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To: Chairperson Grennon and Members of the Town Council Ordinance Committee

From: Robert C. Malley, Director of Public Works 

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Re: Proposed Amendments to Chapter 7 (Dogs) Ordinance – Amended Memo

In the process of creating a revised map of the Unleashed Dog Area, it became apparent that the proposed description needed to be revised. A new paragraph (b) has been added at the end of this memo.

The Fort Williams Park Committee made the following recommendation at their meeting on September 21, 2017:

That (1) dogs be restricted from the Multi-Purpose Field from April 15th to June 15th and August 15th to October 15th, (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.

Following the Committee’s request at the October 19th meeting, I have drafted changes to Chapter 7, Sec. 7-1-7 for consideration by the Ordinance Committee at your next scheduled meeting on Friday, October 27, 2017. Proposed format and/or text changes are underlined and highlighted in yellow. Strikethroughs identify any proposed deletions of text.

Sec. 7-1-7 Dogs to be Restrained on Municipal Property.

(a) Any dog within the boundaries of a groomed and/or regularly maintained municipal property including, but not limited to, Fort Williams Park, public roads, municipal sidewalks and athletic fields, will be walked on a leash or tether at all times. The person accompanying the dog in these situations is required to collect any feces dropped by the animal and dispose of same in an area where it will not likely be encountered by any persons. The Cape Elizabeth Poor

Farm, Lions' Field excluding the Little League field, and a 20+ acre portion of Fort Williams Park Southerly of Humphreys Road (as defined in paragraph (b) (the road fronting the Parks Maintenance Building) and extending along a line to the rear of the long garages at the rear of Officers Row buildings, (but excluding the fields immediately south of Portland Head Light and in front of Battery Blair) are not considered to be groomed and/or regularly maintained for purposes of this ordinance.

~~(b) The Unleashed Dog Area in Fort Williams Park is defined as an area abutting the Southerly edge of the Central Parking Lot and extending along the Southerly side of the Heavy Equipment Storage Building, extending Westerly directly behind the long garages at the rear of the Officers Row buildings to Harrison Road; continuing along (and including) Merriman Road including "The Green" to the Southerly end of Battery Blair and then extending Easterly to the Cliff Walk and then southerly to the boundary with Delano Park (encompassing the Multi-Purpose Athletic Field). Dogs are prohibited on the Multi Purpose Athletic Field from April 1st to November 1st.~~

Below is a proposed revised description of the Unleashed Dog Area.

(b) The Unleashed Dog Area in Fort Williams Park (encompassing the Multi-Purpose Field) is defined as an area abutting the Southerly edge of the Central Parking Lot and extending westerly along the Southerly side of the Heavy Equipment Storage Building, continuing Westerly directly behind the long garages at the rear of the Officers Row buildings to Harrison Road; continuing on (and including) Merriman Road along the northerly border of Delano Park to the water's edge; then extending northerly along the shoreline turning westerly across "The Green" to the southern end of Battery Blair; turning northerly then westerly back to the Southerly edge of the Central Parking Lot. Dogs are prohibited on the Multi-Purpose Athletic Field from April 1st to November 1st.