



**SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA ITEM  
FOR THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
HELD MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023**

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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

Supplemental Information	Agenda Item #5	1. Public Input received May 12, 2023 from Lani Gibson regarding the Off Leash Dog Area – Hirsch Creek Park
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**From:** [Lani Gibson](#)  
**To:** [districtofkitimat](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed changes to Off Leash at Hirsch Creek  
**Date:** May 12, 2023 4:19:54 PM

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I was pleased when watching the meeting of your last discussion about changes to Hirsch Creek's off leash area that you seemed to all be moving in the direction of minimizing the changes and focusing instead of public education regarding the importance of being able to control and recall dogs when off leash.

It was therefore shocking to see staff come back with a recommendation that both trails at the park be off leash. As I mentioned in my previous comment, that change will have a profoundly adverse impact on the social lives and recreational opportunities for the large group of 'regulars' who use the trails to exercise large breed dogs year round. Please reject the recommendation to make the trails on leash.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Lani

Lani E. Gibson (she/her)

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