

Councillor Request Inquiry #1-2021

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Deermound Off-Leash Dog Park Parking

Please provide the data the County has regarding the parking lot, including its size, vehicle capacity, as well as if any planning or research work has been done with regards to potentially adding additional parking to the Deermound Off-Leash Dog Park.

Good Morning, Council

Transportation and Agriculture Services in collaboration with Recreation, Parks and Culture and Transportation Planning and Engineering would like to provide the following information in response to the request for data regarding the parking lot at Deermound Off-Leash Dog Park; specifically regarding its size, vehicle capacity, as well as if any planning or research work has been done with regards to potentially adding additional parking.

Currently there are 68 stalls in the regular parking lot, with approximately 32 additional spots along the access road leading into Deermound. On busy days, vehicles are using the Highway 628 deceleration lane as well creating approximately 20 more parking spaces, for a total maximum capacity of 120. The parking concern although present from time to time has been exacerbated through the pandemic as Strathcona County's destinations park locations are more popular than ever. Additional seasonal off leash locations have been added in the community and RPC has been working on a campaign to promote all the dog off leash areas that are available in the community. Deermound continues to see an increase in usage, particularly on the weekends which has created safety concerns for vehicular traffic, pedestrians and site users.

There is a need for improved and expanded parking which stems from concerns of parking on highway 628 and the access road into the Deermound parking lot. TPE is working on a design to add 58 parking stalls to the existing lot. It is anticipated that this design will be completed this spring and a capital project for construction will be included in the 2022 budget process. In the interim TAS will be identifying and implementing fair-weather temporary overflow parking.

Thank you,

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