

Lynnmouth Park Open House Questionnaire Results Summary

The following information is a complete summary of the feedback collected at open house #1, the Lets Talk Public Engagement online survey, by email, letters, and through social media.



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Completed Questionnaires
(Paper & Online Let's Talk)



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Attended Open House



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Other Forms of Communication



1. What do you like about the proposed design?

***Common Themes we heard**

Designated off leash areas. Plan considers general public for all different types of users	22
Size of fenced areas look sufficient	4
The fenced in off-leash areas protects sensitive habitat and helps to mitigate damage to fish/creek habitat	4
Continued access to Lynn Creek for owners and dogs off-leash	5
Nothing, I do not support this plan	18



Selection of Comments:

"I like the idea of having off leash dog areas. I am very concerned with the sensitive habitat around the Lynn Creek area. Hopefully this will help mitigate some of the damage to the salmon habitat and pollution from dog waste entering the environment."

"NO to formalize off leash parks. These trails are fully utilized with people enjoying their families on the trails that includes our dogs enjoying themselves along with the people. This is the reason so many of us choose to live in the area and it is a very integral part of our lives and for many of us this is where we want out recreational tax dollars spent. Walking our dogs off leash is our recreation."

"I like that there is still access to the Lynn Creek for dogs to swim and play."

It's always nice to work on developing our neighbourhoods however the whole reason I come with my two dogs to this area is because it is such an amazingly beautiful and untouched landscape. It is raw and perfect the way it is. The whole reason why many dog owners choose to live in North Vancouver is for spaces list this where we can enjoy nature without any restrictions.

2. What do you not like about the proposed design?

***Common Themes we heard**

I don't like the proposed off-leash areas and do not support the plan	23
Size of fenced areas are too small	13
Don't like the narrow corridor between the fenced areas	4
Parking is very limited in this area	4



Selection of Comments:

“The fenced in areas are very tiny. This whole change is very aggravating and upsetting.”

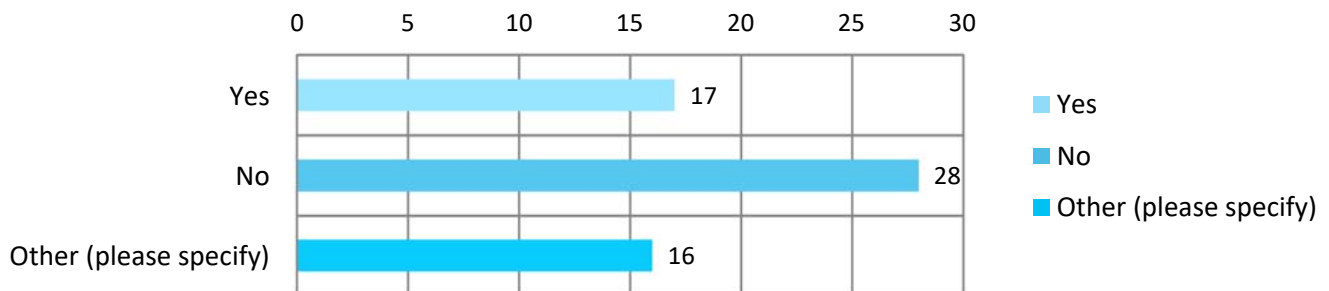
“There are precious few areas where dogs can run off leash and get a good run in. I have found that closed off leash areas are a breeding ground for disease - kennel cough, etc. the ground gets churned up and it ends up not being a very nice place. The areas you are suggesting to be enclosed are narrow and don't allow the dogs the freedom of playing on the grass and then running into the water. It's too restrictive.”

***Refer to Appendix A to review full list of response comments**

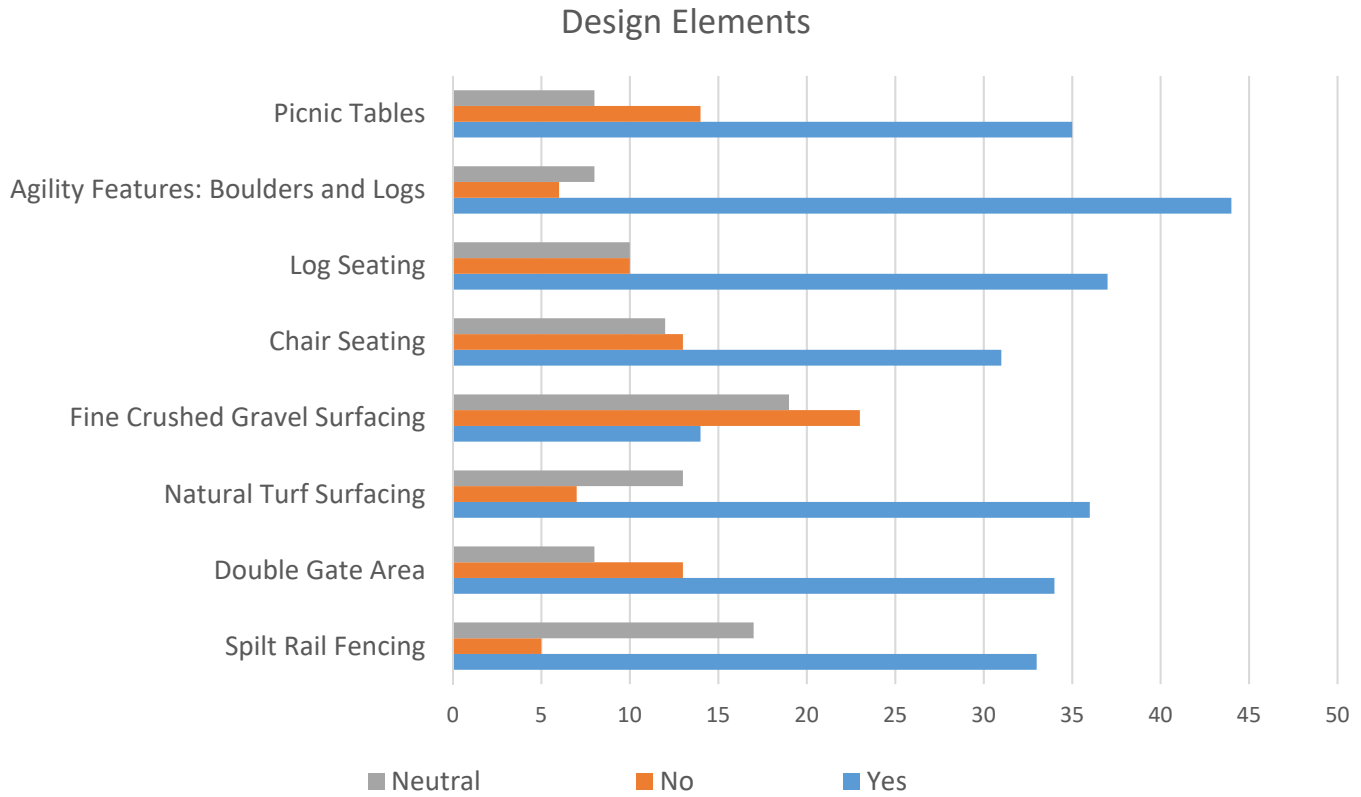
3. Do you have suggestions for improvements to the open space picnic area in the south section of the park?

Leave the area as it is	11
Make it the dog off-leash area	7
Continue the invasive removal and native planting stewardship initiative	5
Not a good area for picnic sites. Too close to road	4

4. Should we provide separate fenced in area(s) for small and large dogs to play?



5. Please tell us what elements you'd like to see included in the off-leash areas:



6. Are there any other features we should include in the design?

Water Fountain and Wash Station to clean off Dogs	12
Ensure proper drainage and surfacing treatment so dog area does not become muddy	5
Tall and secure fencing for off-leash areas	3
Covered/Shade areas	3



7. We plan to continue with our community stewardship plant restoration strategy. Do you have any comments on our planting strategy? Below is a selection of comments we heard. See appendix A for full comments.

“Whatever is going in there should not be toxic to dogs. I don't have an issue personally as my dog would never eat plants, but some people have dogs that would. Make sure there is proper water drainage!”

“Again the picnic area is silly, that is more suited for Bridgeman Park which at least curves away from traffic. I don't agree with these changes at all”

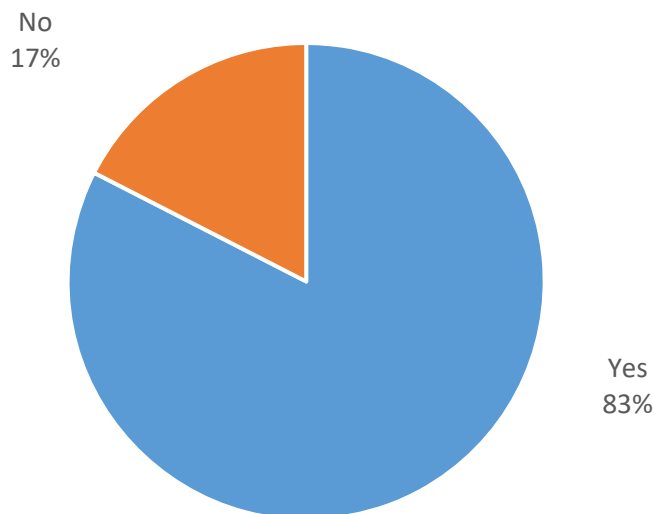
“Don't limb up the trees? Dogs like to hide under them, dig and do doggie things there.”

“I think drainage will be the biggest challenge here, particularly in the area designated for the dog-off-leash areas. I'm not sure what's under the current ground (is there a clay layer?) but it really doesn't drain well.”

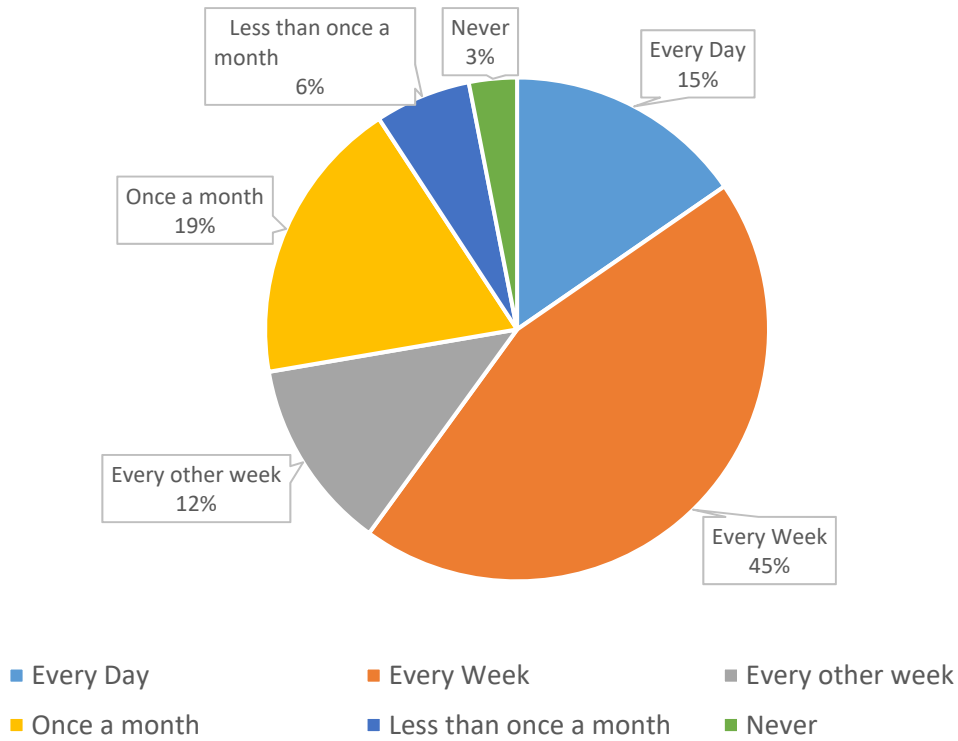
“I approve of the current strategy. I think some extra education on keeping people and pets out of natural areas would be helpful”

“Really like the fencing and plantings done in the past years along Lynn Creek. The vegetation is now regaining its density and much better for the creek riparian zone. I am a dog owner but really was concerned with the negative impact dogs and people with free access were doing along the water ways.”

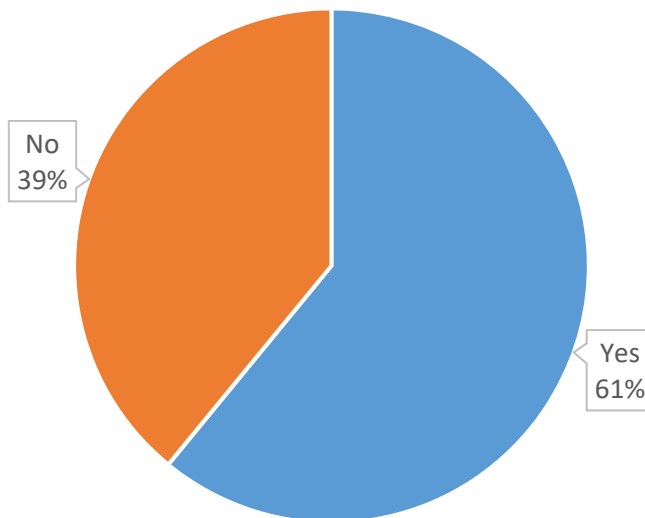
8. Do you own a dog(s)?



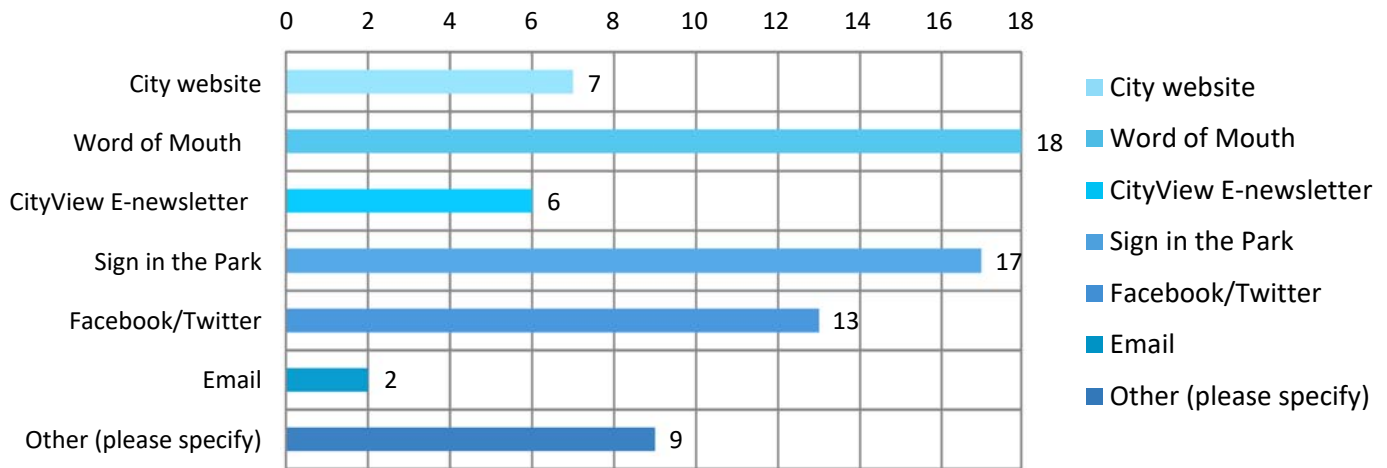
9. How often do you visit Lynnmouth Park?



10. Do you live or work nearby Lynnmouth Park? (within a 15 minute walk)



11. How did you hear about the Open House?



12. Other Comments? Below is a selection of comments we heard. See appendix A for full comments.

“Stop vilifying people with dogs. It’s getting harder and harder to go for a walk with your dog. More rules that will just be broken.”

“Although we don’t have a dog anymore, we do plan on getting another on in the next year or 2. I like to walk outdoors and enjoy watching animals play so often go to areas around dog parks. (Ambleside dog beach for example) this area will be more inviting to visit in the future.”

“I hate the idea of off leash dog pens. It is tone deaf and aggressively ignores who is now using and enjoying this park. It is the lifestyle we have chosen and why we enjoy living here, for many of us walking off leash with our dogs to go for a coffee or whatnot is our recreation and literally the only use of community recreation facilities that we pay for.”

“I truly believe that the multi-use trail can coexist with our 4 legged friends. It is not a place for “Speed Cycling” as that is not only a danger to the dogs but to any other bystanders as well. This trail is a part of many dogs walking routines and it would break my heart to see well behaved dogs be forced into pens to be off-leash.”

Comments we heard at the public open house:

Comments from those who support the off-leash areas stated that separated off-leash areas with the conveniences such as seating, dog waste bins and dog waste bags was favored. Some people we spoke to also expressed approval and acknowledgement of the trail designation and the need for all user groups to feel safe while walking the trail.

At the open house, we spoke with a senior citizen who had an encounter with an off-leash dog that knocked her down, causing a fracture to her arm. Another gentleman commented that his young 4 year old child who is learning how to ride a bike is afraid of dogs because he has been chased on his bike while at Lynnmouth Park. Many expressed approval of the planting strategy on native plants and in particular the proposed pollinator gardens near the improved and better defined park entrances. There was also support that Lynn Creek would be better protected by keeping a majority of the dogs outside the sensitive habitat zone.

However, half the respondents also expressed disapproval of the fenced in areas. Comments noted included concerns about the new on leash status of the park with separate dog off leash areas and that the natural park beauty would be distorted by fencing. Comments also referenced the size of the off leash areas as being too small and concern about the decline of grass and associated drainage concerns. There was also perception that the change removed ability for dog owners to get exercise by walking the trail while allowing their dogs to roam and play.

Appendix A

What do you like about the proposed design?

- NOTHING!
- I really don't like much of anything about this, but at least there is some off-leash access to the water. This is essential to this area. Please don't even think about taking that away.
- I can't see any improvements just restrictions and regulations
- I hate this idea. I don't want an enclosed area - I want to walk my dogs off leash on a trail.
- The size looks good and that there are 2 areas.
- I like the idea of having off leash dog areas. I am very concerned with the sensitive habitat around the Lynn Creek area. Hopefully this will help mitigate some of the damage to the salmon habitat and pollution from dog waste entering the environment
- I dislike that the dogs can't play in the water.
- Nothing
- I like nothing about the design. It looks great as a picture, but it is not functional. It is not very friendly to the public. Who is it designed for? Shoppers at MEC or Save-On Foods? Did the designers think about WHO was going to visit this park? Who will it be? Please explain that.
- Good that there are still trees in the fenced areas, I suppose.
- Having the dogs contained in their own space away from sensitive fish habitats
- Waste receptacles for dog waste, off leash access to the river, would prefer off leash
- Good for people who ate taking their dogs somewhere to play with other dogs.
- I like that the off-leash areas are not directly next to traffic and busy roads, and you can still observe a bit of nature
- Good amount of mixed use space
- Spread out over the area to help reduce congestion and crowding all in one area
- Clean up the area a bit, perhaps a nicer pathway that won't be so muddy when wet. I do like the fenced in areas for dogs, although i wish it would be fenced at 3rd/4th streets instead of two separate areas. Access to Lynn creek still available, but with more limited access :(
- Consideration of the vast majority of the current users needs
- Dog areas
- NO to formalize off leash parks. These trails are fully utilized with people enjoying their families on the trails that includes our dogs enjoying themselves along with the people. This is the reason so many of us choose to live in the area and it is a very integral part of our lives and for many of us this is where we want out recreational tax dollars spent. Walking our dogs off leash is our recreation.
- Off leash areas are fenced in.
- Lots of space for off-leash that's well defined and separated from the trail and picnic area.
- Nothing

- Not good. I understand that because of all the new buildings getting developed the designers want to make it a multi use area. Most people come here to walk their dogs and they will stop coming because they love to walk the trails with their dogs NOT to come to a really small fenced in area.
- It's always nice to work on developing our neighbourhoods however the whole reason I come with my two dogs to this area is because it is such an amazingly beautiful and untouched landscape. It is raw and perfect the way it is. The whole reason why many dog owners choose to live in North Vancouver is for spaces like this where we can enjoy nature without any restrictions.
- Trail connection
- I like that there is still access to the Lynn Creek for dogs to swim and play.
- I like that the dogs can still go to the creek and have fresh water.
- Not much
- I like that the stream bank of Lynn Creek is better protected. I know people will still want to access the creek shore -- and perhaps that is best done around the corner on DNV park property, where the creek bed goes flat and wide.
- I appreciate the upgrade to the trail
- Designated off leash areas, still on leash areas,
- The fenced off-leash areas are great. I'm a fan of having the main spaces leash only, but still having space for the dogs to run free -in a space that doesn't destroy the river bank and natural areas
- I like the fact that it is official off-leash with all conveniences like garbage, benches etc. Dogs are walked there off-leash anyway. So let's do it right
- Fenced off leash area. Attractive split rail fencing and poop bags/receptacles. Great link to Spirit and Bridgeman Park trails.
- Designated off leash areas
- I like the separate off leash dog areas.
- For the most part I like it - I'm however, concerned about the fenced off-leash areas -
- Accessible from the spirit trail, doggy waste receptacles, off leash areas, trail connection
- Not a lot, apart from the muddy conditions on the pathways it is a perfect off leash area, I have been going there for years and have seen no conflicts
- More open space that I assume will be kept clean and free of garbage and debris from local businesses and people that frequent the area and may sleep there overnight.
- It's nice to have dedicated areas for dogs.
- We've been walking our dogs along Lynn Creek for the past 20 years, super happy that there will be fenced-off areas for the dogs to run free. We like that there appears to be lots of trees and vegetation. We also like the number of receptacles and bad dispensers at the access points in and out of the areas.
- Better protects stream side plants and habitat
- 2 off leash dog areas
- Off leash dog areas
- Spirit Trail connection
- Well I guess it exist which is nice but really lip service.
- Maintains access to the creek while protecting vegetation and river bank

- All of it
- Nothing. I think this is a terrible idea. You are going to destroy the dog walking community that walks up and down this path everyday.
- If you spend time on the path, which I question if anyone has from the council, you would recognise that 95% of the people walking on the path are walking dogs who are off leash. This is a community spot and you are destroying the reason why people move to the north shore.
- Picnic areas
- Nothing. This area has been functioning fine for years. Just leave it as it currently is with all areas free for dogs to roam.
- Nothing. This development is not needed and a waste of taxpayers money.
- Dogs able to swim in the creek
- Nothing. Off leash in the area has worked well for decades. LOTS of dog lovers and dogs have gotten along well with the whole community. Cramming dogs into small "permitted" areas will not work.
- Ensures continuing Off Leash areas for dog owners and their dogs.
- Small dog area is a good idea. Not sure what the red star "access to off leash at Lynn Creek means, but if this provides access to a play area at and in the creek I fully support these

What do you not like about the proposed design?

- Everything! You have not taken a lot of things into consideration. You just make a plan with no thought to the people who actually use the park. The people who are there every day. All you want is some yuppie park for all the new people moving into the area.
- The fenced in areas are very tiny. This whole change is very aggravating and upsetting.
- It is currently a good multi-use trail. I walk on it with my kids and sometimes with my dog too. I also use it as a running trail. We ALL enjoy going to the water and have never had any problems with other dogs or trouble sharing the trails
- Its existence
- The dogs should not be leashed and fenced in. They will be muddy
- Please don't cut down more trees. More of the natural areas need to be protected. More native species should be planted while removing invasive species.
- Far too small off leash areas. I prefer it the way it is. There are a lot of trails for people, not enough for dogs.
- There are precious few areas where dogs can run off leash and get a good run in. I have found that closed off leash areas are a breeding ground for disease - kennel cough, etc. the ground gets churned up and it ends up not being a very nice place. The areas you are suggesting to be enclosed are narrow and don't allow the dogs the freedom of playing on the grass and then running into the water. It's too restrictive.
- It is not a usable space. Please tell me who is going to use it.
- It is too small, seems a bit odd to have a fenced-in enclosure in this area, with it being so close to Inter River where people are used to dogs running around off-leash, what is the point of these small

areas? Why not put a fence around the whole area and call it dog-friendly? Seems like a bit of a strange concept you're proposing here.

- Needed but missing:
- Public washrooms
- Water spout for dogs to get water
- Sheltered area for owners to stand in the fenced areas while their dogs run/play
- Tree/shrub roots will likely be eroded by dogs running & digging
- Wasn't clear to me if dogs are still allowed on/off-leash on the walking-running trail. My dog doesn't play with other dogs so these fenced areas are not of interest to me. I want to be able to walk or run on the trails with my dog.
- I can already tell you the off-leash spaces are much too small.
- You might explore these thoughts. I am not a City of North Vancouver resident Rather a city of Vancouver resident. Since Vancouver has provided me with nothing in the way of off-leash space in my neighborhood and no walkable spaces, I find it easier to come to the North Shore to exercise my dogs. With a regular frequency, I see quite a few of my neighbors doing the same thing. You have more than just residents using the park, and as Vancouver denies there is a dog problem and does nothing about it, you will feel the brunt of all the traffic. There is one dog for every two households in Vancouver, and with the density, the city is pushing this number will go up.
- Seems small. Would like to see the most amount of space available used as with the upgrades many dog owners will travel to also use this park.
- Removal of the larger leash-free dog areas and limiting to two fenced areas.
- This park is becoming way too sanitized and no longer has a wild feel...
- Restricting dogs to off-leash areas as most who currently use the area walk their dogs off-leash. Dog walking is the highest participatory activity in North Vancouver but dog walkers are vilified and increasingly being restricted.
- Not enough dog area
- Formalized dog play areas are an insult and are offensive, they are a complete contradiction to the way we enjoy our leisure time.
- Dog access to Lynn Creek
- Add more dog waste receptacles along the trail? Hard to see on the diagram, but are there some located in the on-leash picnic area?
- Why are you changing one of the very few off-leash parks in North Vancouver to an on leash part and only providing a insignificantly small space to off leash dogs?
- Bad idea. Dog people have been coming here for years and years and years. Sure let other people come here for a walk if they wish. There already is a fenced off picnic area for people and children. If your proposed design gets passed you will loose the dogs and the trails could become mud paths for bikes.
- Dogs are not meant to be caged in or separated from the rest. We want our dogs to have the freedom to run and play by the river and through the trails without restriction. Many other dog owners I have spoken to about this will stop coming to the area if we have to use the closed off dog pens. What is the point of that? I visit the area frequently and there is never any trouble with dogs getting in the way of other activity. It is a perfect space for everyone to enjoy and experience the

beautiful landscape of North Vancouver without leashing our animals. If we wanted to do that, we would live downtown (which I used to do and moved to North Vancouver for this very reason!).

- Everything else. The entire corridor has been ruined by all the fencing that has gone in over the last while. It is in no way any kind of an 'improvement' - it merely cuts people off from nature. You can look at it, but don't touch it! Might as well be looking out a window, or at a screen. The loss of access makes me horribly sad.
- The Off-leash dog pens. Many dogs have lived their whole lives walking with their owners along the paths as part of their daily routines. Yes, it is a multi-use trail but over 50% of the usage is by dogs year round. That number significantly goes up during the winter months.
- I don't like the pens for the dogs. I don't want to sit there and watch my dog play I want to be able to go for a walk with my dog, as he smells and plays. In the winter the only people using these trails are people with dogs. In the spring I see lots of families with kids and their dogs walking the trails.
- Dogs like to be in the water and running further distances. This does not allow this. We like
- To be in the water with the dogs
- I don't like the narrow corridor-like path that has fences on both sides. It seems like it will feel closed-in, and I'm concerned it isn't wide enough to eliminate pedestrian and cyclist and dog leash conflicts. Cyclists tend to take up much more space than you think they need, and they steer clear of vertical elements like fences. I'm all for leaving more space for plants and other animals, but the fences in place already make it feel like much less of a "natural" area (the irony being that it's probably much more natural now, on the protected side of the fence).
- I would rather walk with my dog then put them in a fenced in area to play, so I would prefer to keep the off leash path.
- Would be nice to have off leash area with paths instead of just a fenced in pen. However do understand this area has limited space.
- I do not see access to water for the dogs.
- I'm a little concerned about having dogs run in the creek. I fear for the integrity of the bank. But I suppose dogs will always find a way into the creek, so best to control access.
- I wish there was a way to connect the two large off-leash areas instead of having them separate. We love place in Vancouver just west of second Narrows Bridge. The fenced off play area is so large you can through ball with no concerns.
- Restricts free-run for med sized dogs currently in place.
- Far too large a space. No reason to give so much space to off leash dogs to the detriment of people without dogs. Most if not all people will have to drive to the location. Where will they park??
- No small dog area
- My dog is a medium dog -- too many issues with small and large dogs sharing the areas. Small dog owners tend to not always understand large dog behavior mirrors small dog behavior with larger, deeper bark"

- The fenced off leash areas - if they are not large enough, it can cause issues particularly those with owners who do not control their dogs. Why are you removing trees? Trees are needed for shade in the spring, summer and fall
- Nothing really
- Off leash area too confined and separated
- Very tiny off-leas dog areas - we would not take our large dog there.
- Reduces access to the daycare near off leash area A as they currently walk straight through there and will instead need to travel onto the street more."
- I'm not quite sure if the size of those areas going to be enough for the many dogs that go to the park everyday. Especially how narrow they are.
- It doesn't look like there are any benches or areas to sit.
- Spirit Trail design - would like to have separate paths for cyclists and walkers (with dogs) . I bike and I walk my dog, the two don't mix well. Nor do seniors or young kids appreciate bikes coming through. Either bikes or walkers end up ruling the path, making it unsuitable/uncomfortable for other users.
- The Spirit Trail should be separated here. There should be one trail for people walking and another one for people biking. It's an important route for cycling and very popular for dog-walking. For the safety of everyone concerned there should be separation.
- I am getting tired of the removal of nature and the creation of manicured - managed spaced. Why all the tree removal?
- Not sure gravel is the best choice for dog park surface. I've seen wood chips/course sawdust work well.
- Everything. This should not be happening!!! This is a dog walking area that everyone loves. Those that use it are dog walker and everyone I have spoken to who has walked up and down the path hates the idea. I hope the community meeting documented the negative reaction to everyone coming in because the feeling of everyone in the room was absolute anger at this change being made.
- There are very few bikers on this trail and to be making this change for them is just bonkers.
- Has anyone done a survey of who uses the path? You would find that 95% of those are people who are part of the long established North Vancouver community will be negatively effected. You will affectively be destroying a community.
- Dogs need a place to run. They don't get enough exercise in the Dog-pens especially for large dogs and this is what makes dogs aggressive.
- I live on the North Shore so that I can run my dog along the river. I will move away if this is no longer an option. You are destroying the reason I live in this community.
- Restricting dog off leash area to fenced areas.
- The fact that the dogs are only given a specific area. It has never been an issue to have the few dogs that are there without a leash.
- I walk my dog every day on this trail off leash. There is a strong north van community of people who walk theirs dogs, and walk without dogs on this trail and everyone is happy. Going ahead and fencing off dogs will destroy a perfectly happy community. If this project goes ahead I will not intend to use this trail no longer and go somewhere else. I also use a lot of local businesses in the area when walking my dog such as MEC, Starbucks, JJ Beans and local restaurants. I will take my money

elsewhere and I'm sure local businesses will have an impact on this too. Also, this will encourage me to drive to MEC instead of walk, so going green is no longer an option for me.

- Rail fence is no practical if a dog has a ball, it always goes under, and the bottom of the fence need something to prevent that.
- 2 small areas for dogs, rejig the fence to connect it into 1 huge area, people can walk around to get to the path, and they did come to walk, what's a few more steps.
- Taking away a major area of dog freedom for the whole of the eastern end of the north shore. Anyone with a dog, particularly a larger dog, knows that you need a large area for exercise. This plan doesn't provide this.
- Area 1 behind MEC will have picnic sites, yet the drawing indicates that this is an on leash area. I support on leash in this area, but if there are picnic sites, I am concerned that dogs (even on leash) will not be permitted. This would drastically reduce the dog permitted areas when compared with existing dog permitted areas. I oppose any reduction in dog permitted areas.
- Fenced in off-leash areas
- It's organized - merges all groups but separates at the same time. Everyone gets to use the space. It's beautiful - natural accents, seating. Dog owners are social!
- Nothing. It sucks!
- Lots of space still for those of us without dogs. Spirit Trail - it's a great connector when biking with kids.
- The location - size & different ground coverages i.e. grass, gravel & wood chips. Great variety for the dogs and all will clean well with the rain!

Do you have any suggestions for improvements to the open space area in the south section of the park?

- This is the area where my dog usually runs free and plays ball, goes for a swim. I want it to stay that way.
- Dog poop bags and garbage cans should be also situated by the off-leash water areas.
- There should be a source of water for the dogs somewhere close to the cul-de-sac area. Dogs will be thirsty in the summer and in the rainy season they will be filthy from the muddy and poop filled fenced in area. I would highly recommend a frost-free water spout. Please consider a sturdy hose and pipe fittings. When the dog park by the Auto mall was built they put crappy parts on it and the wire braided hose that is currently attached is literally what my husband personally paid for and put on because the original one kept breaking."
- Just leave it as it is. Spend the money preserving the forest, planting trees, reducing the impact of all the construction in the area. Protect our wildlife and reduce the construction of yet more over priced townhouses.
- Don't build it.
- Do an invasive species pull with opportunities for the public to volunteer and help, and replant with native species. Please do not cut down the existing trees. There are some amazing old cottonwoods and maples in there. Also, I don't think would help the salmon as these trees provide shade for the creek to help from raising their temperatures too much for the salmon.

- I really think you are overestimating the demand for picnic tables etc. here, so close to the bridge for Main/Cotton Street. It's a busy, noisy street. Gross.
- Sure. Keep it an off leash area.
- There are 3 parking spaces for a very large area. Where are the people coming from that are going to use this space. Seems very dysfunctional to me. Did the designers do any polls or statistics of people who use this area? If so.. Where is the data... who uses it? Do they picnic there? If so... how do they get there? What data did they use to design this space? Please let us know.
- I have been here and haven't spent much time. More of a thru-fare rather than a picnic area. It's in a pretty crappy area that I wouldn't want to spend time in - especially with the road noise and being behind major buildings (MEC).
- Making sure that the picnic areas have an extra loop / hitch area where owners can easily tie their dogs to picnic tables.
- Helping to ensure dogs are not loose or running around uncontrolled.
- Few will actually picnic here. Way too shady and would be better served as a fenced dog area
- Remove the on-leash restriction.
- Make it the dog area
- It is fine but no dog pens, they are gross.
- Natural kid play spaces. Not a playground, structures to run an play on.
- Add dog waste receptacles if on-leash dogs are permitted there.
- Change to off leash area
- Maybe expand area #1 instead for picnic tables and keep the rest the same!
- Get rid of all the split rail fencing, and then leave it alone!!!
- I don't see a reason that well behaved dogs need to be on leash. It can be suggested but not enforced at the owner's discretion. Also there should be dog waste bins at the entrance/exit area along the trail.
- It is a cute area - unfortunately MEC has made it very difficult to park in the area. More control on the street parking would be nice.
- I'd like to see an interpretive sign or sculpture, with information included on the local history of Lynn Creek -- I think its Tseil-Waututh name is Kanulcha and the estuary of Lynn Creek is Cough-il-cha. If the Tseil-Waututh are agreeable, I'd like to see those names brought back to wider community knowledge.
- Lots of benches and places to sit as well as well labeled recycling, garbage, and dog poop disposal areas
- The Main St is busy traffic. Please put a fence all the way separating park from road. That's for everyone's safety. Also, there will nobody be sitting there picnicking. The recycle collection is right there. I would never tell my family "let's go have picnic behind recycling". Just add this to off-leash area right away. Fence it all off. Don't make too complicated. I can promise most people let their dogs jump out of the car without a leash and this is how it will be.
- Picnic shelter, like Lynn Canyon Park. Children's adventure play park with swings, etc.
- Suggest it become more of a picnic area as suggested
- Concerned about the removal of trees
- Good

- Need two dog and trash receptacles in this area but far enough away from tables as they smell in summer.
- Ensure that it discourages people from sleeping/living there.
- Yes, please try to address the issue with the homeless people in that area. Many times we've walk through that section and there are homeless people selling drugs, etc. and they usually trash the area too. Otherwise, I'd like to keep it as a picnic area.
- Are there any benches or seating?
- Plant more trees
- Natural play area for kids
- Bike racks
- There needs to be a footpath built here under the Main Street Bridge at Lynn Creek to provide a nice, mostly off-street connection to Harborview Park. Currently if you want to continue south from here to Harborview you have to do a ridiculous 3 street crossing with lengthy waits at every light to get to the sidewalk on the south side of the bridge. A footpath under the bridge would take you directly to the south side of the bridge. Not only much more pleasant, but a great deal faster and more direct.
- More natural - less manicured and larger.
- Would little barbecue sites be possible here? Could the picnic tables have attached grills for barbecuing in the nicer weather? It gets very little direct sunshine in places, and hopefully removing the proposed trees will make it more inviting.
- Don't make the change. This is stupid.
- Allow dogs off leash.
- Leave it as is.
- Picnic sites are great! Just keep it at that!
- Make that a longer dog area for dogs & balls.
- Expecting people to use "picnic sites" in this area is ridiculous. Families will not picnic within earshot of such major activity especially roadway. Dog walkers will use it, however. Stop trying to "look" like you are accommodating everyone when in fact the area becomes unusable by anyone.
- As indicated earlier I support the picnic sites ONLY if dogs are permitted in this area.
- Covered areas are nice in our climate, but I understand the reluctance to install them in parks
- Can it be larger?
- Same picnic tables in the off-leash area. It would be fun to sit & have tea & lunch on a nice day with the dog's right with us!
- I don't think the "Spirit Trail" needs to be paved. This north-south corridor is not a major cyclist arterial and being shared with so many pedestrians, the gravel path keeps speeds in check, and helps to avoid cyclist/dog conflict.
- Hopefully these designated off-leash areas are large enough.
- Reduction of off-leash areas which will become mud holes like the automall.
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- Nothing - just please consider seniors with walkers being able to use it as well. I'm super excited about having something great like this so close to us!

Should we provide separate fenced in area(s) for small and large dogs to play?

- I don't approve of fenced areas at all, example the Auto Mall, horrible. Big mud pit with many dog fights cause the area is too small.
- Please keep it off leash. Why are these changes being made? We've been walking our dogs here for a long time, allowing them to play in the water on a hot day. Why are we being penalized?
- Can you make this a user experience? We have a beautiful setting right beside a stream. Places and paths to walk, not just stand around idly looking at phones, agility and play structures for the dogs, places for shade and water. Not just a fenced-in area where you go to play tip toe through the stools.
- I'm fine either way... although with the new waterfront park dog area, my larger dog has often played with smaller dogs in the all dogs zone... but I can see that it would be helpful to have a small dog specific area for those that want it.
- No dog pens. Keep as it is with well behaved dogs allowed to live and play among and go for joyous walks with the rest of their family.
- Maybe. I expect there are some dogs that don't do well with either large or small dogs. If owners are responsible enough to monitor, maybe a sectioned area for dogs that aren't as well socialized. Younger pups?
- Do not change one of the few off leash parks in North Vancouver to a on-leash area with tiny, fenced off leashed areas
- Dog pens should be eliminated from the design. They are costly to construct and maintain.
- I prefer no fenced area, but if fenced then an area for small dogs would be nice for some owners. Also if fenced then some obstacles for the dogs would be nice. Some parks in the US have obstacle courses for the dogs so they aren't just sitting there.
- No opinion. Just please ensure none of your surfaces are sharp gravel for either size of dog -- I don't have a dog, but I really don't like seeing dogs injure their paws or avoid paths because the gravel is too sharp. I really empathize with them.
- I think separation can be good for the smaller more timid dogs, however there are lots of very playful smaller dogs that love playing with big dogs.
- The real questions are the costing issues. It seems we are bending over backwards to this pet dog community with absolutely NO MENTION of who is paying for all of this. If you set aside specific fenced off leash areas of parkland, you are effectively taking it away from all non dog owners while at the same time incurring additional direct dog related costs to it's specific maintenance. AND WHAT ARE THOSE COSTS AND WHY ARE THEY NOT DIRECTLY RECOVERED FROM THIS PET DOG COMMUNITY THROUGH APPROPRIATE LICENSING FEES AND ENFORCEMENT
- Theoretically it may make sense to separate large and small dogs, but practically speaking I would expect a lot of arguments about what constitutes a big or a small dog. I would prefer clear signage about allowed and expected dog behaviour in off-leash areas.

- Not sure how to define small dog. I have a 50 pound 10 year old dog who is not boisterous. She would probably not be permitted in the small dog area, but she would not like the other area. Are there enough small dogs to warrant a separate area?
- Possibly! While I think a real mix of dogs is nice (and I own a large dog) I think some small dog owners might enjoy an area for them (some small dogs are afraid of large dogs & as a result can be aggressive towards them).

Are there other features we should include in the design?

- Yes, if you are going to go thru with this idea, you'd better make the fences 8 feet tall cause a lot of dogs can jump quite high. And then they'd be on the outside with no leash, heaven forbid. And what, there'll be a by law enforcer waiting to ticket all the owners??
- Please see above note about a water spout/hose for dogs
- A gravel or paved trail running through each of the fenced-in areas is essential. This will allow people to avoid stepping in mud/poop, and will allow families to bring their kids in strollers through those fenced-in areas (as well as people with mobility issues who need a flatter surface)."
- Water access for swimming dogs
- Please keep it an off leash area.
- It would be better if it was bigger - I think you have a bit of a strange idea here. It's not a welcoming area, it's a path behind a commercial area... Just like that odd fenced in area up the trail closer to the highway, nobody uses that area when I walk by.
- See previous comments; shelter to sit/stand under in fenced dog area, water spout for dogs/drinking station, public washrooms, lighting for safety
- Water area for dogs to drink or cool off in
- Water source both for drinking and playing
- Shade
- Play structures for the dogs to hide in, under and around and do chase
- The ability to do some agility training with your dog
- A park steward so we know everyone will be kindly reminded to pick their poop
- Lots of drainage so its not a mud pit in winter"
- Water stations
- Plenty of trash / recycling bins
- Sign about dog body language
- Shade spaces
- Good drainage and lighting of the area to help safe year-round use
- Make sure there is proper drainage... when things get too soggy, everything gets destroyed and becomes a mess
- Get rid of the gates and allow off-leash walking for the whole space
- No dog pens.
- No fenced dog areas
- Allow dogs to be off leash.

- Leave it natural, quite ruining everything with fencing that cuts people off from the nature around us.
- Potty bag dispensers and dog waste disposal along the trail at the entrance/exit of the access to Lynn Creek.
- Water, obstacle course for dogs, artificial turf.
- Dog fountain/tap/bowl station for hot days.
- Dog lower-limb-area-wash station (especially if the off-leash areas are going to end up being muddy).
- I appreciate that some dog owners are still going to take their dogs down to Lynn Creek, but if we can give them an optional water source (for drinking especially) it might lessen the overall number of trips of people and dogs going down the embankment.
- Rather than fine gravel, could sand be part of an off-leash area? I know some of the dogs will literally 'dig' it, but where else can they dig? (I like to ask myself what would the dogs will prefer-- and I think whatever that is will make their owners also happiest.)"
- Off leash areas to WALK your dog, not just to put them in to play.
- Water stations for the dogs.
- It's important to me to keep dogs on leash in any area where we might eat. My kids are young, and nobody can really control a hungry dog. It may be nice to have a no dogs at all picnic area.
- Just simple benches by the fence. Nothing in the middle. If dog wants logs can go hiking. Seymour more is right there. People come to that park for actual walk. Throwing a ball is a bonus. Also, sounds to me there will not be any access to river. If not, could be couple places with water fountains and dish for dogs be available for hot days?
- One area for all dogs.
- As you can appreciate, you have gone from 2 off leash areas to now 6 within a one year period, yet NO mention as to what it is costing and WHY this DOG community is not specifically paying for these enhancements. By your own parks statistics less than 20% of the dogs in the city are even licenced. And what is that licence fee, \$30.00. It should be double.
- So take a look at the amenities the city is considering for these off leash areas.
- And for years I have been asking for picnic tables in Waterfront Park south, but to no avail. And have you ever looked at that nice children's playground in that park. NOT ONE CHAIR.
- But then again the children using this playground are not dog owners. Ever look at the amount of chairs and picnic tables in the Harbour side off leash Dog Park. And not one picnic table or chair in Waterfront park South other than the donated benches along the outside. "
- Sanitary wipes as people will stand or let their dogs stand on picnic tables - I know this is an expense, but no one wants to eat where dogs have been standing
- Looks great
- Apart from more gravel - leave it alone and save the money
- More doggie bag dispensers
- Water fountain for people and dogs
- More space
- Fencing should be designed to keep balls and dog toys from being able to roll out
- Of the off lease area.
- Water source for the dogs.

- Is it possible to combine both off leash zones into one larger off leash area? Can access from 4th simply require people to walk north or south around off-leash fenced area if they want to access the trail? Or for those that want to, they could short cut through the off-leash area to access the trail."
- Space for people walking running and biking. This seems all about the dogs. I love dogs but would b great to be super pedestrian friendly!
- This is a stupid survey. You are saying that you are moving forward with this plan whether people like it or not. Not whether they want the dog-pens in the first place!
- You make data say what ever you want it to say. This survey isn't asking the right questions. The community doesn't want this but the biased questions will suggest that it does. "
- Garbage bins.
- Water dish for dogs.
- Whatever the surface, it should be comfortable for paws. Dogs prefer woodland pathways. I don't see any boardwalk areas in this design, but the boardwalks recently installed on the trails between Bridgeman park and Lynn canyon area are unsafe for dogs (on or off lease) due to the wide spacing between the boards which pose a hazard for canine legs.
- Also - we must continue to support off leash walkways for dog owners, such as Upper Mosquito creek and Bridgeman Park. Walking the family dog is the exercise of choice for many people, and allows then to stay socially engaged through their life. Fenced in areas allow for dog play and exercise for dogs, but don't meet all needs of dog owners
- Drainage - Turf in dog pens will take a beating. It has the opportunity to become a mud pit.
- Leave all areas off-leash but under control.
- Off-leash areas at creek?
- The more you include in the design, the more enjoyable and useable it is for everyone. My handicapped mom uses a walker but her small dog would love to play there but my mom needs a paved path leading to at least 1 table for her to sit at. It would be such an enjoyable outing for seniors. Another thought is a covered area with a few seats/benches so people can get out of the rain but the dogs can still play & we can watch them. Dogs don't care about rain but it's not great to stand in for a half hour!

We plan to continue with our Community Stewardship Plant Restoration Strategy. Do you have any comments?

- I hate it, yes, hate!! Has this been thought up by the same people who drafted the Cloverley calming plan??? Look how well that turned out. Or perhaps the person who set up the lights at Keith and

Brooksbank. I can't even drive that way anymore due to the stupidity of it all. I don't call this progress at all, I call it not fair.

- Whatever is going in there should not be toxic to dogs. I don't have an issue personally as my dog would never eat plants, but some people have dogs that would.
- Make sure there is proper water drainage!
- Again the picnic area is silly, that is more suited for Bridgeman park which at least curves away from traffic. I don't agree with these changes at all
- I would suggest blocking off the restoration areas with fences, like on the Lynn Terminal trail
- You haven't done your homework. You have no statistics to back up your design. You are using a "theory" of who will use the site, rather than statistics of who does in fact use the site.
- Support using native plants and pollinators
- I love it.
- Great idea. Fully support for improving green spaces within the city.
- Don't limb up the trees? Dogs like to hide under them, dig and do doggie things there.
- Awesome. Native plants will attract and help native pollinators
- No dog pens
- Makes sense to me.
- Now that the fencing is up the dogs are not damaging any of the ecosystem?
- Don't limb the trees.
- Not my area of expertise.
- I think drainage will be the biggest challenge here, particularly in the area designated for the dog-off-leash areas. I'm not sure what's under the current ground (is there a clay layer?) but it really doesn't drain well.
- Avoid planting anything that will attract crows.
- I approve of the current strategy. I think some extra education on keeping people and pets out of natural areas would be helpful
- Looks good. Native species
- Don't trim trees too much. Try to keep as greener as possible.
- Looks great
- Really like the fencing and plantings done in the past years along Lynn Creek. The vegetation is now regaining its density and much better for the creek riparian zone. I am a dog owner but really was concerned with the negative impact dogs and people with free access were doing along the water ways.
- Plant more trees to Buffer Park from commercial area to reduce sight of ugly buildings and cars, noise, air pollution
- Plantings at creekside should be optimized to provide shade and shelter for fish and other aquatic life.
- I am horrified at the loss of nature and this idea that the greening oh the north shore involves cement, cutting down trees, fences and tiny little areas for dos off leash.
- Vegetation natural to the area is best.

- Looks good. I often observe invasive plants and chafer beetle damage in many areas. It would be useful to have some sort of reporting system?
- Plants are good. I would suggest not planting too densely as it's difficult to remove garbage when things are overgrown.
- Plant in fall so it gets enough rain to get a chance to survive. Too much attrition due to drought from spring planting.
- Just hardy plants - practical, nice looking greenery - bushes for the male dogs to go pee on!!

Other comments:

- I go to that park every week day with my dog. I see elderly people who can barely walk, who have large dogs. They would never be able to have their dog on leash or walk far to get into a fenced area. That's the reason they go there, because their dog can get exercise while they sit, they can park close by. Where will they go now? Ever think of that??? Also I see you are cutting down another how many trees? Looks like a lot although you did try to cover it up in the fenced areas, I can't really see how many you'll kill this time. A lot of people are very upset with these plans and you are ruining the beauty of our creek and our enjoyment. Why don't you use some of all the money you're spending to fix the roads that need attention so badly? Beyond pissed off!!
- Although there is zero input as to the areas dogs can and can't go, I hope the feedback people provide on these forms will be taken seriously. It honestly feels like this is just a formality and none of our comments will even be listened to.
- I support the conservation of the area but we don't need fences and more rules. This area is being built on at every turn and we don't need fancy, overpriced seating and 'agility logs' we need less construction.
- This makes me very sad. My dogs don't care to play with other dogs. They enjoy walking off leash on trails.
- I know this isn't related directly to the park but they are a neighbour. There is a lot of Styrofoam and soft plastic that blows away from the Recycling facility. I pick up whatever I see on the trail but a lot of it is blowing over the split rail fence and into the river. They need to have a better containment system. Can you also have them regularly clean up the garbage and debris along 3rd street.
- Dog wash area. And clean up the homeless poop in area so our dogs don't eat it
- Back to the drawing board!
- I think dogs get a raw deal. As I said earlier, there are precious few areas where the dogs can run and play without being restricted. They need their exercise and they can't get the same form of exercise on leash. The off leash areas are too small and narrow for the dogs to really be able to bound and play. The dog owners need to take accountability for their dogs. If s dog is aggressive, then that dog needs to be on leash. But the majority of dogs just want to play. Please give them that opportunity. Or, if you remove one off leash area, please provide another.
- I agree that the area is becoming more residential with the sudden increase in apartment buildings in the Seyllynn area, but I don't think this is going to be utilized very often. It seems a bit strange to have a dog fenced-in area when there's Inter river park just up the way. I really have no motivation to visit this area. However, I guess it's nice for people living nearby (in the commercial area??) to take their dogs when they want to be contained to a small portion of land.

- I do agree that having dogs running around near the road is hazardous, so I would recommend extending the off-leash area to the entire path area, and then make the picnic areas fenced in."
- I love dogs but I support the city for keeping them out of the stream and in a contained area- great initiative!
- It is a shame and confusing that there are currently very few off leash areas for dogs in the city of North Van. With regards to this project, it is disappointing that the dog areas need to be a fenced but it's better than nothing. I appreciate that there are off leash areas for access to the river and by the water. We don't create fenced areas for racoons and other animals...not sure why dogs can't be given more freedom, especially in the presence of an owner or handler.
- It is common for dogs to have to be out daily, rain or shine - I would argue that there are likely more residents out with their dogs in the community than cyclists yet the infrastructure to support dogs is not comparable.
- It would be nice to see a trail space or 'dog lane' for dogs to enjoy the path. We pay a fee for the dog tags/to register our dogs annually. I don't think cyclists pay any registration fees yet the area awarded lots of accommodations, especially in forested areas/trails which would be better used for off leash dogs.
- Thank you for seeking input and thinking about how to support our pups.
- Stop vilifying people with dogs. It's getting harder and harder to go for a walk with your dog. More rules that will just be broken.
- I hate the idea of off leash dog pens. It is tone deaf and aggressively ignores who is now using and enjoying this park. It is the lifestyle we have chosen and why we enjoy living here, for many of us walking off leash with our dogs to go for a coffee or whatnot is our recreation and literally the only use of community recreation facilities that we pay for.
- Although we don't have a dog anymore, we do plan on getting another on in the next year or 2. I like to walk outdoors and enjoy watching animals play so often go to areas around dog parks. (Ambleside dog beach for example) this area will be more inviting to visit in the future.
- I am supportive of developing the space to make it more enjoyable and modern but please do not cage in our animals! Let us enjoy the beauty of this area without restriction.
- I used to love walking through this area on an almost daily basis with my dog, although now that I no longer have a dog I'm not there as often. Now, it makes me want to cry when I look at all the fencing. What made this area special has been destroyed.
- I truly believe that the multi-use trail can coexist with our 4 legged friends. It is not a place for "Speed Cycling" as that is not only a danger to the dogs but to any other bystanders as well. This trail is a part of many dogs walking routines and it would break my heart to see well behaved dogs be forced into pens to be off-leash.
- City does not have many off leash parks, this is one of the few that I see families enjoying in the summer with the kids and dogs running around free.
- I occasionally commute through here on foot, and more often walk through to get to Park and Tilford and MEC for shopping. I also clean up garbage and shopping carts that get left in this stretch or thrown in the creek. Any garbage/dumping management that can be thought of and integrated into the design will be appreciated -- even a sign with instructions on 'who to call' to report illegal

dumping would help (so that it's not always falling to me to do it). Thank you for taking in public input!

- Thank you for this project. It is long overdue and will be greatly appreciated by all.
- I have seen a lot of erosion over the last few decades. Much due to dogs digging in natural areas and running down steep banks to the creek (more pronounced in inter River Park). Could we have more education for dog owners in protecting the natural areas and using dedicated access points only? Or perhaps making leash use mandatory near natural areas?
- Would you consider simple off leash area in Parkgate Park just behind the soccer field fence on east site. It is good size completely unused area. We, in the neighborhood, only need a fence and sign. Nothing fancy. This way dogs can play without running to playground, that area will have better use and parents who bring dogs to their kid's games can let their pet run around instead of sitting by the foot. Thank you!
- I think I have said enough. But in closing there needs to be more by law enforcement and information gathering with respect to why we have less that 20% of our dogs licenced and again no accountability of what the specific pet dog ownership costs are and why no direct recovery from these dog owners.
- The 2 off-leash dog spaces are a great idea and please separate big dogs from little dogs! This is very important for the safety of little dogs. Thank-you. PS I've never been to Lynnmouth Park but I certainly will be a regular if you build 2 off-leash dog parks!
- I stop and walk my dog every morning in this park on my way to work in Burnaby. It is usually quiet there at 7 am but if I stop on my way home it is busy with dogs, people and bikes.
- I like the improvements to date and realize the safety issues with off leash dogs. The bikes come down fast and some dogs are running in front of them. I don't use off leash confined areas with my dog, he doesn't like the crowds as he is older. I don't want to have him on a leash so I would have to find an alternate area to walk him if it was to be made into an on leash only park.
- Even as a dog owner I understand the need to change how Lynnmouth is used. As much as I enjoy being able to have my dog off leash, the effects of too many dogs, and perhaps irresponsible people and dogs is clear. I think the proposed design is heading in the right direction but separating the off leash areas into two separate spaces seems like the wrong move. One long off-leash area would hold significantly more value for the dogs than the current 2 zone plan.
- This is such a stupid idea. DON'T DO IT!
- We chose to live in North Vancouver because of the wonderful places we could walk our dog off leash. Please keep this space open for off leash use.
- I don't support any plan to restrict dogs off leash.
- Really disappointed in this plan. It's a complete waste of time and tax payers' money which could be focused on things that are more urgently needed such as bus shelters, better public transport, pot-hole improvements on roads etc.
- I assume the person/team responsible for this project does not even live in the area, know the local residents and does not own a dog. This just shows research into the local community has never been thought of as this is a project no one wants to happen.

- The north shore is a place of peace, nature and the outdoors. This how it has been for years and years and we do not want it turned into a metropolitan area. The more city-like you make it, the more you will lose people who care for the outdoors and more city-type people will arrive and destroy natural elements of what is better known as beautiful North Vancouver.
- Listen to your community for once and make us proud that you actually listen and care!!"
- Use the same concept as Mosquito Creek trail. Fences on the outer sides to protect the habitat. Then keep using the Spirit Trail concept to divide the users (cyclists & other). The existing usage path should be separated with a fence. The side closer to the creek is dogs on or off leash, & walkers. Then the side closer to Brooksbank Avenue is for cyclists.
 - 1) This would be 1 long fence from under Main Street Bridge to Keith Road/ under the new bridge area, just past Bridgeman.
- You have achieved your goals about habitat, cyclists keeping on the spirit trail & kept dogs owners happy (still have option of dog on or off leash). Plus you won't have to deal with mud pit for dog areas. People can continue their walk to Bridgman, go under bridge & use the huge space for dogs to run free or chase the ball.
- 2) Registering to fill out the surveys is limiting your feedback. Most people see the word register & don't want to take the time, too much work. I understand why the City does that, but I'm sure there is another way to get survey feedback without registering, maybe adding your address in the survey or valid email address.
- 3) Please review the feedback you have received on the pilot dog leash area in Lower Lonsdale on Esplanade. Some of that feedback, or emails to bylaw, complaints. Use that to help make the area you are trying to improve & decrease potential complaints as many ideas are similar (double gate, rail fence, and signage).
- Keep your hands off of the ability of dogs to have some freedom.
- As noted above we must continue to support off leash walkways for dog owners, such as Upper Mosquito creek and Bridgeman Park. Walking the dog is the exercise of choice for many people, and allows them to stay socially engaged through their life. Fenced in areas allow for dog play and exercise for dogs, but don't meet all needs of dog owners.
- Also please note that the boardwalks recently installed on the trails between Bridgeman park and Lynn canyon area are unsafe for dogs (on or off lease) due to the wide spacing between the boards which pose a hazard for canine legs.
- Thanks for inviting input!
- These little tiny off-leash areas are inappropriate.
- Don't forget about us dog-less humans!
- Calling in to the City of North Van to specifically ask about dog parks and if there was anything near us.

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