



Kawartha Lakes Parks Advisory Committee
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To Members of City of Kawartha Lakes Council:

This letter is sent with the endorsement of the City of Kawartha Lakes' Parks Advisory Committee – approved motion, Thursday, August 18, 2022.

The only off-leash dog park in the City is located at Ken Reid Conservation Area. During the past 30 months, the increase in dog walkers and dog owners looking to run their dogs off-leash has been significant. The Ken Reid facility is well used and often overcrowded. Active City parks like Wilson Fields, Optimist Soccer Park, Elgin Park, and Kinsmen Park have become off-leash free run areas for dog owners. There is now a need to consider additional off-leash dog run areas particularly in Lindsay.

To support this need, the Parks Advisory Committee is requesting that the City investigate opportunities to create additional off-leash dog areas in Lindsay.

As an example, these selected areas might be considered:

- Pioneer Park – as the redevelopment of Pioneer Park on Lindsay Street North proceeds, consider including an off-leash area for dogs in the plan;
- Dormer Road Park – currently an existing park near St. Dominic Elementary School, there exists a secluded area on the park property away from residences and the school to accommodate a dog area - this area is already being used by neighbours to the park as an off-leash run area.

The members of the Parks Advisory Committee respectfully submit this request for Council's consideration.

Sincerely,

Peter Sanderson
Chair, CKL Parks Advisory Committee