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To: Hill, Darren (City Councillor); Web E-mail - City Clerks
Subject: Proposed off-leash dog park changes (4 dogs per walker)

Dear City of Saskatoon

I have been sending my dog on group walks for over two years now. My dog goes for 2 walks per week on Mondays and Fridays basically 52 weeks per year. When I discovered this group walk it made me feel good about the neighborhood which I live in as my dog was on the pickup route and it offered my dog a chance to go for a walk without me while I am at work. As a responsible dog owner I plan these walks into my dog's routine. He is an active dog who needs a lot of exercise. To place a 4 dog per walker restriction would put suffering on the dog owners and dogs who have relied on this service to get those extra walks in while owners are away at work etc. Also some people are physically unfit to walk their dog and rely upon this service.

Usually when these group walks occur, there are other people and their dogs waiting for them to arrive to go for the walk together. It is a nice social event for the dogs and people.

I encourage you to re-consider this proposed change to the dog park and to find a solution which meets the needs of the dogs and dog owners who use this group walking service. I feel it is a good benefit to our community if managed correctly. Perhaps put a restriction on the group dog walker where they have to pay for an additional license to be registered as a group dog walker?

Thank you for reading my comments

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