



News Release

Shirley Macey Off-Leash Dog Park Officially Opens

Sechelt, BC — June 13, 2016 — For years kids have had their own parks and playgrounds to explore, play with friends and enjoy the outdoors – but not our canine companions. On Saturday, June 25, that will change with the official grand opening of the Sunshine Coast Regional District's first designated off-leash dog park at the north end Shirley Macey Park site located at 930 Chamberlin Road. The grand opening will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and the public is invited to attend and enjoy a series of activities that include, a "leash cutting" and cake ceremony, pet related information, dog demonstrations, and fun contests.

The benefits of the dog park include: enabling dogs to run off-leash, socializing and exercising dogs in a safe environment, promoting responsible dog ownership, promoting public health and safety, providing a great place for owners to meet and make new friends.

In 2015, Parks Division staff hosted an open house to engage the community and to gain input from park users and dog owners regarding features that were important to incorporate into an off-leash dog park.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the rules around dog park use.

"Dog park development is one of the highest growth amenities in park systems across North America," says Garry Nohr, SCRD Board Chair. "Our residents were looking for this option within our own park system. We were also looking to provide options for dog friendly areas because we are having challenges with residents running their pets on prohibited areas like sports fields."

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