

City of Maple Ridge News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 23, 2015 #32

For further information, contact: Geoff Mallory at 604-463-5221 gmallory@mapleridge.ca

Westview Off-Leash Dog Park Opens for Six Month Trial Period

Maple Ridge, BC: A new off-leash dog park has opened at Westview Park located at 20950 Wicklund Avenue. The operating hours for the park are from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm.

Last year the Parks & Leisure Services Commission developed a new process to establish off-leash dog facilities within the community. The new process involves consultation in each neighbourhood, including temporary sites to gauge the impacts and get input from the community. Temporary parks are then established to allow for a longer term monitoring of the impacts of the new facilities.

"This new process has allowed us to have more meaningful conversations with members of the community and ensure that these facilities enhance neighbourhoods and provide opportunities for neighbours and pets to interact in a positive way," said Geoff Mallory, Manager of Parks & Open Space. "We are encouraging people who have suggestions or comments to email us at parksandleisure@mapleridge.ca so that we can report this information to the Parks & Leisure Services Commission as part of the six month review."

The complete list of off-leash dog parks can be found online at mrpmparksandleisure.ca/123/Dog-Off-Leash-Parks.

For more information please contact Geoff Mallory by email at gmallory@mapleridge.ca or by phone at 604-463-5221.