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**From:** Ron Sandford  
**Sent:** December 11, 2025 1:31 PM  
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**Subject:** Re: Temporary Off-Leash Dog Park

Hello Kalie,

I understand that the trial period for the temporary off leash dog park is now concluded. I am not a dog park user and therefore did not enter any feedback in that forum.

In our last email communication, I ask the question (Will the current location in Spring Park be considered as a permanent location for an off leash dog park?) this question really required a yes or no answer which I did not get, so I can only assume that it will be considered for a permanent location.

I'm not sure what Useful information you have acquired through this trial period. My personal observations are that it didn't get A lot of use but that doesn't really have any comparison to the use that I'm sure it would get in May, June, July and August.

I'm sure there are many people in Harrison that would like an off leash dog park and I know that this has been an ongoing discussion with council for quite some time. Having said that there have been proposals on the table for a number of locations for an off leash dog park in Harrison, spring Park was never established as one of these locations.

I'm not opposed to an off leash dog park in Harrison by any means, but the location chosen for a temporary site in Spring Park does not take in any consideration for the people living adjacent to Spring Park.

Through the spring, Summer and early fall seasons There is already excessive noise that comes from the Pickle ball court. Putting a dog park directly beside the pickle Ball court will only add to the excessive noise disturbance. It starts early in the morning and goes until dusk. I can provide a Sample of a video that was taken in September demonstrating what barking Dogs and pickle ball sound like simultaneously, It's not something that anyone would like to have adjacent to their home.

I have been a dog owner for many years Living in Harrison. At one time, I had a very young dog that like to bark at people as they went by my Property. One day I had a Byelaw officer come to my door and inform me that if this barking continued then progressive fines would be imposed immediately. Long story short, I trained the dog not to bark at people as they went by. Unfortunately,, I may now have to listen to barking dogs all day long without any recourse of my own.

In my opinion, with the introduction of a Pickleball court, and now the possibility of an off leash dog Park directly adjacent to my property, effects my property value and makes It last saleable. I purchased my property more than 25 years ago. The introduction of the Pickleball court has substantially affected my quality of life in the summer months (which I will have to take up in a different forum).

I do realize that I my home is directly adjacent to the public park, and that there are beneficial aspects to that. They're also needs to be a balance between the activities offered to the public and the consideration of people that have properties surrounding the park. I don't believe that there has been any considerations for my situation.

Please Include this email in your decision-making process

Thank you,

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