

August 19, 2019

The Mayor, City Councillors, City Manager

We are very much opposed to allowing dogs and bicycles in Crescent Park. No longer would children be able to play barefoot on the grass or picnic as we did on Canada Day with the assurance there would not be dog poo underfoot. Many seniors walk in the park and live in the housing surrounding the park. How lovely to open their windows and not smell that lovely "fresh" air left behind by dogs.

To say as you have that many dog owners are responsible in my opinion, is questionable. As I walk almost daily in Sunningdale Park, I encounter and observe that about half the dog owners leash their pets and use bags and clean up. Despite signs indicating dogs should be leashed and despite the availability of "doggie doo doo bags" provided by the City, I see on a daily basis people who disregard the signs and allow their dogs to do their business on the path as well as on the grass throughout the park and these owners casually walk away without a backward glance or a sense of responsibility for picking up after their pets.

Would City employees be charged with the task of poo cleanup in the park? Would the City hire a bylaw enforcement officer to ensure compliance? Would City workers be tasked with tending flower beds on their hands and knees as they do now? Would property values around the park be adversely affected?

We have a designated dog park in the city and it is not necessary or desirable to have Crescent Park become a home to dogs. Dog pee would have a negative effect on the grass, trees, and flowers. This is, after all, an urban cultivated park designed for beauty and the enjoyment of people. I do not want dogs frolicking in the flower beds and swimming in the serpentine.

I would also be concerned about bicycles on the paths in the park. I often see wee ones in strollers, handicapped folks, and seniors with limited mobility walking the paths. It might be difficult for these folks to navigate the paths and move out of the path of fast-moving vehicles.

Do you walk in Crescent Park?

Please reconsider this idea and keep the designated dog parks for the dogs and our beautiful jewel, Crescent Park, for the enjoyment of tourists and children, families and seniors, lawn bowlers and picknickers.

Connie & Dan Conrad

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Councillor Warren:

I do not agree with your proposal allowing dogs and bikes in Crescent Park. Moose Jaw citizens, and visitors to our city, who enjoy peace and tranquility treasure this beautiful area. Why do you want to ruin this park? Dog walkers and bikers have many other places, some dedicated to them, to enjoy their time. Please leave this one quiet haven as it is.

Joanne Lambsdown

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I strongly disagree with your proposal to open Crescent Park to dogs and bikes. As a dog lover and an avid cyclist I feel that there are plenty of spaces and facilities for both. Crescent Park is a peaceful oasis at the heart of our city. The addition of bikes and/or dogs will not only change the flavour of the park, it will also make it less comfortable for some of the many seniors who use it on a daily basis.

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**From:** Loribenson  
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I am a concerned citizen of Moose Jaw. I walk in Crescent Park almost everyday. This is a place to relax and smell the roses. Not a place for bikes, skate boards and dogs. I can not tell you the number of times I have almost been hit by bikes wizzing by me and I have good hearing. Many seniors do not and most of the people who live in this area are seniors. There are many seniors who enjoy the Park in order to just get out of their apartments. Some have trouble walking. Some are lonely and wish to meet others and some like the music in the park. Since you made this announcement I have seen more bikes and dogs in the park. Dogs along the water drinking from the green algae bloom. Who will be responsible for the vet bill if they get sick. Warren I have yet to see you in the park. Some days it's fine but people use it as a road when they can ride at faster speeds with no consideration for others. I will no longer be able to carry a purse as it is easy to ride a bike by me and grab it. Our crime rate is already high and I know there are people already abusing the no bike and dogs. Go to the dog park or bike park that as citizens we have already paid for. I live next to Crescent Park and we already have a problem at night. Let's not give this park a problem during the day too. This is not Regina or Saskatoon let's keep our parks beautiful.

Lori Benson