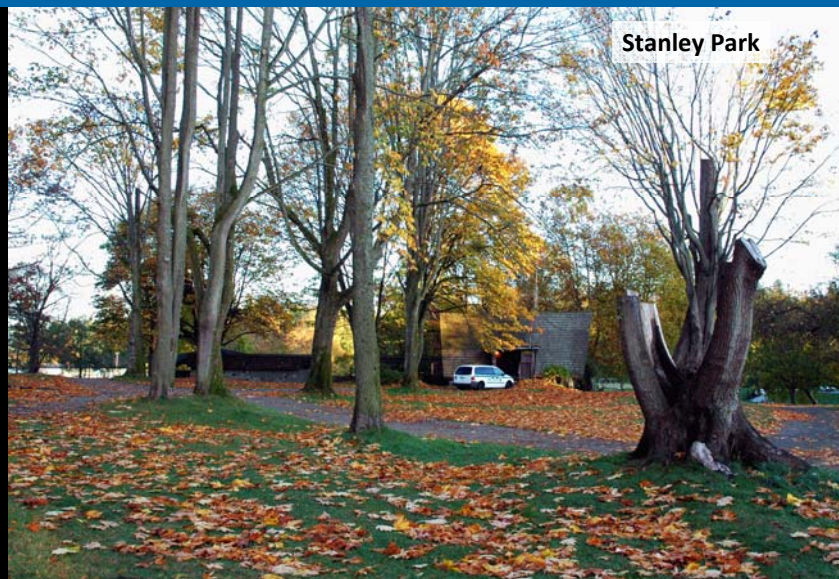
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Stanley Park – Second Beach Area

- Serves a high density community
- Consultation - site signs and notice on Park Board website in September
- 27 comments received – 25 in favour, 2 opposed
- Stanley Park Ecology Society expressed concerns about impact on wildlife (woodpeckers) and the sanctity of Stanley Park.
- No impact on Heronry – 200 meters away
- May take pressure off “small dog area” and reduce off-leash activity in other areas
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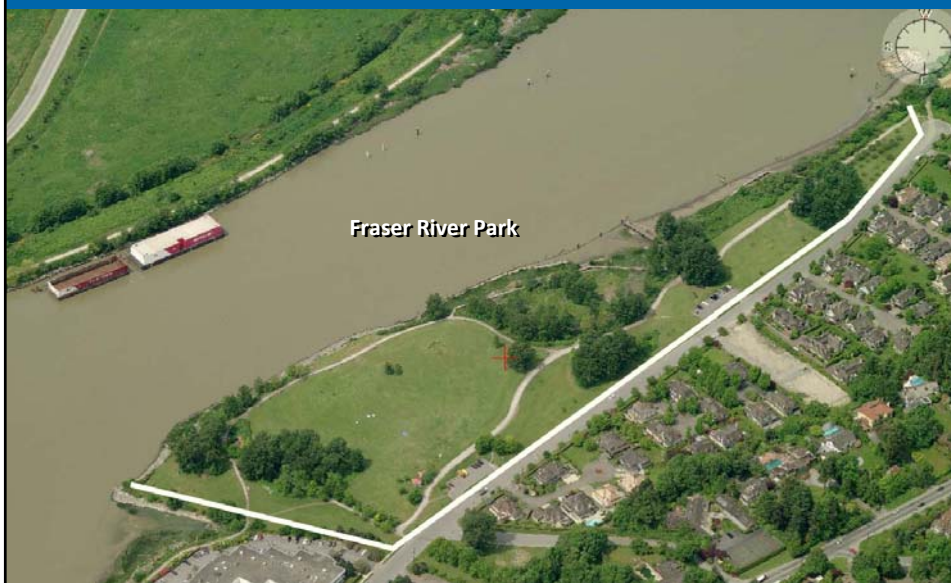
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Extended Dog Off-leash Hours



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Extended Dog Off-leash Hours

Fraser River Park

- Popular off-leash destination
- Current off-leash hours - 6 am to 10 am & 5 pm to 10 pm
- Petition with 420 signatures received asking for all day access
- Consultation - site signs and notice on Park Board website
- 112 responses – 88 in favour, 24 opposed
- Winter hours are an issue in late afternoon and evening
- Potential conflict with picnics and school groups
- Fencing not recommended for aesthetic and practical reasons
- Adjustment of hours:
 - October 1 to April 30 – off-leash all day
 - May 1 to September 30 – 6 am to 10 am & 5 pm to 10 pm
- Signs and enforcement are key to success

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Portside Park

- Serves the downtown and DTES areas
- Current off-leash hours - 6 am to 10 am & 5 pm to 10 pm
- Consultation - site signs and notice on Park Board website in September
- Raycam CC consulted regarding playground program
- 2 responses – both in favour
- Adjustment of hours:
 - September 1 to June 30 – off-leash all day
 - July 1 to August 31 – 6 am to 10 am & 5 pm to 10 pm