



Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting
From: Terri Towstiuc, Clerk
Date: 2024-04-25
Subject: Off Leash Dog Park – Further Update

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Terri Towstiuc, Clerk Re: Off Leash Dog Park, Funding Opportunities as information only; And

That possible consideration will be brought back for the 2025 budget deliberations.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on search efforts of funding opportunities for an off-leash dog park grant.

Background:

At the regular meeting on March 28, 2024, Council deferred the proposed off-leash dog park, and directed staff to seek potential funding opportunities. The estimated cost for the project is \$63,000, which will be required to be included in budget deliberations. This amount was not included in the budget for 2024.

During search efforts, there were no funding opportunities found for a project such as a dog park. One opportunity was explored, however appears to be non-existent since 2022.

During the year, there may be additional funding opportunities that may present themselves, such as community grant funding. Staff will continue to monitor these grant opportunities, and present them to council, should they become available.

Council also has the decision to proceed with adding the amount for the off-leash dog park into the budget, if they wish, or defer and revisit during the 2025 budget deliberations.

Financial Implications:

Commercial Fencing \$36,073.46 (Used higher quote)
Capital Expense \$20,000.00
Annual Maintenance \$7,000.00
Total to Budget \$63,073.46

Policies/Legislation:

By-law 2023-80, Animal Control
Dog Owners Liability Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

Alignment with Strategic Priorities:

Infrastructure Improvement	Recreation	Economic Development	Community Engagement
<input type="checkbox"/> To improve West Elgin's infrastructure to support long-term growth.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To provide recreation and leisure activities to attract and retain residents.	<input type="checkbox"/> To ensure a strong economy that supports growth and maintains a lower cost of living.	<input type="checkbox"/> To enhance communication with residents.

Respectfully submitted by,

Terri Towstiuć
Clerk