



Vaudreuil-Dorion

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Harwood Nature Park will have a dog-friendly space

Vaudreuil-Dorion, September 15, 2021 – When the City announced the acquisition of Harwood Nature Park, many citizens expressed an interest in bringing their pets to the park. While dogs are not currently allowed in the park, this concern has been shared by the City's administration and Council since the land was acquired. Council has recently decided that a dog exercise area will be built within the new Harwood Nature Park.

This 7125 m² (76692.9 ft²) fenced area will be located in the western portion of the park, behind the reception building. Harwood Nature Park has a total area of 196,396.1 m² (2,113,990 ft²). "We have been discussing the possibility of a large dog park for quite some time. The acquisition of the former Harwood Golf Course allows us to consider a number of options, including a dog park. Although the goal is to open the dog park in March 2022, we would like to be in a position to do so by the end of 2021, if the deadlines of the various suppliers allow it," said Mayor Guy Pilon.

At the same time, when the dog exercise area opens, the municipal by-law will be amended to allow visitors to use the trails at Harwood Nature Park with their dogs, which must be kept on a leash at all times. To ensure cleanliness and out of respect for park users, it will be important for owners to pick up their dogs' excrements and dispose of them properly.

In the coming months, citizens will be consulted on what they would like to see in Harwood Nature Park.