

To: Chairman Garvin and Honorable Members of the Town Council

From: Mark Russell, Chair  
Fort Williams Park Committee (FWPC)

Date: October 3, 2017

Re: FWPC Recommendation to Change Existing Delineation of Off-Leash Area in FWP

Over the past two meetings, the FWPC has had discussions regarding the area that is currently designated for dogs to be “off-leash” in the Park. This discussion was necessitated in part by the concern about dogs on the Multi-Purpose Athletic Field, dog-walking activity in general throughout the Park and the current ordinance language. Members of the dog-walking community have attended our meetings and have offered their opinions as we have deliberated the issues.

At our meeting on Thursday, September 21, 2017, the Committee approved a motion to have the Town Council consider the following recommendation:

**That (1) dogs be restricted from the Multi-Purpose Field from April 15<sup>th</sup> to June 15<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>, (2) that the off-leash area be extended to include a portion of the “The Green” to a line from the southerly end of Battery Blair extending easterly to the Cliff Walk and (3) the ordinance language be reviewed and conform to the “Off-Leash” area map upon consideration of this proposal. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.**

On behalf of the entire Committee, we would respectfully request that this recommendation be considered at a future meeting, which we assume would result initially in a referral to the Town Council Ordinance Committee.