



July 5, 2022

Re: Consultation for a Dog Park at Lakeview Park, Amherstview

Dear Resident & Registered Dog Owner,

Loyalist Township is inviting residents to provide feedback on a planned dog park pilot project in Amherstview at Lakeview Park.

During the development of the 2017 Recreation Master Plan, consultations with residents identified the demand for a dog park within the Township. Currently, there are no designated dog parks or off-leash areas in Loyalist. Off-leash areas provide safe spaces for owners to exercise and socialize their dogs. Recognizing these benefits, funding was included in the capital budget for a pilot project. After reviewing multiple locations, Lakeview Park (4565 Bath Road) was chosen for the pilot because of the following considerations:

- Highly visible from the arterial roadway (Bath Road/Hwy 33)
- Adequate parking and easy access for those driving from all areas of the Township, no additional vehicle traffic through a residential area
- Community links via walkways and trails
- Existing green space that is large enough to accommodate the needed space for a dog park
- Minimal impact on residential properties (i.e., barking, noise complaints, additional vehicle traffic, etc.)
- Existing amenities include parking, playground, basketball
- Limited shade, structure to provide some shade to be added within the dog park area

Public input is a critical component of our planning and design process. Loyalist Township will be hosting an informal drop-in information session for the community to learn more about the project and comment on the draft design concepts. The information session will be held on-site at the parking lot of **Lakeview Park, Amherstview** (4565 Bath Road), **on Thursday, July 14, 2022, from 5 pm – 7 pm**. The backup location in the event of inclement weather is the Amherstview Community Hall, located at 177 Upper Park Road, in Amherstview. Township staff will be available to answer questions, receive comments and discuss the next steps. Barring any unforeseen issues, construction is expected to commence in the fall of 2022.

Lastly, Loyalist Township has created a web page to provide updates regarding this project. Please visit <https://www.loyalist.ca/projects> and click the link for information on Amherstview Dog Park. I look forward to hearing your feedback and continuing to improve this ongoing project with your support. If you are unable to attend the information session, please contact myself at the phone number or e-mail below to discuss any other questions or concerns.

Yours truly,

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