

Are you a dog owner?	Do you currently take your dog(s) to one of Cochrane's off-leash dog areas?	How often do you currently take your dog(s) to one of Cochrane's off-leash dog areas?	Have you taken a look at the plans for Cochrane's new off-leash dog park?	Do you have any comments about the plans for Cochrane's new off-leash dog park?	How likely are you to use Cochrane's new off-leash off park?
Yes	Yes	Several times a week	Yes	<p>I think this location makes sense to be used as a dog park. I like that fancying would be updated to avoid having dogs run on the highway. The agility area would be absolutely amazing to have.</p> <p>When I first heard about a park being proposed there, I thought it was the middle of the neighbourhood, somehow. This is unused land between the neighbourhood and highway.. I understand that some people are concerned with this location, due to noise, etc. While I can understand that, these people live next to a busy highway and train tracks. I would certainly prefer to have a dog park at this location, than have you use it to build something there. Maybe if people had the choice between a dog park and a strip mall, retirement home, fire hall, anything concrete basically, they'd rather have a dog park too. And lets face it, we really need more dog parks. There are a lot of dogs in town. spreading them out a little more, would make sense instead of having everyone go down by the river. I'm happy to take water along for my pup, so don't need the water access, and if I want it I can still take her there.</p> <p>Thanks for planning this, I hope it will go ahead.</p>	Very likely

Yes	Yes	A couple of times a month	Yes	I LOVE the plans for the new dog park. A fenced park in town would be an amazing ammentiy for our dog and we would be there almost daily. I appreciate the spaces in town now but with river access it isn't a great all year option for safety with our dog and the small area in riverfront Park is nice but my dog has ran toward Hwy 22 before so again safety wise not great. I always thought if that part was fenced it would be nice. However these new plans and agility structures look amazing and I think many would get use of this kinda of area. I can't wait for it's completion.	Very likely
No			Yes	Please DO NOT PUT IT IN YHE MIDDLE OF A RESIDENTIAL AREA!!!!	Very unlikely
Yes	Yes	A couple of times a month	Yes	This is fabulous! Away from flowing water and it will be so safe.	Very likely
Yes	Yes	Several times a week	Yes		Very likely

Yes

Yes

Several times a week

Yes

I do a lot of training with my dogs, I teach classes and am an avid member of the dog sporting world (disc and agility). Very likely

Currently I do not go to the spray lakes off leash because there are too many untrained dogs and owners. Too many incidences have happened where it was the sole fault of ignorant dog owners and I won't put my dogs in that situation. It's too far too busy for the amount of dogs that go there, thus we are in need of more off leash areas. I use the river front off leash all the time as it is a safer space in my opinion. A lot less people go there and it's a safe space where I can work my dogs off leash and train disc safely.

It is great that there are going to be some training rings however my only concern on that is if multiple dogs are allowed in off leash at the same time, accidents can happen very quickly with the agility equipment in there and dogs can get hurt. If it's being used for agility only one dog off leash should be allowed in at a time. Multiple dogs should never be allowed to work together unless the handler is very experienced and knows the dogs well. I would push for a sign posted stating if it's in use wait your turn or ask if it's ok to join before entering.

My other comment/suggestion would be that I would love to see the second training ring a multi use training ring. Or have an added third multi use training ring added in. I know a lot of people in the sport world that would appreciate and use this. South land park in Calgary has one and it's amazing. It's essentially just a large fenced in ring with proper flat footing, no trees where many different kinds of training can be done. Like disc, lure coursing, safe ball fetching, socialization groups, rally groups etc. Perhaps it would be available to rent even if it's big enough for an agility club or disc club to rent for competitions, (It would have to be large enough though 175ft x 85ft). Again it would be gated with a sign that if in use wait your turn or ask before entering. It's making a safe space for those that train and do dog sports can join in.

I feel so many dog parks are just meant as a free for all for dogs to be let off leash. And the large community of us that do lots of sports and training are left out with no where safe and legal to go. I personally have to go to sport fields sometimes because there aren't very many options that are safe to practice disc. I would be happy to give more input if this is a possibility feel free to contact me.

Everything else about the park seems wonderful and well thought out.

Yes	No		Yes	<p>This location is too close to residential areas. Between the parking for those users, to the mess it's going to create, along with the traffic in the neighborhood, it's just not a suitable location. Living by a field that dog owners use to walk/run their dogs, even though the area is not an off-leash area, has created a big stinky mess in the spring. Not every dog owner picks up after their dog. It's been an ongoing battle for years in this town. I sure wouldn't want to also listen to dogs barking as they are playing, or worse, if things get out of hand.</p> <p>I am a dog owner and do not want my taxes going to create an off leash in this area.</p> <p>Bad idea. Period.</p>	Very unlikely
Yes	Yes	Several times a week	Yes		Somewhat likely
Yes	Yes	A couple of times a month	Yes	<p>I think it looks great! When I first heard of the new park, my hope was that it would be fully fenced. I am currently working on recall with my dog and if he were better, would use the off leash area more than I do-- having a space that helps keep him safe while learning this skill is super important, especially with the new park's proximity to the roads.</p>	Very likely
Yes	Yes	Less than once a week	Yes		Somewhat likely
Yes	Yes	About once a week	Yes	<p>I love that screening has been proposed along the fence line between the existing homes and the new park and that a fence is shown separating the landscape strip from the houses - it should keep interaction between resident dogs and dog park dogs less intrusive. Trees will also provide a nice sound dampener from the highway - I hope that large caliper trees are planted as we all know how short our growing season is in Cochrane. Great use of wasted space as the pipeline URW cannot be used for anything else.</p>	Very likely

Yes	No		Yes	<p>I am extremely unhappy with the new proposed dog park. At no time were we asked about this park. I live six doors away from the proposed entrance and unhappy about the increase in traffic and possible increase in injury to children playing on and around our quiet street. The council has failed to have dog parks put into new developments and are now squeezing one into an older neighborhood.</p> <p>The dog park near the bow bridge is underused, why do we need another five minutes walk away? The agility park will draw people from all over Cochrane again putting our children at risk.</p> <p>Develop the unused park, it's common sense and the right option, I feel sorry for those home owners who back onto this proposed dog park. I hope the council does the right thing.</p> <p>I for one will not give up in stopping this.</p>	Very unlikely
Yes	Yes	About once a week	Yes	Good work on this plan!	Very likely
No	No		Yes	<p>It is unfair to the existing property owners whose yards abut up against this proposed dog park. You are judging this incorrectly if you think a dog park will not affect these properties negatively. There has to be other options that are not right up against existing properties. These people invested in their properties without that dog park being there. This is an unfair change to their investment. If dog owners want a place to run their dogs, make the dog park somewhere away from properties where people can drive to it with their dogs (such as Nose Hill in Calgary or the off leash area along Sarcee Trail south of Bow Trail in Calgary. Please show consideration and respect for the current home owners.</p>	Very unlikely
No			Yes	<p>we are planning to get a dog within the next year or two. This off leash area is a wonderful, thought out plan that will be an amenity attraction for local families and visitors to Cochrane. A great use of the empty pipeline corridor.</p>	Very likely

Yes

Yes

About once a week

Yes

I want to express my concern about the placement of the parking lot for the new off-leash park. My house is [REDACTED] from the proposed parking lot and I am worried how the influx of traffic will affect the safety of my street. I was not consulted on this plan at all. I see no reason why the parking lot could not be placed near the gas station on Quigley Drive or why the large parking lot at the Baptist church could not be used. Our street already sees an increased amount of traffic from the buses coming from the local middle school. I do not think it is logical to send more traffic all the way through a community when there are better options available. I am not opposed to the park but the parking lot location needs to be reconsidered. I hope you will consider my comments,

[REDACTED]

Yes

Yes

About once a week

Yes

I have a couple of concerns regarding the new planned dog park in West Valley. As a dog owner, I like the idea of a dog park close at hand, but I have some very serious concerns regarding the new plan. My first concern is in regard to the increase in traffic volume along West McDougal and West Aarsby Road. Currently there is a day care, and lots of small children on the street, this increased traffic poses and increased risk to our neighborhood kids, the school buses from Mitford School also leave the school every day and turn off West McDougal to drive down West Aarsby (the same corner as the prescribed new parking lot). Has consideration been given for emergency evacuation in the event of a serious incident, seeing as there is only one way to leave West Valley and what effect this new increase in traffic would bring? How will overflow parking from this prescribed parking lot be kept from impeding the home owners parking. With the increase there is a new possibility that the owners cant park at peak hours at their own homes. Having Lived in Cochrane for 20 years I have seen first hand what also can happen at night is secluded parking lots (such as Mitford Park) a parking lot on West Aarsby/West Mcdougal will be secluded and in a dark area, I fear this could increase the possible crime in the area. Has consideration been given to placing the new parking lot on Quigley Drive between 22X and the Winks Convenience store?

Unsure

A parking lot in this location would allow for the residential streets to remain quiet and and safe, while still providing the town with a new dog park. Traffic could flow into and out of this location in a safe manner, and it is in an open and highly visible area cutting down on the possibility of crime. Thank You, [REDACTED], Home Owner, [REDACTED]

No	No		Yes	This is a very expensive plan I do not support. Frankly I'm not interested in a park set up for a very specific set of users that all taxpayers will be paying for and will continue to pay for through tax funded dog poo bags and additional enforcement and maintenance costs.	
Yes	No		Yes	Seems like a waste of Cochrane taxpayer's money. It should be funded by those who want to use it (a user fee) and the unfortunate homeowners who's property will now back onto it, should be given a property tax break.	Very unlikely
Yes	Yes	Less than once a week	Yes	thanks for providing such a detailed design for review. Cochrane has a lot of dogs, and a park like the one proposed will go a long way towards their good health. I currently back onto an open field at the [REDACTED] and the field (although developer owned, thus, not actually a dog park), is well used on a daily basis with well trained dogs (and owners). There is the occasional barking moment, but nothing of a disruptive nature. The more disruptive dog behavior occurs when dogs are confined to yards without any training to deter the bad behavior. The 'field' seems to be a very social place for people and their beloved pets. I wish we could keep that area as is instead of the planned development. As far as I know, there is nothing available to dog owners south of the river. The proposed dog park would be a welcome addition, and likely will be well used. Would there be any chance of having at least one more poop station. Sometimes people decide at the far end of the park that they don't want to carry bags anymore....with bad results.	Somewhat likely

No

No

Yes

I am a homeowner [REDACTED]. I am not opposed to a dog park and can see the need in town for one however do not understand the selection of this location when there are already developed green space areas adjacent to the proposed location, including Cochrane Ranch and the Riverfront Park from the skate park down the river stretch that already have developed parking lots, benches, and walkways and is not directly connected to residences. Examples of proposed areas in this context would be portions of the 136 acres of Cochrane Ranch or why not develop the stretch of green space from Smitty's to Winks instead? Essentially these already developed locations mentioned if used for a dog park as proposed would not affect any homeowners period and would not cost nearly the amount budgeted to fully develop for this use.

[REDACTED], I am concerned about things like [REDACTED] privacy, additional noise, additional cleanup, and additional traffic. We already have people parking in front of my home, cutting across my yard to [REDACTED], and not cleaning up when their dog decides to use my lawn as a toilet. Our street has a right to be concerned. I find it interesting that since the last public meeting, two homes on our street have been listed for sale, including our immediate next door neighbour who owns two large dogs. Although not a dog owner myself, those on my street with dogs oppose this idea to the point of moving? This speaks volumes but because we are only 25 homes does our concerns not matter to the greater needs?

I would have to agree with [REDACTED] who wrote a response in the recent issue of the Cochrane Eagle and plead that people work together to come to a sensible solution.

As mentioned, I see the need for a dog park but do not understand the selection of location when there is perfectly good green space around us that will not affect any tax paying home owners. I plead for reconsideration to simply move the dog park to a new location. Choose a different spot.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

*I should also note that I have been in my home [REDACTED] with my father owning before me. I heard this was passed in 2012! We did not know this was in the works until the mail notice we received prior to the last public meeting with those on our street. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] but will be at the upcoming open house.

Yes

Yes

About once a week

Yes

I am very disappointed with location of this. Currently there is a seldom used Unsure off leash park, just 5 mins walk away, why not make upgrades to that? This new site affects home owners and residents of a long standing neighborhood.

If you need a new location why not utilize some green space from our new neighborhoods, where there is not currently a facility within walking distance. Put it in the plans so that people purchasing homes know what they are buying into, instead of shoe-horning one into an existing neighborhood.

Also, creating access within the neighbor hood is wrong, users should not drive through a neighborhood to park. It's creates addition traffic on roads that are already heavy with traffic for schools.

Yes

Yes

Several times a week

Yes

Very likely

Yes	No		Yes	<p>I very rarely take my dog to the dog park as I find the one we have currently is very dusty, dirty from all of the foot/paw traffic - the grass gets worn down to dirt and my dog comes home very dirty plus we sometimes have had experiences where aggressive dog owners take their dog there and there is bad behaviour/loud barking towards the friendly dogs.</p> <p>The dog park should not be placed directly behind any people's homes which will de-value their homes and cause unwanted smells, traffic, noise, lack of privacy for their back-yards, etc. We have been told it will not de-value our home but it WILL de-value our home! We already have the train and traffic noise but to add a lack of privacy, noise, traffic and dog poop smell to that - no one will want to buy our home if we choose to sell which ultimately de-value's our home. Not to mention, if we want to sit out on our back deck, we will have a constant stream of people getting in and out of their cars, etc., etc. [REDACTED]. We DO NOT WANT THE DOG PARK. I am sure that all of the people who want the dog park would not be fine with it if it was directly behind their house!</p>	Very unlikely
Yes	Yes	About once a week	Yes	<p>Cochrane needs more dog parks. I like the concept ideas but I am strongly opposed to the location of the dog park. It is too close to the railway tracks and existing homes. I would prefer a dog park be built into a new community where it is part of the design plans of the community.</p>	Very unlikely
Yes	Yes	A couple of times a month	Yes	<p>Bad location. Right by the highway. Dogs are going to get run over and cause accidents as drivers will be distracted.</p>	Very unlikely
Yes	No	A couple of times a month	Yes	<p>Put it in a new development</p>	Very unlikely

Yes	No		No	I do not use the dog parks as I walk my dog on a leash on other trails and streets. I do not want the dog park to be built near the community of West Valley. New dog parks should be planned as part of a new development and not brought into a community after the fact. This is very disruptive to the current home owners in a community and will only bring in people from other communities to inconvenience and disrupt the current homeowners. If we wanted to live near a dog park we would have found a different home. I say "NO" to the dog park in West Valley	Very unlikely
Yes	No	A couple of times a month	Yes		Very unlikely
Yes	No		Yes	Finally, a real dog park. With fencing and everything	Very likely
Yes	No		Yes	I cannot believe that the town is spending my tax dollars on a "Dog" park to the magnitude that is being proposed in the plans. This is ridiculous and I strongly oppose the building of this facility with my money. People need to buy a ball and throw it for their dog.	Very unlikely
No	Yes	Every day	Yes	I currently do not have a dog of my own, but I am a dog walker, and any new off leash area is very welcome! The plan looks great, definitely some good ideas with the agility areas and trees etc. My only concern is the fencing. This is extremely important with busy roads all around. Please do not go cheap on the fencing! Make sure it is high and structurally sound and safe everywhere, please! Dogs anywhere near the highways would be a disaster. Otherwise the more safe off leash areas the better! I know this is off topic, but please fence the current off leash area between the sports centre and the dog park, and by the water treatment plant, and well, fence the whole thing please! For everyone's peace of mind and safety.	Very likely

No	No	Several times a week	Yes	<p>Here are my thoughts on the plans for the newest off-leash park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> â€¢ I like the length of the park and the walk-ability of it. Short little parks aren't interesting. â€¢ I'd like to see more trees and visual interest within the proposed park, and not just up against the housing side as a buffer. â€¢ Concerns about traffic and volume will decrease in any given dog-park, the more we give options to people. More off-leash options means fewer people in any one site. â€¢ I feel we need to get to the point in the town where an off-leash option isn't perceived as exotic. Much like children's parks and other facilities which are the norm. Then we won't have to have public forms and test projects for each new park. â€¢ Residents along the walk that argue that their housing investment will be affected have provided no proof whatsoever of this. In fact it may raise value for all we know. â€¢ Just to note, I have marked this survey that I am not a dog owner. We lost our dog of 10 years recently and are between dogs. When we had our dog we regularly walked her at the current river off-leash walk and intend to do so again when we get another dog. 	Very likely
Yes	Yes	Every day	Yes	<p>large dog agility needs to be bigger should be full width of park this would only then be one straight fence possible savings. Also needs a climbing section with raised walkway.</p>	Somewhat likely
Yes	Yes	More than once a day	Yes	<p>I think the plans look great with lots of features to mitigate adjacent homeowner concerns. One valid concern could be late night illicit use of the parking area. I also have concern that due to tight parking on West McDougal residents will use the parking area as their own overflow quite possibly creating congestion on weekends when it's needed most. This dog park is badly needed and long over due.</p>	Very likely

Yes

No

Yes

After going to the open house tonight it seems as though the council members aren't interested in what we have to say about this park. Apparently one was there but had left before I got there. Suzanne was great and did listen to what we had to say, thank you to Suzanne for that. [REDACTED], here are my concerns.

Very unlikely

1. I would have originally not purchased my house if I knew a dog park was to be shoe horned into the area, I have also spent money renovating my home in the quiet area I looked for which now could possibly be a waste of money.
2. Safety, my child and other children's safety should be above any dog park. There are more than 4000 dogs in the cochrane area relishing the opportunity to use a new dog/agility park. Is it worth any child's safety with an increase of traffic on a smaller road? I would hope not.
3. Future issues, with the exponential growth in the cochrane area we should hopefully be seeing the twinning of the 22. Whilst there is space to widen, the dog park would be possibly made smaller or closed for a period of time whilst construction takes place wasting more money fixing after construction.
4. My fellow residents, [REDACTED] but I spare a thought for those who have not been communicated with until it's too late. They have the possibility of loss of value to their homes, not being able to sell now that this park has been put into place and the stress of not being listened to and taken for granted.

5. Noise pollution, I do believe that noise will be an issue dependent on the way the wind blows. Other noise pollutants come from within. My dog loves her family and guards her family accordingly. Any dog passing her house is a supposed threat and gets barked at. She does not excessively bark but this does happen as well as other dogs on the street during the day. With dogs passing my home coming towards the dog park this noise will increase. It is my problem that my dog barks but it's the council and these plans that have put her into a difficult position. I don't want to get a buzz collar as it's not right for my family member.

6. Why have we not fixed the dog park away from homes, the park near the bow river next to the highway 22 bridge does not get used enough, there is land going up the hill towards the soccer field that can be used. There are already two parking lots so cheaper to develop than the proposed site. It's away from people's homes.

To conclude, as tax paying members of the community we should have a voice. Nobody on the council seems to be bothered that twenty five plus households will have a decreased standard of living. Children's safety should be paramount, only one incident would be too much. I'm sure that everyone would agree. We should have been told about this from the get go, all residents should have been able to attend a council meeting on the park and put there concerns forward.

Now it's seems too late, tough. Enjoy.....

I would like a reply to my concerns and would like to know when construction is supposed to start.

Thank you, [REDACTED]

Yes

Yes

Every day

Yes

Looking forward to a new park

Very likely

No

I live on [REDACTED] the proposed dog park. I attended the open house at the RancheHouse March 6. While some people would prefer not to allow a dog park in this green space at all, it is currently commonly used as an off leash area (there is no signage at all so people view it as an open field) and frankly, it is enjoyable to see dogs out having fun. I have no problem with the general idea but there are some significant improvements that could be made to the current plan.

Improvements

1. Parking lot at the NW corner.

a. Concerns:

- i. It is far too close to the four-to-five houses that will border it. This is a tremendous concern for those homeowners. It is not unreasonable to expect that their property values will decrease. ;
- ii. It will increase traffic on West Aarsby where there are a lot of children playing/walking/crossing.;
- iii. Dust from the gravel parking lot will forever be a problem for all of the properties bordering the north part of the dog park.

b. Solutions :

- i. Most preferable option: do not put a parking lot there at all. Either use the Baptist Church parking lot and/or build parking east of the Husky gas station with entrance from Quigley Drive. ;
- ii. Less preferable option: Obtain permission from the pipeline transmission company to build the parking lot north of the proposed site (not on Town of Cochrane land) so that a decent distance can be maintained from the houses.

2. Puppy agility park

a. Concerns:

i. Proposed location too far from proposed parking lot - not really reasonable for puppies.

; ii. Will cause significant increase in usage of dog park and thus traffic on West Aarsby to enter the currently proposed parking lot.

b. Solutions:

i. Most preferable option: Move the puppy agility park to the proposed phase 2 adult agility park location. This will keep much of the traffic down in the commercial end of West Aarsby with parking at either the Baptist Church lot or the lot as suggested in 1.b.i. above (east of gas station). This location would provide parking closer to the puppy agility park than the current proposal.

3. Overall location

a. Concerns: i. Primarily borders and affects residential properties and increases traffic right to the innermost part of the residential area.

b. Solutions: i. Most Preferable Option: 1. Move most of the dog park to the green space between Quigley Drive and West Rock Road “ behind the commercial properties. Move the existing pathway closer to the berm (west edge of green space) “ not a large task “ and construct dog park fence just east of the new path. In phase 2 build the adult agility area there. Either construct parking at the south end of the space (entrance from West Rock Road) and/or use the existing parking lot on the south side of West Rock Road. It is currently busy only during soccer games. It is empty most of the time. Alternatively, lease the commercial land between Smittys and the Ramada Inn for a parking lot.

2. Also maintain the current proposed dog park from Quigley Road to the north edge of the Baptist Church property. Parking at the church will serve that area. Build the puppy agility area there at the currently proposed adult agility area.; ii. Less Preferable Option:

1. As well as 3.b.i.1&2 above, keep the off leash area currently proposed right around to the NW corner. Parking will be at the Baptist Church. This offers a long stretch for walking off leash that will have little effect on bordering properties as there is no parking lot or agility area. Currently proposed tree belt unnecessary.

4. Poor dog owner behavior

a. Concerns: i. Unclean dog park (owners who do not pick up), aggressive dogs (apparently currently a concern at the existing Cochrane dog park), dogs off leash in on-leash areas:

b. Solutions: i. Most Preferable Option: 1. Calgary dog parks have run a very successful pilot project of Volunteer Ambassadors. These ambassadors are dog owners who regularly visit dog parks and have the authority to instruct irresponsible owners to pick up after/leash as required and remove aggressive dogs. I don't know the details but presumably if the owner refuses they photograph the owner, the dog, the dog tag and/or vehicle license plate and report them to bylaw officers. From my research on the internet, complaints at the pilot project dog parks were reduced almost to nil when the Volunteer Ambassador program was instituted. It means that dog owners monitor themselves instead of "nasty" neighbours complaining. ; ii. Less Preferable Option: 1. Depend on bylaw officers of which there are not nearly enough to monitor the current dog parks and on-leash areas.

5. Unclean dog park due to lack of services

a. Concerns: i. Unclean dog park (owners don't pick up) because garbage containers are too few and far between.

b. Solution: i. Most preferable option: Provide many more garbage bins. Make it easy and comfortable for the dog owners.

Summary

1. Include a south green space between Quigley Drive and West Rock Road (east of commercial properties) in plan.
2. Move proposed parking lot location to south end of a south green space or lease the commercial land between Smitty's and the Ramada Inn for a parking lot.
3. Move current pathway in a south green space to west edge and fence the land east of the pathway for the dog park.
4. Include currently proposed parking at Baptist Church.
5. Move puppy agility area to currently proposed adult agility area.
6. Move adult agility area to a south green space.
7. Institute Volunteer Ambassador program.
8. Provide many more garbage bins than currently proposed.
9. Delete the tree belt (save \$\$) as usage behind the residential properties will not be that heavy. Or make the trees part of phase 2 depending on how heavy the use really is.

[REDACTED]

Yes	Yes	Every day	Yes		Very likely
Yes	Yes	Several times a week	Yes	The new park looks good, I like the agility sections. My main reason for going	Very likely
Yes	Yes	Every day	Yes		Somewhat likely
Yes	Yes	Several times a week	Yes	I would love a fenced-in off leash park to bring my smaller dog!	Very likely

Yes	Yes	Several times a week	Yes	<p>The proposed new area is closer to our home. So I am sure we will use it on occasion. I love the park by the river as my two big dogs can get a clean drink of water and cool off when they need too. They are water dogs! I also love the pathway is cleared off and I can get a good walk in myself (to the end and back). It is not always about just getting the dog out, it is about getting yourself outside, and getting a good walk in also. As long as the park will be big enough for substantial walks, and provide a ton of green/treed space I am all for it. I also believe with the proposed greenery around the neighboring homes, the property value will actually go up. They will back on to very nice landscaping, the dog poop (sometimes accidentally left behind) actually does not smell too much in the thaw, it is usually dried up in our environment, and the buffer will actually dampen the noise from the road. The odd dog may bark a lot when there, but they are only there for a short amount of time relatively speaking, people will get more upset with dogs barking in back yards.</p> <p>An additional suggestions: A dog washing station!</p>	Somewhat likely
Yes	Yes	Several times a week	Yes	I am opposed to the new location. There should be another location. Its too closed to the train tracks, traffic and residential.	Very unlikely
Yes	No		Yes	Please fully fence it properly so we can rest assured our dogs will not escape or run onto the highway. The lack of appropriate fencing and water access posing inherent dangers is why we do not currently use Cochrane's existing park. Our only safe option is to drive into Calgary.	Very likely
Yes	Yes	About once a week	Yes	I didn't see any community board. The existing off-leash park has two community boards one at each end. I think those are essential and I believe this would a great opportunity to do a more integrated design then a simple piece of plywood on a post. Thank you.	Very likely
Yes	Yes	Every day	Yes		Very likely

Yes	Yes	About once a week	Yes	This is a waste of money, we have a park not utilize by the bridge on the 22. Why not fence this and put agility park there, it effects no one, parking already there and would cost a fraction of what the proposed is	Very unlikely
Yes	Yes	A couple of times a month	Yes	I currently don't use the current off leash area often due to the proximity to the river. My dog absolutely loves water and loves to fetch so I worry at that dog park that she may try and fetch if her toy goes in the river and she's be swept away. I like the idea of having a new dog park that isn't directly on the river giving pet owners who are uncomfortable with having their pets off leash that close to the water a better alternative.	Very likely
Yes	Yes	Every day	Yes		Very likely
Yes	Yes	Several times a week	Yes	Looking forwards to it. I live near the new park looking forwards to it.	Very likely
Yes	Yes	A couple of times a month	Yes	I love the concept of the agility areas. Very well thought out in my opinion. I originally had my doubts being that it was so close to a main road but I think you have thought of everything.	Somewhat likely
No	No		Yes	Don't put it there. There are MUCH BETTER area's in town!	Very unlikely

Yes	Yes	A couple of times a month	Yes	I think it's a very functional, economical use of land which is essentially a pipeline corridor. The agility courses are a great idea (though I'm curious how they will be built to be resilient and low-maintenance,) particularly since there will be separate areas for smaller and larger dogs. I would expect our little dog would be at least a little safer in that environment, but definitely much less inclined to bark as much. The designated parking, and visual tree buffers seem reasonable. For all the comments I've seen from the neighbourhood complaining that it's green space, I feel an off-leash park is still green space anyway (just with a designated use.) I also appreciate that the park won't interfere with the existing path to the underpass, and that the only sights and sounds it might "block" are of the train and highway.	Very likely
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Yes	Yes	A couple of times a month	Yes		Very likely
Yes	Yes	About once a week	Yes	The new park appears to be an excellent use of the space. It would be nice to see the pathway form a complete loop so dog owners could complete a circuit versus having to choose between coming back on the exact same pathway or walk through the grass. The trees and screening plus the additional fence should be an excellent compromise for homeowners who back onto the space, especially since right now they just look at the highway anyway. It is a shame we will be losing a section of the existing off-leash area to new bridge, especially since there appear to have been better alignments to pick from.	Very likely

Yes	Yes	Every day	No		Very likely
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No	No		Yes	I cannot believe that with the huge development of our town more dog parks are not being incorporated into plans within this development! I think the plans for the park look fab however the location is ridiculous! It is not far from an off leash that is hardly used at the moment and I believe the consideration of such a lovely community as West Terrace have been ignored! What about traffic rises/ parking etc . People in these new communities (sunset heritage river song fireside) will all have to drive here! I think you need to consider the folk who live there who really haven't been given a voice before you Hollywood style present an idea that looks already done and dusted! Council have let the people of Cochrane down if this goes ahead in the location they have proposed!	Very unlikely
Yes	Yes	A couple of times a month	Yes	Design looks beautiful and very practical. I like the separate areas for large dogs and small dogs. I think it will be a huge bonus to the community and as I don't drive having an off leash within easy walking access is great. Plus with the planned planting and landscaping it will be prettier than looking over two highways and the railway track.	Very likely
Yes	Yes	Several times a week	Yes	Great and much-needed facility, thank you! We do need further off-leash capacity - could the Town please consider general off-leash areas, rather than off-leash parks? I am thinking of a couple of areas around Sunset which are 'de facto' off-leash areas (south and east of the lower stormwater pond; north of St Tims/south of the Alora condos).....these would not require fencing (maybe) or a path network to be built - just identifying as off-leash areas.	Very likely
Yes	Yes	Every day	Yes	I think it's fantastic! The only concern is if Hwy 22 will eventually be twinned and if that will impact the dog park in any way or if that has been taken into consideration.	Very likely

Yes	Yes	A couple of times a month	Yes	Look amazing! I see this alleviating a lot of off leash walking in areas where there shouldn't be. You can never please everyone, but I think the plans look great.	Very likely
Yes	Yes	Several times a week	Yes	Way too small. Takes about 5 - 10 mins to walk that loop.	Very unlikely
Yes	No		Yes	I do not use the off leash anymore as my small dog is afraid of the big dogs and has been chased many times. It would be really nice to have an area for small dogs only off leash. I would use that otherwise it will be another park that I won't be able to use	Unsure
Yes	Yes	Several times a week	Yes	When dog owners have the ability to exercise their dogs, dogs are less a problem (barking and making a mess) in their prespective neighbourhoods. Those opposed need to understand how the plan benefits them. Less dogs walked and pooping in their neighbourhoods. Dogs pooping in a regulated spot.	Very likely
Yes	Yes	Several times a week	Yes	The new dog park looks amazing! Both my dogs would love it! Can't wait for this to happen.	Very likely
Yes	Yes	About once a week	Yes		Very likely
Yes	Yes	Several times a week	Yes	It looks a lot smaller then the off leash park we currently have. I have two large dogs that need a good run. It's also nice in the summer time to let them play in the water. Both of my dogs are active swimmers and love being able to splash around. Plus the scenery at that dog park is beautiful, I can't say the same thing about being next to hwy 22.	Very unlikely

Yes	Yes	Every day	Yes	Its a good start but Cochrane seriously needs more dedicated off leash parks. The one on the other side of 22x is too small to be of much use. The Town keeps encouraging more and more growth and a lot of families and people come with dogs yet there are no dedicated off leash parks. Further, the current off-leash park is a multi user park which as a daily user, I see and hear of more conflicts every year as more and more people use the one park. Well exercised dogs are happy dogs and is the best way to keep dog problems under control.	Somewhat likely
Yes	No		Yes	I'm so happy to see that a dedicated area for small dogs to play off leash included in this plan. For many years I have heard from so many other small dog owners that we need a place for our pups to play off leash without fear of being injured (accidentally or otherwise) from a larger dog. Can't wait for this park to be open and give my little guys some social freedom outdoors!	Very likely
No	Yes	A couple of times a month	Yes	I'm a dog walker, my concern is that the " new dog park " is small. If dogs are not given enough space problems can arise. How do the home owners feel about the park being right out side their back doors? How much water will the dogs be able to excess? How much shade will there be in the summer? It's not very easy to get to if walking . I feel that the monies could be spend in more important areas	Unsure
Yes	Yes	Several times a week	Yes		Very unlikely
Yes	No		No	A separate are for small dogs would be great	Somewhat likely
Yes	No		Yes	I think the location is not a very good place. we have an underused dog park along the river. developed that area to make it more user friendly with fencing, etc. there us already an accessible parking lot within walking distance & no home owners are affected. another great Olace would be beside the new riverfront kids park for small dogs & agility activities.	Unsure

Yes	Yes	A couple of times a month	Yes	Thanks for all the thought and planning that has gone into this new dog park. Cochrane has such a large dog population that additional off-leash areas are a necessity in the community. The additional fence and shrubs are a good way to beautiful the area and should appease the nearby property owners. I am very supportive of this park as it [REDACTED] [REDACTED] We look forward to enjoying it with our dog.	Very likely
Yes	No		Yes	This is so badly needed, there is nowhere safe to take my dogs in Cochrane away from water and traffic. This town is so dog unfriendly.	Very likely
Yes	Yes	A couple of times a month	Yes		Very likely
Yes	Yes	A couple of times a month	Yes	I really like the location as I live in the west end and could walk to it easily. I plan to utilize more due to fenced off area for my small dogs that are very overwhelmed by large dogs at current east end park. The addition of fenced areas to train for recall and agility areas for play and exercise are fantastic additions to Cochrane's park areas. This is a great way to utilize land that is otherwise useless due to buried pipelines. Thank you for implementing this park.	Very likely
Yes	Yes	Several times a week		We are very excited to have a new dog park that we will not need to drive to get to. We are also ecstatic about the second phase with agility areas and would be willing to contributors to get this phase completed faster.	Very likely
No			Yes		Somewhat likely

Yes	Yes	A couple of times a month	Yes	It seems completely unnecessary and poorly planned not to mention a waste of money when there is an unused off leash area in a non residential zone just down the road. This already has parking and good access paths. All it needs is a fence and I am sure more people will use it.	Unsure
Yes	Yes	More than once a day	Yes	One other point is I hope plans are in place for traffic control at the access. I'm not sure what exists now somewhere will need yield signs at least and presumably leaving the parking area should have a stop sign.	Very likely
Yes	Yes	About once a week	Yes	There is a perfectly good open space at the back of river heights crescent which backs onto the new road to the quarry which has had the towns money spent on trees why not put a dog park there as there is no dog park in river heights.	Very unlikely
Yes	Yes	Every day	Yes	Are there going to be tall trees to shade the dogs in the hot sun? Is there going to be any water access at the park? Is it large enough with the growing number of dogs in Cochrane and the reduction with the present one?	Somewhat likely
Yes	Yes	A couple of times a month	Yes		Somewhat unlikely
Yes	Yes	Several times a week	Yes	I like the location as it is closer to me than the other two. I also like that it has a pathway and that it is shorter than the one by the river/campground- I can do a quick up and down and be done. I also like the fact that there is no access to water. If my dog is clean I don't have to worry about him finding some water to jump into.	Very likely
Yes	Yes	Several times a week	Yes	Choose another location for the dog park.	Very unlikely
Yes	No	A couple of times a month	Yes	I would like confirmation that any off leash dog park in Cochrane is fully fenced to contain the dogs.	Very unlikely

No			Yes	I have concerns about the proposed trees in the new plans that help separate the dog park from the homes adjacent. In the 1990's, the West Valley developer implemented a similar plan by planting trees along the fence line for additional separation and sound dampening support to the homes being built from the highway. Every single one of those trees died within a few years with the exception of I think one that remains to this day (but is small and has not taken root to grow a good height to provide its intended purpose). The soil in this area is not conducive for what you are proposing to do to help homeowners in adding trees. Research this. What are the preventatives from this happening again?	Very unlikely
No				Why can't this development be moved to the opposite side of Quigley along the stretch by Tim Hortons where a berm already exists between the businesses and where it is nicely connected to Riverfront Park and an existing dog park area. Could we not look to even make use of the small soccer fields (meaning move them) which are only used for a few short months of the year, make this entire space a massive off leash area? There are two parking lots that already exist that could support this nicely... the parking lot by the skate park and the massive one at Mitford Ponds? This would not affect any home owners and have nice flow from river to new off leash area. I feel for the home owners. I would not want a dog park attached to my house.	
Yes	Yes	About once a week	Yes	Access and parking should be beside the Husky not in the neighbourhood.	Somewhat likely
Yes	Yes	Several times a week	Yes	Glad to see additional off leash area being built. It is very much needed. With the growing subdivisions in cochrane it is really important to increase the off leash areas as new owners come to our town	Very likely

Yes	Yes	More than once a day	Yes	<p>I LOVE the new dog par plans. I don't use the current available spaces as often due to safety concerns ie. No fencing, steep ridges, lots of river access.</p> <p>I think the new park is way overdue and would use almost daily.</p> <p>Things I would like to see in the park :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - lighting? Path lights or parking lot lighting, for safety and to deter any loitering and vandalism. - drinking water: I've seen neat little dog water fountains at other parks. Would be awesome to have a safe water resource for the dogs even if it's only during hot months. - signage to the effect of dog toys brought to the park. I have seen some people bring a favourite ball/toy that their dog is possessive over. If they aren't willing to share it then don't bring it. Of course others will be interested but maybe suggest a favourite toy only be used in the fenced off section so not every dog wants to steal it. 	Very unlikely
Yes	Yes	Less than once a week	Yes		Very likely
Yes	Yes	A couple of times a month	Yes		Very likely

Yes

Yes

A couple of times a month

Yes

This is something we desperately need. There are so many dogs running illegally offleash in my area (██████). We need more legal spaces for people to exercise their dogs. I welcome the 'specialty' areas! Love the idea of agility corrals, and spaces to separate large/small dogs & puppies. The current offleash park by the river is never used by me as it is too crowded and too many dogs I know have been injured. I sometimes use the field at Mitford, as long as there are no other dogs around. I have a fearful dog and I am tired of fending off loose dogs in areas that are designated onleash only. I have 4 dogs total and I would definitely bring a couple of my dogs to this new park. Especially as it will be in an area where I already walk them on their flexi-leads. Thank you for including the many dog owners in this town in your development plans. It's about time!!! As for additional noise for nearby residents, they live next to two main highways and a railway. It's not as if there are going to be 100s of dogs/owners in that spot at one time. People spend on average 20-30 minutes in a park like that.

Very likely

Yes

Yes

Several times a week

Yes

Not yet, but I will be taking a look at the plans!

Very likely

Yes

Yes

Every day

No

Like the plans - Cochrane off-leash areas are heavily used and more space is needed. Like the use of the buffer green space west of Hwy 22 - good location

Very likely

Yes

Every day

Yes

Very likely

Yes	Yes	About once a week	Yes	<p>I'd like to start off with I live [REDACTED] in the location of the proposed park. I am all for the development of this land for use as a dog park.</p> <p>I have one serious concerns about the location of the parking lots. The proposed plan introduces higher traffic flows to an already busy street along west Aarsby and west McDougall. This street is a major thorough fare for buses. There is also a day care at the proposed entrance of the parking lot. Why not put a parking lot off of quigley or put a proposal forward to the bow valley church to share this parking in thier existing lot. Or even share an entrance with thier parking lot and put a new lot behind the husky . This would reduce the development required for the parking lots which is probably a majority of the construction costs.</p> <p>The current plan has the most dog activity along side the major road ways and the quiet areas away from traffic is the proposed parking lot. This does not make sense.</p> <p>I want to see how the town is going to address this issue.</p>	Somewhat likely
Yes Yes	Yes No	Several times a week	Yes Yes	<p>I think its a wonderful idea to give dog and dog owners an alternative space to use both off and on leash walks. Dogs are accustom to run in packs and having this large area accommodates that.</p> <p>The agility areas are a great additive. Im highly looking forward to using this new park.</p>	Very likely Very likely
Yes Yes Yes	No No No		Yes Yes Yes	Excited about these plans.	Very likely Very likely Very likely

Yes	Yes	A couple of times a month	Yes	It looks awesome... I was opposed to the one in Sunset because of the ridiculous hours. I won't use this one because I like to walk with my dog, not stand and watch it play.... but for those that like to chat while their dogs play I think this has been well thought out and put together. I walk at least 5km a day with my dog... today at 1pm I walked her 5 km along the river parks and met NOT ONE SINGLE PERSON!!!!!! Why oh why can't I let my dog off leash along the paths in West Valley?	Unsure
Yes	No	A couple of times a month	Yes	I think the new dog park will be a wonderful addition to Cochrane! The plan makes sense and the facilities will be enjoyed by many. Thank you!	Somewhat unlikely
Yes	Yes	Several times a week	Yes	We need another dog park, due to increased usage at the large one. Many folks from Calgary are using it on weekends as well. Its a beautiful dog park, but we need one that is completely fenced and less dog versus wildlife encounters. Hope that there will be water available for dogs there. Great Proposal!	Very likely
Yes	Yes	A couple of times a month	Yes	I think there are enough dog parks already and believe the location of the current dog parks are great. If one were to build an additional dog park, I would recommend building it away from residential area as not to cause any inconvenience or property value to homeowners and residents.	Very unlikely
Yes	Yes	Every day	Yes	I just think that we need more off leash areas throughout the town in all future planing with more green space and parks planned into our community.	Very likely

No

Not sure how or why any Town Planning department would ever think it wise to put a dog park adjacent to homeowners, and not expect a backlash. The homeowners along West Mcdougall Road have every right to be upset. Parking along the narrow W. Mcdougall Road in front of homeowners houses is a major concern. Yes, there will be a parking lot at the north end, but with the frequency and continued noise of the CPR trains going thru, most dog owners are going to want to utilize the southernmost edge of the park. Thus, they'll be wanting to park on W. McDougall or in the Baptist Church/Mac's parking lots. There are enough other open and scenic places to put a dog park than this! Why was the proposal not put forward to the public for feedback prior to January - well after all plans were all in place. No doubt 30-50 homeowners affected are not going to have much power in affecting a decision the Town has already made. Not at all happy about this.

Yes
Yes

Yes
Yes

Every day
A couple of times a month

Yes
Yes

It's too small. If its an area that we want to be used it needs to be big enough for the dogs to really spread out. Otherwise the grass will simply be much too trampled by paws. Dogs run a lot and when you run a lot over the same small area grass can't grow. This area is just too small for the amount of dog traffic this town needs a space to properly accomodate. Dog owners will still be wanting a good space once this is built. It wont be enough. Might as well spend the extra now and do it right.

Very likely
Somewhat unlikely

Yes

No

Yes

The buffer fence to be installed parallel to the property fences should be 2m, not 1.2m. Many dogs can easily jump a 4' fence and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] If the perimeter fence is not 6' that is fine as people will have to evaluate that risk before letting their dogs loose but there aren't dogs hanging out on the road for them to go see, there are in people's yards. I am also annoyed and confused as we knew when we agreed to buy this house that a dog park had been proposed, but never did I find any solid information about it or have a chance to have any input before now. Did I just miss something? [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. We will use and enjoy it, especially the large agility park, but I do worry somewhat about the constant presence of other dogs being stressful on our dogs. Ok, why do the small dogs get an agility park before the large dogs?? They can run around the house and jump over cardboard boxes, large dogs need the space! If only one can be afforded in phase one PLEASE make it the medium/large dogs otherwise just do them both now. I am also concerned about traffic on the small streets. 50km/hr is fine on a main residential street like Quigley but I worry about cars doing 50km/hr [REDACTED] past parked cars and kids walking to school or the playground.. It's less likely to be an issue on West McDougal than on Aarsby but it still worries me.

Very likely

Typically people drive slower on side streets but traffic to and from the park will be more likely to be in a hurry. I do hope the pathway across to the pedestrian tunnel from West McDougal remains in place as planned as it will encourage more people to walk to the park rather than drive, but I am a bit concerned about parking on West McDougal from people parking and using that walkway to access the park.
 Bottom line, we will use it if you build it but we'd rather you just didn't!

Yes	Yes	About once a week	Yes	This is probably the best proposed off leash dog park I have ever seen !!! Extremely well laid out and very interactive. My only concern would be the potential for vandalism so I would suggest that the cost to have surveillance cameras installed be included in the proposal	Very likely
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Yes	Yes	Every day	Yes	Think it will b a great addition to the town!	Very likely
Yes	Yes	Less than once a week	Yes	The plans look fantastic. It will be amazing to have a fully fenced dog park in Cochrane. The current park is gorgeous but due to it having a running path through it, my dog (and others, i'm sure) can sometimes get a little excited by the joggers. Having a separate park to work on our recall off-leash would be awesome. And the agility aspect of the park is really really amazing.	Very likely

Yes	Yes	Several times a week	Yes	Although some of the concerns raised are legitimate, looking at the plans the town provided they have taken great care to provide a solution that will meet most needs. With consideration on both sides that are for and against I am sure that this will provide a great facility without too much impact on residents. The dog park is much needed and is a community resource that is long overdue.	Very likely
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Yes	Yes	More than once a day	Yes	There are three access points with no access to garbage receptacles. On the west side of the central through path, at the church parking access. There are three receptacles close to the car park at least or two of them are redundant.	Very likely
Yes	Yes	Several times a week	Yes	I really like the look of this dog park, and appreciate the agility areas and small dog areas. It appears to me that the town has worked very hard to create a positive experience for dogs and their owners, and is showing respect for the neighbourhood. There is a fence by the parking lot creating privacy for the houses backing on to it. There are two fences and trees and bushes between the main area of the dog park and the houses. I am wondering if the people who are unhappy about this park have been to the off leash area by Spray Lakes? Dogs are well behaved and generally well handled by their owners, it is not noisy, it is a joyful, happy place where dogs can enjoy other dogs and get their much needed exercise. I have met many lovely people, and there is a shared respect for each other and the dogs. People help each other. The place is full of caring people respecting the need of their loved companions to get exercise. Occasionally there is poop that isn't picked up, but generally people are very respectful, and I see lots of people working to keep the place clean.	Somewhat unlikely
Yes	Yes	Several times a week	Yes		Very likely

I am not sure what the concerns for security are. Wouldn't people rather have friendly people and lovely dogs across their fence instead of an empty dark piece of land?
 And people worried about deposits on their lawns? Really? People come to the dog park, especially to have their dogs relieve themselves and would not use people's lawns.
 Perhaps if people who had dogs barking in their back yards took their dogs for walks in the off leash areas more there would be less need for bored dogs barking. And I can imagine that a lot of people who have dogs look for houses where there would be a great place close by to exercise there dogs. I really encourage people to be more trusting and open to this park. I think it would be conducive to greater neighbourliness and happiness.

Yes	Yes	Yes	Several times a week	Yes	I love the current park and the access to water. Hope the town includes drinking fountains in the new park (for the dogs). I do see dog feces is a concern in the current park. Need to monitor that, as I can see the concern for the residents.	Somewhat likely
Yes	Yes	Yes	More than once a day	Yes	Cochrane needs to provide a new dog park, as the current one has a cliff that leads into deep river and the other side has barbwire fencing. Completely unsafe.	Very likely
Yes	Yes	Yes	A couple of times a month	Yes	I live [REDACTED] so we would most likely use this one over any other due to the fact we can walk to it.	Very likely
Yes	Yes	Yes	Every day	Yes		Very likely
Yes	Yes	Yes	Several times a week	Yes		Somewhat likely

Yes	Yes	Several times a week	Yes	I hear what residents of West Valley say, however to be fair the dog park is not IN their neighbourhood. It borders the neighbourhood. It's unused land, which could have been build on (yes maybe you would've had to redirect the pipeline etc, but it could have been an option). Instead it's staying green space. Considering how many neighbourhoods the mayor and council approves even before current neighbourhoods are build, many people wont have the luxery of still having green space where there is currently green space. So do you want more houses, a strip mall or fire hall next to your house or a green space where dogs are allowed to play and run? The one thing I completely understand is the concern about traffic and parking. The easiest solution to this would be to move the parking lot to the other end of the park. Yes, I understand that might not be easy to do considering there will be 2 phases, but frankly I don't think it matters which site one can park on to be honest. Its just important that we can park there as Cochrane is not really pedestrian friendly, except downtown.	Very likely
Yes	No	A couple of times a month	Yes	Currently we have to go Calgary or Canmore to use the fenced dog parks. We would use one here in town daily if one existed. Our household is quite excited by this project and hopes it moves forward,	Very likely
Yes	Yes	Every day	Yes	I feel off leash designated areas should be built into every community. The sense of connection to each other and the space enhances community bonds for all residents. Like a PTA or church congregation, areas where members can meet and interact in healthy and positive ways should always be persued.	Very likely
Yes	Yes	Several times a week	Yes	It looks great! Love the agility area	Very likely

Yes	Yes	A couple of times a month	Yes	Close proximity makes it much more convenient. Love that it is fenced. More space, less congested and muddy than the river one.	Very likely
Yes	Yes	Several times a week	Yes	We are residents of Westvalley [REDACTED] We are frustrated that people use Mitford plans for off leash park. Dogs run into the ponds chasing wildlife. We responsibly take our dog down to the office park near the bridge. But it is not a safe off leash as dogs can still run to the river and/or up to the soccer park. We do not go to the office park near Spring Lakes as the dogs there are two dangerous and the river makes it awkward. Larger dogs can hide and ambush timid ones. I have also seen interactions between fisherman and dogs there being of conflict. This new park near quigly is in an opportune place. The design is well thought through. I don't like the idea of being near the highway but it is a good use of land. As long as many trees are planted to minimize the sounds of the highway. Our dog is very scared of the highway. I also worry about my children who bike under that tunnel to get to town. Will they run into these dangerous dogs chasing bikes question I think this park is fantastic and it should go ahead. The home owners who feel affected should not have purchased property on a highway. The dog park will be a lift to their value. Think of us on a park supposedly a green space that actually has become a rogue off leash !!	Very likely
Yes	No		Yes		Somewhat likely
Yes	Yes	Several times a week	Yes		Very likely
Yes	Yes	Every day	Yes	The proposed new dog park looks well-planned and I think it will only beautify and add to our already great town. Good job planning team!	Very likely
Yes	Yes	Several times a week	No	I think more dog parks is a great way to help owners exercise their dogs. Thank you TOC.	Very likely

No

No

Yes

I think the location for this dog park is a terrible idea! I currently live [REDACTED] and use the tunnel under Hwy. 22 which connects West Valley to Glenbow and the rest of town regularly and often all year round. So for people like me with no dogs and anxious about big, unruly/unsafe dogs coming/running up to me, now we will be cut off from using said area and will have to use cars to travel instead of walking. I have daily experience with this kind of dog/owner behavior on leased areas around town so I can only imagine how it will be with an off leash park. Not to mention all the dog waste that will not be picked up by owners and will smell gross continuously. Also, even if there is a designated parking for the park, there will be more traffic and people will park all over the streets not just in their lot making them more congested and unsafe for us "walkers". On my part I won't even feel safe going to get my mail because at any time of day a huge, unattended/disobedient dog can and I'm sure will at some point run out of this park and try to attack....and the worst part is, the owner of said dog (if he/she's around) will just yell over " oh it's ok, he's friendly!" This I know also from daily experience. Of course there's never a peace officer around to witness these dogs and their owners and these owners always get offended and defensive after a confrontation, like they're doing nothing wrong in a clearly designated leashed park or even on the streets. Then there's the pipeline question that goes underneath along this whole area....will it be safe for us at all who live very close to this?

Very unlikely

No

No

Yes

In my experience, dog owners are not considered so called "responsible". Bringing them together in West Welly without a larger parking space and using residential streets will create angry local house owners very fast. The uncontrolled, accidental free running dogs, the left behind smelling droppings and the town visitors not knowing basic rules will escalate conflicts with local people. I lived in this town for 22 years and the bylaw officers are not presenting themselves too often. I do not see them on the streets, parks and pathways ever to insure the smooth operation in residential neighborhoods and such places. People from other parts of the town put pressure on town developers but I would like to know how many want it in their backyards to build it. Put it on the outskirts of town, the other dog park is very close to this anyway.

Very unlikely

No

Yes

Why do I, as a non-dog owner, have to pay for a park for dogs? I understand that there are dog owners, but a dog is an animal. There are greater human needs in Cochrane that could be focused on. If dog owners want a park make them pay for it so that taxpayers don't have to pay for their choice to own a dog!

Very unlikely

Yes

Yes

Several times a week

No

Very likely

Yes	Yes	Every day	Yes	<p>I don't think the agility areas are a good use of money. I'd much rather see a continuation of the paved path all the way around the perimeter of the park. If the path is too short people will more likely stand around while their dogs run around, which I'm sure the owners backing on to the park will complain about (more likelihood of noise as the dogs get ramped up with playing). If the owners have a continuous loop of pathway, the dogs can meet up and have a few minutes to play but then they move on as their owner is still walking. I think this is a win-win for everyone involved. I'd much rather see the money spent on a paved path than an agility area that only a very very small percentage of dogs will use. Thanks! [REDACTED]</p>	Very likely
Yes	Yes	Every day	Yes	<p>The plans look great - I wish all phases were happening immediately. This is an absolute necessity for the Cochrane community.</p>	Very likely
Yes	Yes	A couple of times a month	Yes	<p>I think it is a great location, seeing as I see people walking their dogs there anyway. I'm not sure how I feel about the agility areas. I can see how they might draw a certain crowd and might be kind of fun for dogs but mostly, dogs just want to freely socialize, off leash in a wide, open space. We need many more off leash parks as this town has a plethora of dogs! Off leash socialization reduces dog aggression, keeps the animals fit and promotes a sense of community. Some people who are not dog owners visit these off leash areas either because they are thinking about getting a dog or to get their dog fix as they are unable to have a dog for a variety of reasons. When are you putting in a dog park in Sunset?</p>	Very likely

Yes

Yes

Several times a week

Yes

I think the area is the perfect location for a new dog park. Our family is in [REDACTED] and are really looking forward to having a park that is within walking distance for us. Not sure what all the hubbub is from the homeowners in the area as I've never seen anyone using that open space EVER. We moved from Calgary where lived across from [REDACTED] Dog Park [REDACTED] It was an amazing community space for the neighbourhood. We also only had on-street parking, but dog owners used common sense and there was never any problems with speed or blocking in driveways, so I think these homeowners are afraid of change and will eventually come around to the idea once it is established. Thanks so much for the wonderful plan and really looking forward to spending time there each week!

Very likely

Yes

Yes

Several times a week

Yes

I do not like the location. I think there are other locations that can be looked at as we have a beautiful town with open spaces and the Bow River. There is no need to have it near housing and two main highways.

Somewhat unlikely

Yes

Yes

Several times a week

Yes

I am a strong advocate for responsible pet guardianship. Off leash areas offer an important aspect to dog and human socialization and education. From proper care of a healthy canine, communication between humans and canines and the psychology of the dog mind, dogs require play time where they are off leash and allowed to be a dog. Smelling their environment, greeting others and learning boundaries. My experience, is that rude and aggressive dogs come from the same type of "owner", not a true guardian relationship. ██████████ presented to Council ██████████ a successful survey that we completed on the Bow River off leash. We had a 68% return and 27% of users do not reside in Cochrane. They have their children involved in sports here so they can walk their dogs on our off leash. Many want to move here due to the off leash! I attended the open house on March 6th and the ignorance of people blows me out of the water. Calgary has 150 public off leash areas where most border property lines. The property values in Scarboro, Ramsey overlooking the Stampede, Pump Hill, Sandy Beach off leash, Ranchlands are well above the property values on West McDougal Road. The people I heard complaining, already are living with the train and truck routes that carry dangerous goods and siren noise from emergency vehicles. One complaining resident, obviously did not attend the invitation to the private meeting of the 25 house owners.

Very likely

He advised me that his dog is "dog aggressive" and he cannot take the dog to the off leash. Based on the man's demeanor, he is "human aggressive" and he appears to operate on "power and control" instead of team work. I expect that the addition of all the trees and bushes will improve his property or his landlord's. The area is lacking enough garbage containers with poop bags. 3 to 5 more garbage containers. Each time I am at the Bow River off leash, I pick up at least 2-5 Safeway plastic bags full of feces and garbage along with the feces from my dogs. They need to be closer in to the middle where people are walking and playing with their dogs. The pathway must be wide enough to accommodate the variety of disabled humans and canines who enjoy the area. Is the town allowed to plant trees and install benches inside the pipeline area? This is important for rest time for humans who are unable to run and play hard or who have little people with them.

Yes

Yes

Every day

Yes

To me the big issue is the clean up. In the 2 years I have been using the current off leash I have been approached by bylaw twice. Those times they checked the license only. Regularly I see walkers not watching their dog and then miss the deposit. Occasionally I point it out and then then I sometimes get oh... I don't have a bag. The current park is so full of deposits I understand why people would argue against it. We need to ensure people do a better job of picking up.

Somewhat likely

Yes	No		Yes	<p>I would use the park regularly if it was designated a small dog off leash park. Somewhat likely</p> <p>I noticed you have a puppy/small dog agility area, but I would love to see an actual fenced off leash dog park just for small dogs. I have been to the other dog parks a couple of times and it is a very scary place for small dog owners. Large dogs no matter how friendly can injure small dogs easily and when they play and run in packs, which they often do it is very dangerous. A designated small dog park would be wonderful.</p>	
Yes	Yes	A couple of times a month	Yes	<p>The new park looks great! Couple of thoughts...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -safe dog driving water access. Like a doggy water fountain? I've seen these at parks in the city they are best for warmer months. -park lights? Path lights? Well lit parking lot -form of shade/shelter. Even a open gazebo structure, somewhere to stand in a pinch from a storm or catch some shade on a hot day, nothing fancy. 	Very likely
Yes	Yes	Every day	Yes	<p>I don't think a new dog park should be imposed on existing residences. New areas / subdivisions within the town should include an off leash so that new home buyers are aware of the location before they buy. As well, if possible the need to drive thru a residential area to access parking has an impact on the area residents. Adequate parking is also key, if parking is too limited space it will result in overloading the streets next to the park. Finally, a tap to supply drinking water for the dogs would be a fantastic addition to a dog park that has no access to the river. It's hard work chasing a ball!</p>	Very unlikely

Yes

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Several times a week

Yes

Would love to see a water fountain for dogs use. AUBURN BAY in Calgary has Very likely one in their dog park.

I would like to see the park stay open til 9pm at least during summer/spring.

People do walk their dogs after work into the evening even in the dark. ALSO

Early mornings too before work .

Will you lock the gates after hours ?

Must be clear signage for off leash and on leash areas.