



Staff Report to Council

Report From: Scott Currie, Communications and Strategic Initiatives Manager

Meeting Date: July 13 2026

Report: ITSI- 02-2026
Dog Park Consultation Results

Recommendation

That South Huron Council receives Staff Report ITSI-02-2026 - Dog Park Survey Results, for information.

Report Overview

Purpose of Report	For Information
Council Priority Alignment	Recreation and Community Amenities
Consultations	None.
Attachment(s) to Report	Public Consultation Survey Results and Analysis Summary

Report Highlights

- Public consultation results are attached to this report; 476 surveys were submitted during the survey period from April 23 to May 21, 2026

Context and Background

At the February 2, 2026 regular meeting, Council directed staff to “...proceed with a public consultation plan to gather information on public interest in establishing a dog park in Exeter, including preferred location, sponsorships, and financial support; and That staff bring a report back following the public consultation period for Council consideration.”

An [Exeter Dog Park webpage](#) has been created to keep the community informed about this proposal.

Discussion and Staff Recommendation(s)

The survey results and analysis are attached to this report.

The raw survey input received for the open-ended questions are also attached to this report.

The intention of staff has been to publicly share the survey results as soon as possible. At the time of writing this report, the results have not been circulated internally among the South Huron team.

Staff are not aware of any additional financial commitments made by individuals or businesses towards a dog park in Exeter during or following the consultation period.

Public correspondence previously received by Council is linked below for convenience.

Impact Analysis

There are no financial, legal, operational or community impacts as a result of the recommendation in this report.

Linkages

- Correspondence received by Council during consultation period
[Rebecca Darling – April 24, 2026](#)
- Correspondence previously received by Council
[Abby and Jeff Hannah - November 18, 2024 Delegation](#), [March 25, 2025](#),
[April 24, 2025 with petition](#), [December 10, 2025](#), [January 5, 2026](#) and
[January 26, 2026](#)
[South Huron Soccer Club - November 25, 2024](#)
[Jessica O'Brien – March 23, 2025](#)
[Susan Smith – March 20, 2025](#)
[Greg Young – March 15, 2025](#)
[Alex Hall – May 16, 2025](#)
[Canadian Tire Exeter and St. Marys – December 15, 2025](#)
[Bart Garner, Pet Valu Exeter – December 10, 2025](#)
[Wayne and Debra Oke – December 9, 2025](#)

Respectfully submitted,

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Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Alex Wolfe - Jul 9, 2026 - 10:19 AM

Julia Warwick - Jul 9, 2026 - 10:51 AM

Rebekah Msuya-Collison - Jul 9, 2026 - 3:55 PM

The responses are listed below by reference number – the number automatically assigned by the website’s application (Form builder) to each survey at the time it is submitted. Reference number sequences may show gaps due to other submission options available on the website at the time of the dog survey consultation period. Blank cells mean no answer was provided to that question by the respondent. No results have been omitted and no alternations to responses have been made. Reference to identifiable individuals have been redacted in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Reference Number	What would be your preferred location for a dog park in Exeter and why?
2026-04-23-003	Open to anywhere in town
2026-04-23-004	Somewhere that has some shade and dogs have a good space to run
2026-04-23-005	Somewhere else. Away from Exeter
2026-04-23-006	McNaughton Park. It is close to the trail, has parking, has a restroom, has garbages, middle of town and easy to walk to.
2026-04-23-007	Darling Park because it's close and a lot of people already use it as an offleash Dog area Areas North and West of the Soccer Field. This area would allow a small dog/large dog with it being already sectioned into 2 spaces on the image
2026-04-23-008	Park over by the villa with only green space
2026-04-23-009	Somewhere walkable
2026-04-23-010	Green Space McNaughton Park
2026-04-23-011	Not sure
2026-04-23-012	anywhere!
2026-04-23-013	Some where in the middle of Exeter, rehabs in the area of the bridge (west or south side of it) both within reach of the north and south sides for people who would walk their dogs to it
2026-04-23-014	Either the McNaughton Park or Elliot Park. Shade, campers have space for their dogs to run also. Park can also have eyes on your kids at the play ground and pool or venture to the trail. Park had parking close also in many areas
2026-04-23-015	No location I don't think we need it to take over the green spaces we have. If needed out by the trail?!
2026-04-23-016	No current suggestions.
2026-04-23-017	If you have to have one then put it somewhere away from areas used for other kinds of recreation. Maybe by the lagoons.
2026-04-23-018	Near the other facilities like the arena, soccer field and baseball diamonds
2026-04-23-019	Anywhere
2026-04-23-020	I drive by the crediton one everyday and haven't seen anyone at it since it was put in
2026-04-23-022	Somewhere central in town - near the arena/elementary school ideally since the trailhead is also there and its central for most residents with ample parking options. I've never understood why the fenced in soccer field near the elementary school cant be used as one already outside of the main soccer season - late summer/early fall until the snow starts and early

	spring before the soccer season starts or on sundays when there is no soccer. It's a massive area for them to run that's fenced in. Such a waste of space outside of soccer time use. It was always an open area growing up for anyone to use.
2026-04-23-021	No preference as I don't believe we need one in Exeter. The municipality has 2 dog parks already
2026-04-23-023	And ideal location would be the lot beside Wagner Field/Park and the house on the corner of Church and Triebner street. If there is no plans to convert that into a parking lot for the soccer fields, why not make a dog park there? Also, lots of people already take their dogs to Wagner Field/Park when soccer isn't going on
2026-04-23-024	No preference
2026-04-23-025	In a quiet area where barking dogs wouldn't bother people
2026-04-23-026	NA
2026-04-23-027	Near ball diamonds/arena
2026-04-23-028	Near the soccer fields
2026-04-23-029	Perhaps somewhere near the trail?
2026-04-23-030	In walking distance
2026-04-23-031	Rodeo ring
2026-04-23-032	Outskirts if you do one. I'd rather see a community centre.
2026-04-23-033	Somewhere near arena would be ideal... central location without a tons of possible triggers for dogs who're skittish
2026-04-23-034	In town
2026-04-23-035	Honestly exeter has many spots and spaces to offer. It should be in a space where its not near a busy road or school.
2026-04-23-036	Anywhere not near the main road for safety in case they get lose
2026-04-23-037	None
2026-04-23-038	Anywhere central
2026-04-23-039	Not at MacNaughton Park. Kids play and families picnic there. It also the main access point to the trail that is heavily used by the community and a tourist destination. A dog park in this area would be a bad first impression and perhaps make many that use that access point uncomfortable with dogs of leash even Ina fenced area.
2026-04-23-040	McNaughton Park
2026-04-23-041	Near ball diamonds so could take dog to park while kids/spouse plays ball
2026-04-23-042	unsure
2026-04-23-043	Outskirts to the north or east- more greenspace
2026-04-23-044	Not sure
2026-04-23-045	McNaughton park. Nice and shady and my kids can play at the splash pad then we can go over to the dog park when they are done and the dog can have run. I can get the kids and dog tired out before bed lol
2026-04-23-046	Near a park
2026-04-23-047	Anywhere in town
2026-04-23-048	The park by the pool and trail area in town. Provides lots of shade and it is a big area the in relativity unused throughout the year. So might as well fence it and make it into a dog park
2026-04-23-049	Central
2026-04-23-050	Any of the areas around MacNaughton Park or Darling Park. These areas have open spaces that are currently not used regularly and wouldn't hinder any other sports or facilities already being utilized.
2026-04-23-051	Located in town by the trail . Near soashpad over by the pavilion

2026-04-23-052	By the bridge because its central to alot of thing's
2026-04-23-053	I'm just excited for one to be available anywhere in Exeter
2026-04-23-054	No prference
2026-04-23-055	- Near the public soccer fields (by water tower) - behind the public school/path to MacNaughten trail The above locations have parking available, quiet/away from Main Street, offer lots of green space for dogs who are running, playing and for owners who want to walk off-leash.
2026-04-23-056	By the schools would be best. It's the most central location I can think of
2026-04-23-057	Near arena.. near trails would be nice.
2026-04-23-058	People who have dogs need to be responsible for their well being. No need to spend tax dollars. There are plenty of other projects to support. Ex. Cemetery fence.
2026-04-23-059	McNaughton park.
2026-04-23-060	Somewhere central like around the arena would be best for walking.
2026-04-23-061	No political games or BS for support, put the dog park in - anywhere. Do it ASAP. Thanks,
2026-04-23-062	Towards the south end of Exeter, near the hospital, i cannot walk far and the north end is too far for me and my small dog to get to, and we have no transportation
2026-04-23-063	Near arena
2026-04-23-064	No preference
2026-04-23-065	I believe EXETER is the largest town in South huron, therefore I would assume it has the most dogs. Logically to me it makes perfect sense to have a dog park in the town with the most dogs.
2026-04-23-066	Any location in Exeter, whatever would work best for the municipality
2026-04-23-067	Central
2026-04-23-068	In the park on hill st between the splash pad and pavilion due to large empty space
2026-04-23-069	Somewhere on the outskirts of Exeter.
2026-04-23-070	Don't care
2026-04-23-071	As long as it's securely fenced....anywhere is GREAT!
2026-04-23-072	No opinion on location, easy access for all would be important
2026-04-23-073	Warner fields would offer great dog park.
2026-04-23-074	Anywhere where theres space for dogs to run and play without having to run in tight circles like the one in crediton
2026-04-23-075	Somewhere near the park
2026-04-23-076	I would like to see a park anywhere in Exeter. Location is not an issue. We have Whippets who need a good run at least 2-3x a week. We live in a land lease community so no fenced are run area at all. We go to the one in Crediton but it small and usually full of dog poop sadly. It would also be a great idea to offer some private hours, ie pay a fee and park is yours for say half hour. Not all dogs are good with other dogs, or have medical needs which prevent them from full on playing. But all dogs need a good option to run and just enjoy a great sniff!
2026-04-23-077	East side of town, south of bridge.

	Integrated with the other natural features of our town like the trail and river.
2026-04-23-078	In the town. Not the north end and not the south end. Somewhere in the middle.
2026-04-23-079	By the RAC center
2026-04-23-080	Anywhere with enough green space available
2026-04-23-081	Near South Huron Rec center.
2026-04-23-082	MacNaughton park, benefits are shade, space, walking trails nearby
2026-04-23-083	Open area away from traffic so the dogs are not distracted by loud noises from vehicles or service vehicles.
2026-04-23-084	Trees for sure... and maybe a little water feature. A minin water park, or a creek running through
2026-04-23-085	We do not need a dog park here in Exeter. There are many more useful things that could be done with that money.
2026-04-23-086	The empty grass lot across from Keller roofing by the train tracks and next to the apartments people in town already use it as a dog run
2026-04-23-087	As a life long Exeter resident, naturally I would say in Exeter, ideally centrally located in the town. The west end of Wellington would be great if HDC could donate some property. Now as a responsible resident of South Huron, the dog park should be centrally located in the municipality. Dashwood would make the most sense.
2026-04-23-088	Anywhere! Most convenient would be SE side of town or near the school/arena/McNaughton park. But anywhere would be awesome!
2026-04-23-089	Empty lot between cedar lane (185-197 Victoria St w) and railroad tracks. Every summer the grass grows long until it could be bailed then it grows again.
2026-04-23-090	Dunno
2026-04-23-091	Literally anywhere
2026-04-23-092	MacNaughton park would be the best spot for the dog park because its pretty accessible and there is parking available. Also it is shaded so the park won't be super hot. Finally it's is close to the trail, walkable and central.
2026-04-23-093	Within walking distance to town centrrre
2026-04-23-094	There isn't a need for a dog park when we have two dog parks within an 8 minute drive.
2026-04-23-095	By the water tower
2026-04-23-096	Close to arena
2026-04-23-097	I think beside the splash park and public pool would be a perfect location so that the dogs can run the kids can play. It's easy access with accessible parking.
2026-04-23-098	north of elliot park
2026-04-23-099	McNaughton Park - can accommodate small and large dogs, has parking, walkable, close to other amenities, seating could eventually be added, potentially even donated.
2026-04-23-100	On the outskirts of town
2026-04-23-101	Not sure
2026-04-23-102	Morrison conservation area or the parkland around it.. Lots of available space and has existing parking.
2026-04-23-103	In the park by the river
2026-04-23-104	By the baseball diamond by the arena. Green space on the south end of Pryde Blvd - sidewalk connects Moatz and Pryde

2026-04-23-105	Could a dog park be established at the far end of the walking bridge at McNaughtington park ?
2026-04-23-106	Park off Pryde Blvd, lots of new homes in the area
2026-04-23-107	Doesn't matter
2026-04-23-108	Easily accessible
2026-04-23-109	East of curling club or maybe darling park as it is very important to me that the dog park is a decently large size.
2026-04-23-110	Anywhere in Exeter would be great! This community just needs one
2026-04-23-111	Keep it away from the splash pad, park and public pool area. Too many kids around
2026-04-23-112	No preferred location
2026-04-23-113	We don't need a dog park
2026-04-23-114	Near the highschool.
2026-04-23-115	Darling park, large park and very walkable
2026-04-23-116	Not directly abutting a residential property. As much as i would appreciate a centrally located dog park, i would not appreciate a dog park next door to my house.
2026-04-23-117	North of Elliot park
2026-04-23-118	Somewhere walking distance to downtown
2026-04-23-119	Near Exeter Dam. It is shady and accessible.
2026-04-23-120	MacNaughton park- it's away from people's homes. There's lots of nature to look at while the dogs play. People walking the trail could walk past the dog park to see the dogs playing.
2026-04-23-121	SHRC Trail Space, McNaughton Park, or Darling Park seem best fits for year round use with least negative impact for local residents in those areas. All three are already maintained by south huron staff and have decent space and access for those who would use the dog park. All 3 are similar in expense estimates within reason or required work needed.
2026-04-23-122	Rodeo ring
2026-04-23-123	I believe that Exeter is not in need of a dog park directly beside a recreational trail that is dog friendly. All locations suggested change the access and enjoyment of the spaces by the public.
2026-04-23-124	North end. Closer to nature.
2026-04-23-125	Im not sure. Exeter is handy since i drive.
2026-04-23-126	In town so it has easy access via walking.
2026-04-23-127	McNaughton park.
2026-04-23-128	I think a great spot would be across the road from the conservation building. There is parking there and a good bit of land that would work great for a dog park.
2026-04-23-129	Just moved here in last year so not sure what is available but I would like it in town , not where I'd have to drive to....
2026-04-23-130	Not in Exeter there are 2 outside Exeter about 8 mins away.
2026-04-23-131	At the McNaughton Park close to everything has parking
2026-04-23-132	Green space near Mcnaughton park. Closer to my home.
2026-04-23-133	Near the arena/trail/waterpark
2026-04-23-134	Ball diamond/arena area would be ideal

2026-04-23-135	Macnaughton park or soccer fields at the end of Nelson road. somewhere central.
2026-04-23-136	I like visiting dog parks that are close to ball parks. I can take my dog to play while my kids are on the field.
2026-04-23-137	MacNaughton Park between pool and pavilion, lots of space and trees, room for dogs to run. ITS A CENTRAL WALKABLE LOCATION! Also between hardball and soccer feild along the existing sidewalk, long space with trees very central and walkable.
2026-04-23-138	Anywhere they'll approve it.
2026-04-23-139	The dog park should not be located in floodplains along the Ausable River. They are naturally prone to flooding, and fences would collect debris. Lots of muddy paws. The field at the west end of Wellington Street, just beyond the controlled access gate on the way to the lagoons would be an ideal site. It is not in a floodplain. It is further away from residential neighbourhoods and parks. It has room for a parking lot and areas for dogs. It is walkable. It is privately owned but perhaps it could be rented or purchased.
2026-04-23-140	I think having a dog park is healthy for the community and interactions. Healthy for dogs to be introduced to other dogs. Easier to get to in town instead of having to leave exeter to find a dog park.
2026-04-23-141	Somewhere that's has parking. Would also love to see if the park have shade and a path for owners to walk. Kincardine has an awesome dog park and it would be great to see something similar in Exeter. Would also be lovely to have access to water, as the seasons permits.
2026-04-23-142	Nelson st behind water building
2026-04-23-143	Spmewhere near the arena to keep things central and together.
2026-04-23-144	In a new location, not existing McNaughton or morrison parks as residents value their current green spaces and parks and may negatively affect the proposal. By wagner fields?
2026-04-23-145	N/A
2026-04-23-146	Near Elliott park or by the curling club to me are two of the better options proposed, but neither is perfect. Size of the park and shade availability being top priority to me. and parking that isn't a major inconvenience to nearby residents would be great. If you do a small dog park I think it would largely be a waste of time and money. To me ideally giving up a soccer field by the water tower year round would be a good size/location. Though parking would be an issue. Could also fundraise or ask for tree donations etc.
2026-04-23-147	Near McNaughten park Andrew street and hill street
2026-04-23-148	In town so people can walk there and let their dog off leash. If it's in the country it limits who can go.
2026-04-23-149	Victoria park or by the pool. Accessible.
2026-04-23-150	Not too far from main street
2026-04-23-151	none
2026-04-23-152	By the soccer fields
2026-04-23-153	North west area of Exeter
2026-04-23-154	Exeter does not need a dog park. There are other dog parks within the municipality and there are other options for dogs in Exeter such as the trail system.
2026-04-23-155	MacNaughton Park west of pavilion or SHRC trail space as neither of these locations disturb current residents nor impact current sports fields/facilities. And flooding isn't an issue here.
2026-04-23-156	Near the Rec Center

2026-04-23-157	By the high school possibility. Would be the biggest open area around exeter
2026-04-23-158	McNaughton Park. Convenient location, parking already available, trail nearby, play area for kids, lots of shade.
2026-04-23-159	Not opposed to anywhere! I'd walk or drive to one.
2026-04-23-160	New to the area -4 months- so still finding my footing. I can't provide an answer to this. However, I would be thrilled to be able to go to the dog park with my Wiener dog everyday so that I can meet new people and he can meet new socialized dogs cuz we are new and I don't know anybody
2026-04-23-161	I believe a good area would be near the soccer field / baseball diamond (Carling/wellington)
2026-04-23-162	Have no preferred location because I don't think we need one
2026-04-23-163	Nowhere, it is not needed and would be a full and complete waste of money and space. \$25,000 - \$36,000 prices are a lot for something which would benefit such a small portion of people who would use it. The Crediton and Centralia ones are sufficient for the demand already, and underutilized.
2026-04-23-164	At the park in Exeter would be ideal! There's lots of space that is unused, it seems perfect!
2026-04-23-165	Somewhere easily walkable to all
2026-04-23-166	Anywhere locally that is walkable.
2026-04-23-167	Unsure
2026-04-23-168	Huron St E area Areas to build
2026-04-23-169	Near the Morrison trail. Parking, shade,
2026-04-23-170	my idea was thinking at the parkette on moltzblvd bcos i live closeby and there is a large space that isnt being used as well as they already have benches in place ,,
2026-04-23-171	McNaughton Park Curling Club
2026-04-23-172	Can walk to it from my home.
2026-04-23-173	Not in the middle of a residential area.
2026-04-23-174	Port Blake, as we don't need one in Exeter Second choice would be Dashwood New Fire station, as council seems to think the area warrants a new fire hal Look at Windermere subdivision and buy a lot, and get the trail back Not for this council, but need to have Fire hall in Exeter, rec facilities and not. Dog park. Council did not support seniors program funding, but more interested in supporting a dog park?
2026-04-23-175	I don't really prefer any of the locations. Had hoped maybe it would be on the south west side of town. But will use it wherever it ends up.
2026-04-23-176	somewhere within town that is easily accessible by walking.
2026-04-23-177	None of the options are good. Anywhere around the soccer field or baseball diamonds is a terrible idea. Too shady so it will be a muddy mess. And usually lots of activities going on so parking is already

	tough to find. With more people and activity around the area there could be more negative encounters between dogs and people. The least worst options are curling rink or Elliot park.
2026-04-24-001	None. The places proposed are not suitable, specifically due to either lack of shade, environmental impact, or lack of parking (or a combination of the 3). All which are dangerous for dogs and residents. A safe parking zone is incredibly important, as this is where dogs are most reactive (on-leash, in transit to the off-leash area).
2026-04-24-002	Somewhere on the edge of Exeter to insure lots of space for dogs to run
2026-04-24-003	McNaughton park area.....lots of space and other activities there.
2026-04-24-004	Not near busy road ways or schools
2026-04-24-005	South side of town
2026-04-24-006	AJ Fred Darling park
2026-04-24-007	No preferred location. Just easy to get to
2026-04-24-008	No where
2026-04-24-009	Mcnaughton park. Parking, not as busy as school or rec centre areas.
2026-04-24-010	Near arena. Good community area.
2026-04-24-011	Unsure but it would be great to have one.
2026-04-24-012	As close to central Exeter as possible
2026-04-24-013	Absolutely NOT at Darling Park - Pryde Blvd is bad enough for traffic, school buses and speeding drivers, we don't need to add cars parked all along the side of the road for people going to the dog park. Preferred location would be... - SHRC Trail Space - East of the Rodeo Ring - MacNaughton Park - East of Curling Club - North of Elliott Park
2026-04-24-014	Cannot find where it is stated for potential locations
2026-04-24-015	McNaughton Park.
2026-04-24-016	None
2026-04-24-017	The Darling Park should be removed from consideration immediately. This land was donated to the town many years ago by [REDACTED], Fred Darling, with the clear intention that it remain designated as greenspace. [REDACTED] family and neighbours have previously addressed this matter when the land was being considered as surplus and potentially developed. At that time, the town formally designated it as greenspace, and [REDACTED] family funded the installation of signage to reflect that status. We understood the issue to be resolved. It is both frustrating and disappointing to see the park once again being considered for a use that contradicts its intended purpose. This is a huge disrespect to the Darling family. Further, Pryde Boulevard is not an appropriate location for a dog park. Placing such a facility in the middle of a residential area, without available parking, on an already busy road that is heavily used by Villa residents, raises significant concerns. This is not a suitable site, and I

	strongly urge that it be removed from consideration immediately. [REDACTED]
2026-04-24-018	By the arena it is a good middle location
2026-04-24-019	Somewhere accessible to all. Preferably in the middle of Exeter.
2026-04-24-020	Not sure really
2026-04-24-021	Darling park, least amount of disruption for other events at other sites and it's close to home..
2026-04-24-022	Unsure
2026-04-24-023	You cannot use the park space that [REDACTED] donated to the town. I can't believe this is an issue we have to fight again. This street is already so busy. This was not the intention of him donating that space. I'm all for a dog park. Love dogs. Have two of my own. But no one wants that across from their house. [REDACTED] lives right there. The traffic is already insane. [REDACTED]
2026-04-24-024	Needs to be a location that is not in the middle of a subdivision, that would cause more problems than you need.
2026-04-24-025	Unsure
2026-04-24-026	West of main st at Elliot park
2026-04-24-027	Central exeter to draw out of town people into the heart of exeter
2026-04-24-028	My preferred location and the ones that make the most sense would be 1. MacNaughten park west of the pavilion, 2 Curling club area, 3.Rodeo ring, 4. East of the rodeo ring, All of these areas are secluded enough as to not disrupt residents or passers by that are perhaps afraid of dogs and the noise which will come with a dog park.
2026-04-24-029	I personally would like the park to be walkable. I live in the west end of town.
2026-04-24-030	There isn't a need for a dog park in Exeter. We have two dog parks that is only an 8 min drive from Exeter.
2026-04-24-031	McNaughton Park Victoria Park Elliott Park Near Curling club Anywhere with grass that a fence can be put, preferably with shade.
2026-04-24-032	Not on the soccer field!! As a soccer player and coach I would be very upset to know the field was also used for dogs.. Most dog owners don't pick up their dogs poop. How about on the north side of the park next to river, with access to it from the curved concrete bridge. There is shade and not a lot of use of that area by park goers
2026-04-24-033	Location is not a big deal to me, as long as it has a place to park and is a safe well thought out zone. Needs to have a gate with a small secure area first that leads to the larger space. This is so that dogs in the big free space don't escape while someone is entering . Thank you for considering a community dog park.
2026-04-24-034	No dog park
2026-04-24-035	I don't care. Anywhere we can walk. We need a dog park desperately in this town.

	You should put a garbage and water tap accessible there also for filling water dishes.
2026-04-24-036	East of the rodeo ring. Had most of the required things for a dog park. Gravel parking shouldn't be an issue for most dog owners. Some shade, limited community impact and not a flood zone. Otherwise, McNaughton Park meets many of the needs I feel many dog owners require.
2026-04-24-037	MacNaughton Park suggestion as it's centrally located and provides a large space to work with. Or if it is possible to use some of the space where the soccer fields off Carling/Nelson St are. Large space to work with
2026-04-24-038	Anywhere
2026-04-24-039	Anywhere away from residential areas due to the noise element
2026-04-24-040	McNaughton park bridge area is my preferred location. This location does not take away already used space from existing user groups.
2026-04-24-041	Off Huron St East
2026-04-24-042	From a veterinary technician's perspective, it's important to be mindful of where dogs are exercised and socialized. High-traffic, busy environments—especially those with children—can be overwhelming for some dogs. Not all dogs are comfortable in these settings, and exposure to excessive noise and activity may trigger fear or defensive aggression, which can increase the risk of bites. Many owners may not recognize the signs of stress their dogs experience until a situation escalates. While this does present a level of liability, it's also important to acknowledge that for many people today, pets are considered part of the family. Providing a designated dog park can offer a controlled environment where dogs and their owners can safely interact, while also creating a valuable community space for connection and socialization.
2026-04-24-043	NO PREFERRED PREFERENCE
2026-04-24-044	No opinion
2026-04-24-045	I don't exactly know but maybe where the fields are by the schools
2026-04-24-046	Darling Park - waste of space - do something with it other than cut the grass Rodeo Ring - waste of space and taxpayers money - dog park would be used daily, lots of parking, will not interrupt residences, close to staff to assist when required for cleanup.
2026-04-24-047	Somewhere close to the areas and baseball fields - make it convenient for people who have pets and want to watch their kids play sports while also having their dog with them. Similar to the Lucan stop.
2026-04-24-048	Centrally located would work for me and would I wouldn't have to go far to get there
2026-04-24-049	Darling Park - location, space, more trees for sound insulation from barking dogs, some front of park parking, highly accessible
2026-04-24-050	Open to anywhere in town
2026-04-24-051	Rodeo ring or SHRC Trail Space For proximity and cost and walkability from fields, rec centre parking, and main st
2026-04-24-052	Prefer something near centre of town, in a quiet suburb with shade.

2026-04-24-053	Any where but Darling Park as it has many homes without dogs and lots of small children who use that park to play
2026-04-24-054	The dog park idea for McLaughlin park over the bridge is a smart idea for public access or off of darling park or the curling club. Other towns have had great success with parks that are in familiar landmarks in there town. From personal experience parking is not usually an issue in my opinion. Example darling park- nearby sanders st or main st is within walking distance. Same with McLaughton- there splash pad or up that street towards the bridge. Shade also isn't usually a requirement- yes would be ideal but parks such as Clinton or seaforth have no shade and are popular within there community. If the proposal is approved an idea for the park is a water feature or source is ideal- this could be even just a water pad(dog pool tub.
2026-04-24-055	Central
2026-04-24-056	Location should be by the arena
2026-04-24-057	Macnaughton Park. Numerous amenities would complement each other. Accessible to the trail and parking and accessible washroom.
2026-04-24-058	A space in MacNaughton park or near the rec centre. There's already parking at both and both connect to the trails. They're pretty centrally located as well
2026-04-24-059	Pretty flexible here to be honest.
2026-04-24-060	Anywhere not close to a children's playground. I have two small children who are both very afraid of dogs from past incidents at a playground where big dogs got away from their owner and jumped on my kids. I think if a dog park is too close then my children would be afraid to go to that park, along with other children.
2026-04-24-061	Your question assumes I support a fourth dog park which I do not. You've written the question to lead to the answer the mayor prefers. There are already three dog parks in South Huron that are no longer maintained. No reason to add a fourth. I DO NOT support another dog park!
2026-04-24-062	
2026-04-24-063	Any of the listed spaces
2026-04-24-064	In the park, somewhere near the large gazebo.
2026-04-24-065	Near the elementary school/ rec center.
2026-04-24-066	Darling Park — not super muddy half the year like the flood prone areas (less risk of destroying all the grass and becoming a nuisance mud pit. Plus dirty dogs are not fun to deal with). Walkable and in a quiet area. Trees with seating along the sidewalk not too far. I already walk my dog in this area and this would be a great addition to the community. It is currently under utilized and I always thought it sad for my taxes to go to just cutting grass. Let the area be used for something useful! Please either plant trees here or make it into a dog park (or both!). Trees are very inexpensive so to plant a couple in the fenced area if used as a dog park would be very beneficial. But ensure to protect them for several years using fencing to avoid damage from dogs. I really would advise against the soccer fields. It seems silly to invest

	money into this when half the year (May-Sept as stated) it will be unavailable due to soccer games. I can see dog owners getting upset over this and using it anyways — ultimately leading to a closure of the dog park and wasted time, resources, and money on trying to create a dog park. While a great size and more affordable, it seems impractical and set up for failure. The other options given are all way too small to consider (waste of money as too few dogs will be able to use it at once, will get dirty and muddied up way too quick/dogs will destroy it easier) or in flood zones as mentioned which will be horrendous during spring melt or autumn showers. The Centralia dog park is way too small. You need an area large enough to actually play with your dog (throw balls, play fetch, run around, etc). Let's not make the same mistake twice.
2026-04-24-067	
2026-04-24-068	Somewhere near the arena because it's central.
2026-04-24-069	Not on Pryde Blvd which is a residential neighborhood. There is no parking. Children play in that park. Dogs barking is disruptive to the neighbours. This is not the right location. The traffic and speed of traffic is at a high column right now. This will just add to the congestion. This park needs to be in an area without homes around. Please consider the property owners that pay taxes in this area. And put the park elsewhere. The community centre area would make the most sense with parking and not a residential area.
2026-04-24-070	Mcnaughton park. Easy to use all year.
2026-04-24-071	Areas North and West of the Soccer Field - central area, not isolated, dog owners also need to feel safe and not isolated, pet owners often take their dog out alone and I wouldn't want to be in an isolated area with my dog
2026-04-24-072	
2026-04-25-001	Green space over bridge or SHRC trail space. Space for large and small dogs, near water, trees.
2026-04-25-002	Close to other parks or baseball diamonds that is walkable for parents
2026-04-25-003	Mcnaughton park would be a great spot theres shade , washrooms , fishing , walking trail, splash pads and swimming for your kids , picnic with your family and so much more , thank you
2026-04-25-004	We like Darling park followed by Mcanaughton park, both of these areas feel underutilized and would not impact severely any other businesses/events. Darling park is often vacant and would be the preferred choice but the homeowners on either side may not be happy with this I would imagine.
2026-04-25-005	No preference on location
2026-04-25-006	
2026-04-25-007	
2026-04-25-008	In the area with trees by the ball diamond. Please do not put a dog park on our community soccer field. That field has been the home of many teams for decades and would be a disgrace to the game.
2026-04-25-009	McNaughton Park is obvious choice as there already is a park there and a large area for a fenced area with plenty of shade, seating and easy access. The worst spot would be the Community Soccer Field as the 2 activities can not coexist. As well there are numerous clubs and youth programs that use the field extensively and the field has to be maintained to ensure that it is playable and to avoid injuries from damage done by extra traffic by dogs and their owners
2026-04-25-010	Not at the soccer field

2026-04-25-011	No preference
2026-04-25-012	
2026-04-25-013	
2026-04-25-014	
2026-04-25-015	
2026-04-25-016	As a member of the St Columban Soccer Club we currently pay to use Exeter Community Soccer field for our men's, women's, and our high competitive soccer teams. The Exeter Community Soccer field is the only field where we have sufficient lighting in our community to play games at night. Which is why even though our club is located in St Columban, we have had up to 4 teams in a year play home games in Exeter Community Soccer field. The high competitive level soccer teams have allowed several of our players to obtain scholarships for their post secondary education and led to more of our players continuing onward to adult teams building their love of the sport. Changing use from soccer field or even just allowing dogs to use the soccer field as a dog park would make the field unusable or would require a municipal worker to maintain daily to ensure that no damage from dogs or people from their usage. I do believe that a dog park is useful as there is one located in Seaforth, but would not be in favor of the Exeter Community Soccer field being converted for that usage.
2026-04-25-017	
2026-04-25-018	
2026-04-25-019	Not on the soccer fields It would destroy the wonderful soccer facility
2026-04-25-020	
2026-04-25-021	
2026-04-25-022	Away from the Exeter community soccer park so people stop using that for their dog.
2026-04-25-023	
2026-04-25-024	Morrison trail head, over the bridge in that big grassy area by the willow
2026-04-25-025	The option at MacNaughton Park- it is current greenspace that is maintained by the municipality. Lots of parking available. Easily accessible for residents. The cost is lower compared to many. Available all year. Does not impact other activities.
2026-04-25-026	
2026-04-25-027	Do not put the dog park on the soccer field. Preference would be another permanent location, rather than a temporary set up on the soccer field. The cost difference to put up a fence (one time cost) vs constant set up/removal + field maintenance fees (if put on the soccer field) should be enough of a deterrent. Additionally, the soccer field is unfortunately used as a dog park by some, which leaves issues for soccer teams and field conditions (large ruts, litter, dog bags, and dog waste left on the field). The dog park should have its own dedicated area, separate from the soccer field.
2026-04-25-028	
2026-04-25-029	
2026-04-25-030	Doesn't matter to me

2026-04-25-031	Just to have one to use would be amazing! The park on Pryde Boulevard would be a great spot I think 😊
2026-04-25-032	Near a park so kids can play while the dogs are in their area
2026-04-25-033	
2026-04-25-034	Absolutely not in the soccer fields or other sports grounds. Please find a new dedicated piece of land or part of a park that is already community use.
2026-04-25-035	
2026-04-25-036	McNaughton Park. Ample size, parking available, with connections for walking to area and easy access.. Already serviced by South Huron, shade.
2026-04-25-037	
2026-04-25-038	
2026-04-25-039	Victoria park; proximity- would use very often.
2026-04-25-040	MacNaughton Park because it has a significant amount of shade, parking, access to sidewalks, seating and water access nearby. It is located centrally in Exeter and also has ready access to the trail system.
2026-04-25-041	I am a rural person so need to bring my dog in by car. Parking is therefore critical.
2026-04-25-042	A green space, with above mentioned criteria. Within town limits so allow for those in town to possibly extend their walk to a visit to the park.
2026-04-25-043	The soccer field by the ball diamonds or the treed space between the girls ball diamond and the WA field.
2026-04-25-044	Rodeo ring - it is not out of the way of other recreational facilities already maintained by municipal staff. Utilizes a space not well utilized otherwise. Can probably easily fix the problem of no shade by installing temporary shade fixtures. Does not disturb otherwise nice and naturalized area. Close to where there is a need as otherwise residents often use those soccer fields for off leash play.
2026-04-25-045	
2026-04-25-046	Dogs often become excited and more protective and irritable when they are exposed to environments that are not normal to a dog. This includes any area of high human activity and abnormal sounds to a dog. Even calm dogs will have personality changes when put in these environments. This rules out any area near sports facilities, any area near schools or any area near a park. No area should be considered that the municipality or any organization has spent funds on to create and maintain. It is hard to believe that the Exeter Soccer Field has even been included as a potential site considering the amount of money that has been invested to create that facility.
2026-04-25-047	
2026-04-25-048	Doesn't really matter. I just think one is needed.
2026-04-25-049	
2026-04-25-050	Definitely NOT the Exeter Community Soccer Field. Absolutely dumb idea.
2026-04-25-051	Any where you can walk to in town
2026-04-25-052	
2026-04-25-053	Elliot Park would be a great place to turn into a dog park there is loads of space and shade and it is a very under-utilized area (we live on William street and see it daily).
2026-04-25-054	Not in a residential area, by arena where there is parking.

2026-04-25-055	As long as it's not going to destroy a well used soccer field! You would never recommend placing it on the baseball diamond so why destroy a soccer field?!
2026-04-25-056	McNaughton Park would be my preferred choice. Parking available, lots of space that isn't often used and shade. I think the areas off Victoria are the worst spots for a dog park. That road is already very busy with the school, daycare, rec centre, ball fields., pickle ball courts etc. I also think the soccer field would be ruined by that amount of traffic on them in the wetter months.
2026-04-25-057	Near the splash pad. Seems like a localized area and also has the room.
2026-04-26-001	Na
2026-04-26-002	Mcnaughton park
2026-04-26-003	
2026-04-26-004	Anywhere except the Exeter Soccer field as a sports field should be solely for the use of sports.
2026-04-26-005	Splash pad area because of the big open grass lot
2026-04-26-006	Near rec centre, or near fire hall
2026-04-26-007	
2026-04-26-008	
2026-04-26-009	
2026-04-26-010	Any of the options OTHER than the Exeter soccer field! Why take away an important recreational space from people? Exeter is already limited in the recreational programming available, and removing a soccer field that provides a large group of people a space for physical activity and community is incredibly poor planning. Please do not put the dog park there.
2026-04-26-011	
2026-04-26-012	I would prefer you fenced in an area near the Nabisco soccer fields. Definitely do not put it on the quality soccer field beside the elementary school just because it has existing fencing. I have used this field for over thirty years to play soccer and it would be unusable as a soccer field if turned into a dog park.
2026-04-26-013	MacNaughton Park
2026-04-26-014	No preference. Anywhere within town limits.
2026-04-26-015	
2026-04-27-001	
2026-04-27-002	
2026-04-27-003	A stand alone located, closeby to other park areas.
2026-04-27-004	A dog park anywhere in Exeter would be fantastic! There are so many dog owners, including myself in Exeter. I currently travel to Crediton or Huron Park, and gas is costly. Please make a dog park in Exeter! Thank you.
2026-04-27-005	Perhaps in was proximity of the municipal pool?
2026-04-27-006	McNaughton Park. The park itself, is under-utilized, although the trail itself is used extensively. There is parking close by for those with mobility issues. The proposed dog park would be developed as accessable to those with mobility issues. Given it would be right by the trailhead, it would be the perfect location for a dog park, and a welcome addition to the trail system, especially for those who walk their dogs daily on the trail.

2026-04-27-007	
2026-04-27-008	McNaughton park would be a ideal spot due to lots of shade and parking.
2026-04-27-009	In town
2026-04-27-010	Anywherebut not on the soccer field!
2026-04-27-011	Not any existing activity spaces for adults or children. Example: sports fields. It is hard enough trying to find places to play sport other than hockey. Stop taking outside play areas for everybody. Creat new space. If people want it they will travel to get there.
2026-04-27-012	MacNaughton Park. As a parent with a dog we spend a lot of time in that area. With the playground, pool, and walking trails all in one location, paired with parking and shade I think this would make a perfect location for a dog park
2026-04-28-001	
2026-04-28-002	
2026-04-28-003	
2026-04-28-004	NOT SURE
2026-04-28-005	I suggest using the greenspace beside, behind and across the river on the property of the old Scout Hall 125 John Street West in Exeter. The Exeter Lions currently use the Scout Hall as their clubhouse but never use the outside space. The municipality currently cuts the grass at the Scout Hall and the adjoining property across the river so a bridge could be added to make use of this unused greenspace. This property provides shade, plenty of parking and is walkable by many town residents, unlike the other suggested locations.
2026-04-28-006	
2026-04-28-007	
2026-04-28-008	MacNaughton, is close to my house
2026-04-29-001	
2026-04-29-002	I am most in favour of the location proposed in MacNaughton Park, west of the Pavilion, the two Rodeo Ring locations, and North of Elliott Park. I think they're the easiest places to access for maintenance, and for people who want to use it, and it's also not disruptive to people who don't want to use it. I am STRONGLY NOT in favour of the following locations for the following reasons: Exeter Soccer Field & Areas North and West of the Soccer Field - proximity to elementary school, daycare and sidewalk path to Pryde Blvd., concerned about safety should dogs get loose, particularly for small children as there is no fencing around the school property to keep out a loose dog - potential barking dog noise, my 5 year old (and many other young children) are scared of dogs, we love taking the sidewalk path to school each day, and don't want to be faced with a gauntlet of dogs bothering and scaring the kids each day - potential smell if waste is not properly maintained

	SHRC Trail Space - this is a beautiful treed space where the school, the daycare and summer childcare programs OFTEN (not 'occasional' like in your report) take small children for meaningful outdoor education and recreation through all seasons - this also would block the paths down to the river trail, and similar concerns about dogs barking/escaping and scaring people trying to use the trails - please don't put it here!
2026-04-29-003	Anywhere
2026-04-29-004	Central of Exeter , so that I can walk 2 and from and not always have to drive them out there .
2026-04-29-005	I was shocked at some of the proposed locations suggested for a dog park! The most unreasonable was the Darling Park between Pryde & Motz. As a long time South Huron resident I know that are was donated by the Fred Darling family and as a community would be so wrong to put a dog park there. Especially right in the middle of a lovely residential area and a well used green area. I don't currently own a dog but have for most of my life. I am also a member of the Exeter Curling Club and know we have had zero support from the town of Exeter ever and can't imagine just saying if they put a dog park in that area they could park at the Curling Club. So many locations are very close to the river and flood area. I know there will be people that are not responsible dog owners that will not be picking up after their dogs.
2026-04-29-006	Somewhere in or near McNaughton Park, as long as it doesn't interfere with use of the trail. It is a nice out of the way area. I don't like the idea of it being located on a current playing field.
2026-04-29-007	Near the arena
2026-04-30-001	Darling Park - it is a large space with no issues of flooding with potential spring damage, has easy access for all, already in a residential area so walkers won't need to park. More shade would be beneficial. My second choice would be the SHRC Trail Space because of the ample shade and location, but recognize it could disrupt the current programs and path. But definitely think this is a good location and area.
2026-04-30-002	1. McNaughton Park 2. Curling Club 3. Behind Alvin Willert Field All have shade, parking, no disturbance to neighbours.
2026-05-01-001	
2026-05-01-002	Northend, for selfish reasons, somewhere that is walkable would make it more useful, so the area near yhe curling club or the rodeo arena area, both within a 1 klm walk from communities 8n the Main/Thames road area
2026-05-02-001	Anywhere

2026-05-02-002	North of Elliott Park. Away from automobile and residential traffic.
2026-05-02-003	
2026-05-02-004	
2026-05-02-005	near the nature trail since a lot of people use the trail for walks and could be close to everyone to go
2026-05-02-006	Recreation centre. Because people bring dogs to ball games.
2026-05-02-007	I think near the community centre/ball diamonds
2026-05-02-008	
2026-05-02-009	
2026-05-02-010	Somewhere that is easily accessible and shade
2026-05-02-011	I feel like a list of options being provided would be helpful.
2026-05-03-001	No preference
2026-05-03-002	
2026-05-03-003	elliott park
2026-05-03-004	centrally located
2026-05-03-005	Walkable distance in Exeter. Accessible for all.
2026-05-03-006	
2026-05-03-007	around the Recreation Center
2026-05-03-008	Keep it centrally located in Exeter.
2026-05-04-001	
2026-05-04-002	Away from residential areas
2026-05-04-003	New to Exeter, so don't know the area enough.
2026-05-04-004	
2026-05-05-001	
2026-05-05-002	NA
2026-05-06-001	
2026-05-06-002	McNaughton park because of accessibility
2026-05-07-001	A bunch of barking dogs in a residential subdivision Would cause more problems? Then it is worth? We must remember, not. Everyone is a dog owner. Or a dog lover? No matter where you put it, someone will have to drive to it if you're not prepared to do that, you'll never make people happy..
2026-05-07-002	Darling Park- walkable, larger space, shade and away from sport fields and existing trails. Already have benches, sidewalk access and garbage disposals. Not much parking would be required since a lot of dog owners would walk their dog there or adjust their route to include a stop at the dog park.
2026-05-08-001	
2026-05-09-001	
2026-05-10-001	
2026-05-10-002	
2026-05-10-003	
2026-05-12-001	
2026-05-12-002	
2026-05-13-001	
2026-05-13-002	
2026-05-13-003	
2026-05-13-004	Rodeo grounds/exeter elementary grounds area

2026-05-13-005	At the recreation centre
2026-05-13-006	A Dog Park should not be located in a residential area, near schools, baseball diamonds, or arenas. Dog owners may/should have to walk to get to the Dog Park, this would increase the potential sites. Maybe a little further out of town would also be an option. Do the large and small dog parks need to be in the same location? There must be some other potential sites besides the ones in the report to Council.
2026-05-13-007	
2026-05-13-008	
2026-05-14-001	
2026-05-14-002	
2026-05-14-003	
2026-05-14-004	
2026-05-14-005	
2026-05-14-006	No opinion
2026-05-14-007	
2026-05-14-008	
2026-05-14-009	
2026-05-14-010	
2026-05-14-011	
2026-05-14-012	
2026-05-14-013	
2026-05-14-014	
2026-05-15-001	
2026-05-15-002	
2026-05-15-003	
2026-05-16-001	
2026-05-17-001	
2026-05-17-002	Mc naughton park close for seniors to go also parking and shaded areas
2026-05-17-003	Large area away from high traffic or busy areas. Prior to the new development the space behind ag building by the trail to the trail between field and ball diamond would have been good. Lucan's dog park both location within community, current layout and achitecture along with proposed plans is desirable.
2026-05-17-004	
2026-05-19-001	near the schools.
2026-05-19-002	
2026-05-19-003	
2026-05-19-004	Anywhere near the Morrison trail would be perfect. It is where most dogs get together for walks. A water source would also be a great feature.
2026-05-19-005	Probably the best location would be the one with the easiest access
2026-05-19-006	

2026-05-19-007	I really don't have a specific location in mind, Depending on what's available for spaces to use!
2026-05-19-008	
2026-05-19-009	NOT DARLING PARK. The location is terrible and violates the terms in which the space was donated to be used for. MacNaughton Park. Connected to the trail, dogs are already there anyways. Tons of wasted space in the trees and over the reservoir.
2026-05-19-010	Anywhere, would drive if needed.
2026-05-19-011	
2026-05-19-012	A safe place for our dog to run and play
2026-05-19-013	
2026-05-19-014	
2026-05-19-015	Mid town so it's easy access to people
2026-05-19-016	Mcnaughton park
2026-05-19-017	
2026-05-19-018	Close to Victoria Park
2026-05-19-019	Anywhere in the town limits
2026-05-19-020	Behind Jessica's house (big open field space)
2026-05-19-021	Anywhere!
2026-05-19-022	Along the Morrison Dam for it's beautiful scenery
2026-05-19-023	
2026-05-19-024	
2026-05-19-025	
2026-05-19-026	
2026-05-19-027	
2026-05-19-028	Not sure, still new to the area
2026-05-19-029	
2026-05-19-030	
2026-05-19-031	
2026-05-19-032	
2026-05-19-033	Wellington street west on the edge of town past the hensall co-op. This would be an open area, away from residential homes, but still within walking distance for most Exeter residents.
2026-05-19-034	Not on a busy street but in a more secluded area. Ample parking should be available with seating.
2026-05-20-001	Big location with some shade
2026-05-20-002	The green space between pryde street and motz blvd. Or in MacNaughton Park and Nature Trail just north of the small walking bridge
2026-05-20-003	Arena
2026-05-20-004	
2026-05-20-005	Near the community center. Then its close to washrooms
2026-05-20-006	McNaughton Park
2026-05-20-007	In the north or south end of town so it's got a bunch of room and can be set back from the road
2026-05-20-008	Mcnaughton Park. Lots of shade and central in town. Also set away from houses so noise is not an issue.
2026-05-20-009	
2026-05-20-010	By current parks or trails, by the rec centre

2026-05-20-011	Away from a children
2026-05-20-012	Up by the old nabisco there's lots of toom
2026-05-20-013	Out by the canners in the big field.
2026-05-20-014	Unsure
2026-05-20-015	
2026-05-20-016	
2026-05-20-017	
2026-05-20-018	Uncertain of the proposed locations Darling Park
2026-05-20-019	
2026-05-20-020	
2026-05-20-021	
2026-05-21-001	
2026-05-21-002	Anywhere but Darling Park
2026-05-21-003	By rec center
2026-05-21-004	Somewhere in town so that I can walk and not drive my dogs.
2026-05-22-001	McNaughton Park would be a safe location. Option to use the space across the bridge at the end of Mcnaughton Trail

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Reference Number	Do you have any additional thoughts on the proposal to establish a dog park in Exeter?
2026-04-23-003	
2026-04-23-004	
2026-04-23-005	No need for a dog park. Dog owners in exeter are not responsible enough to warrant a park
2026-04-23-006	It is an accessibility issue. Many dog owners cannot drive out of town and only option is walking. I see loose dogs everyday on the trail and it's not safe. Someone is going to get bit. A dog park is a safe space for people to run their dogs in town. It's also a mental health issue for those that live alone. The only interaction some seniors have is when they walk their little dog. They can socialize at the dog park with other owners. I really hope Exeter finally gets a dog park. There is so many dogs here already and with all the new houses and apartments there will be many more. It's just asking for more problems if we don't have one.
2026-04-23-007	I don't think it should be at the park. There are many, many kids around, and I feel like trouble could easily brew.
2026-04-23-008	We have enough green space to support dogs. We have much bigger issues in this town that dollars should go towards. Homelessness, cost of living. A dog park should be low on the list.
2026-04-23-009	
2026-04-23-010	
2026-04-23-011	
2026-04-23-012	
2026-04-23-013	A garbage bin like the ones used at McNaughton park, safe healthy way to dispose of human trash if not used to dog poop
2026-04-23-014	Would need to consider the area for potential winter access also? As well as lots of rain fall and what conditions it would be left in most of the time for use. If it's constantly wet and muddy bc it doesn't get much sun either, that isn't ideal. No one wants their dog muddy...therefore wouldnt use it. Weather also contributes conditions also contribute to how many bugs live in the area. Would the area get sprayed from time to time?
2026-04-23-015	We do not have a lot of green spaces as it is. I do not feel we should need to fund a dog park.
2026-04-23-016	While I would not personally be likely to use the dog park due to having a dog who does not do well in that type of environment I think it is a much needed and valuable resource. It would allow a secure space for those who have limited options for places to take their dog and allow them some space to burn energy.

	I believe it is very important that it is not simply a square fenced area but somewhere that owners can walk and keep moving as this can help decrease the chance of dogs becoming territorial to others and decrease fighting incidents. I also believe signage should encourage people to keep moving. Along the same lines I would encourage that there be no permanent dog play equipment included in the area and rules that do not allow people to bring agility type of equipment. Signage should also require people to have dogs fully vaccinated to rabies etc and encourage optional vaccines such as kennel cough due to the increased risk of exposure with a large amount of dogs potentially using the area. A spot that has a water spigot available would be beneficial but I believe people should bring their own bowl and not have something provided to decrease potential for disease and parasite transmission. I also believe it is important to both create a space in Exeter and maintain the existing area in Crediton. Although The Crediton area's fence is poorly maintained and not what I would consider secure. (Posts and gates need to be reset and realigned). Crediton is often quieter than I would expect space in Exeter would be and allows time and space for someone like myself with a dog who is very selective with other dogs to still run sniff and play off leash when I can't provide that with our current housing. I would hope that the fence built in Exeter if the project moves forward is better maintained than the area at Crediton has been.
2026-04-23-017	
2026-04-23-018	I think it's a necessity for many in the community to have a dog park we can walk to in Exeter
2026-04-23-019	
2026-04-23-020	If it goes ahead it should not come out of taxes payers pockets and people that want it should fundraise but the town needs more up keep baseball diamonds then worrying about putting in a dog park
2026-04-23-022	This is a necessary need for Exeter and especially if the municipality wants to continue growing the population. Any and all infrastructure and programs that would entice people to move to the community should be considered.
2026-04-23-021	I think our tax dollars could be used more wisely then maintaining another dog park in our municipality.
2026-04-23-023	Let's be honest, Exeter is already a fairly decent sized town and we all constantly see our citizens walking their dogs down our streets. Our town built the subdivision back in off Church Street, Pryde Boulevard is being extended behind Alvin Willert, there's the newly added subdivision off Simcoe Street, and now we're doing the construction on Main St from Church to Victoria and planning on expanding at the south end of town. Our community is increasing significantly and we want to bring more and more families here but we don't have a dog park to attract families who might already have a dog or two? I think now is the ideal time for this town to add one
2026-04-23-024	(-)
2026-04-23-025	
2026-04-23-026	
2026-04-23-027	No
2026-04-23-028	

2026-04-23-029	
2026-04-23-030	It should only be for dogs that get along with other dogs or some people will take advantage
2026-04-23-031	
2026-04-23-032	
2026-04-23-033	Taps nearby for water in the summer
2026-04-23-034	
2026-04-23-035	I believe that who ever uses the dog park their dog should have all their shots, well mannered and is good with other dogs. Way too many dog fights at off leash dog parks.
2026-04-23-036	
2026-04-23-037	We have a nice trail that they can walk in.
2026-04-23-038	N/A
2026-04-23-039	
2026-04-23-040	It is needed.
2026-04-23-041	Water supply near by to fill dog dishes would be a nice perk if possible.
2026-04-23-042	
2026-04-23-043	
2026-04-23-044	
2026-04-23-045	We need this! Its hard to pack up the kids and drive out of town to a dog park. We rarely do it because it's too much work. It would be so easy to just walk with the kids to the splash pad then go to the dog park. So excited for this to be in Exeter. Wtg Exeter!
2026-04-23-046	
2026-04-23-047	
2026-04-23-048	
2026-04-23-049	
2026-04-23-050	I feel it's unfair to the soccer club to use the soccer fields. The usage for a dog park would destroy the grass. The areas around the soccer field would be distracting during games to both players and spectators. I would hate to see any existing pathways removed. The area used by the saddle club could potentially work however it does get quite busy there during its usage and if dogs are barking at horses, it may not go over well.
2026-04-23-051	
2026-04-23-052	
2026-04-23-053	Thank you for this opportunity! Very excited for the new park

2026-04-23-054	Establish rules and responsibilities
2026-04-23-055	Please ensure if one is made, it resembles the dog park off of Adalaide in London. We don't need a "dog park" like Crediton (which is a joke in my opinion) We need actual space for dogs to run and play. Maybe some agility opportunities. A space that is beautiful with lots of natural environmental elements. This type of space will entice dog owners to visit, and make connections with other people in the community.
2026-04-23-056	
2026-04-23-057	
2026-04-23-058	
2026-04-23-059	
2026-04-23-060	
2026-04-23-061	Nike. Just do it.
2026-04-23-062	
2026-04-23-063	
2026-04-23-064	
2026-04-23-065	
2026-04-23-066	Great idea- a long time coming.
2026-04-23-067	
2026-04-23-068	
2026-04-23-069	
2026-04-23-070	This is something that is SO needed! Walks just aren't enough for some dogs, having somewhere to play and throw a ball would a huge bonus.
2026-04-23-071	
2026-04-23-072	
2026-04-23-073	
2026-04-23-074	
2026-04-23-075	
2026-04-23-076	It is something Exeter lacks and many communities near us have large dog parks but for some a 20 min commute is a big problem. Again, it would also be a way to support the park in offering some private time people can "rent" the park. Or a smaller area off the main park to be used as a rental section. We pay \$22 US for a half hour barn rental 15 mins away from Exeter now thru Sniffspot. One last thing-a water supply would be a wonderful option..
2026-04-23-077	The dog park in crediton should not be considered as a dog park that is already in south huron. It is an incredibly small space with very unsecure

	fencing. My dog escaped from it twice. This endeavour should be treated as giving south huron its only dog park.
2026-04-23-078	Contribution would depend on location, accessibility to it, amenities offered there (drinking fountain etc). Etc
2026-04-23-079	
2026-04-23-080	
2026-04-23-081	Would the park be maintained in the winter season?
2026-04-23-082	Dog waste disposal centre nearby
2026-04-23-083	
2026-04-23-084	
2026-04-23-085	We do not need one here there Morrison trail that ppl can take dogs to Useless money spent in this day and age find something better to spend funds on Not everyone cares about a dog park just certain yappy ones who want thier own way!
2026-04-23-086	It should have been done years ago
2026-04-23-087	Make sure the cost of lighting and security cameras is included in any budget and implementation. It is not a matter of "if there will be issues" it will be a question of how severe the incident was and how much liability we will be responsible for.
2026-04-23-088	A dog park would be a great way for the community to connect and bring people in to town!
2026-04-23-089	Even the village of Crediton was able to figure out a dog park what does that say about our town?
2026-04-23-090	
2026-04-23-091	A hose for filling up/ drinking water for the dogs - similar to lucans set up is nice. Please please
2026-04-23-092	The dog park should be accessible to anybody and not everybody has access to green area in Exeter especially people in apartment building. It would be nice for every dog to get their energy out.
2026-04-23-093	If it's made big enough great but small like Crediton, forget it.
2026-04-23-094	I think it's absolutely ludicrous to add another dog park in the municipality of south huron when we have two dog parks that are maintained by our workers, and it's only an 8 minute drive. Not only that but there are some dogs that do not do well with other dogs, so who is to say that there isn't a dog fight and someone gets bit? This is absolutely ridiculous, and a waste of my tax payers money. There are better things that Exeter needs and a dog park is not one of them!
2026-04-23-095	No
2026-04-23-096	
2026-04-23-097	Having a dog in Exeter, the only opportunity we are able to do for our dog is to take her for walks. She is not able to run free at her own access and play with other dogs. I think this is vital for Exeter as most other larger towns have this feasible to their residence.
2026-04-23-098	
2026-04-23-099	As Exeter continues to grow and diversify its housing—adding apartments, townhouses, and homes with smaller yards—the need for accessible green space becomes more important. A dedicated dog park would give residents a safe, appropriate place to exercise their dogs off-

	leash, which is especially valuable for those without large private yards. Beyond the benefits for pets, a dog park can strengthen the community. It creates opportunities for residents to meet, connect, and build relationships in an informal, welcoming setting. Providing a designated off-leash area may also help reduce the number of dogs being walked off-leash on trails and in other public spaces not intended for that use, improving safety and comfort for all park users. With ongoing development contributing land or cash-in-lieu for parkland, this presents a timely opportunity to invest in amenities that serve a broader range of residents. While recreation centres and playgrounds are important, they do not meet every community need. A dog park would be a relatively low-cost, high-impact addition that supports both active living and community connection.
2026-04-23-100	I don't think a dog park is a good idea as a former dog owner there are far too many irresponsible dog owners who don't clean up after their dogs there by making it a breeding ground for viruses for dogs to get sick as well too many people don't control their dogs and it's just an accident waiting to happen whether a dog attacking another dog or a dog attacking a person I've seen it far too many times when I was walking my dog
2026-04-23-101	
2026-04-23-102	Make it big. Small dog parks are just a waste of space and no one will use it.
2026-04-23-103	
2026-04-23-104	
2026-04-23-105	Establishing a dog park in Exeter that is walkable distance for the majority of people who live here would be helpful for the people who have off leash dogs , people who do not drive or cant afford to drive their dog to Centrailia a few times a week. It adds an eco sensible anglle towards our community not adding senseless driving to something available within our community
2026-04-23-106	
2026-04-23-107	It would be great to have one!
2026-04-23-108	It cannot be like the "dog park" in Crediton. It is a waste of time, effort, and tax payer money. Why does it even exist?
2026-04-23-109	
2026-04-23-110	
2026-04-23-111	Perhaps just beyond of the right field of the Alvin Willert field. Has shade and it's accessible for people walking dogs. Parking also available at arena.
2026-04-23-112	
2026-04-23-113	If you do decide to have a dog park, which I don't agree with perhaps you could reinstate the dog tax. Why did you get rid of the tax? Exeter if overrun with dogs...tax the owners, it's income and has been done for years.
2026-04-23-114	
2026-04-23-115	
2026-04-23-116	

2026-04-23-117	
2026-04-23-118	
2026-04-23-119	It is a very good idea and long overdue.
2026-04-23-120	I think it's a great idea that would bring members of the community together who instantly have something in common. Could be a great social spot to help with morale for some people.
2026-04-23-121	
2026-04-23-122	
2026-04-23-123	I don't believe it is a needed expense. If ball diamonds and the fenced soccer field can be closed off full for responsible use by dogs I am fine with it but this is an unnecessary expense.
2026-04-23-124	I donated towards the dog park that was passed for Hensall in 2019. I still haven't received any information on what happened to all the money collected and why the dog park never materialized. I attended some meetings regarding the Hensall dog park and then silence..during and after Covid.
2026-04-23-125	
2026-04-23-126	
2026-04-23-127	
2026-04-23-128	
2026-04-23-129	
2026-04-23-130	
2026-04-23-131	I think this is a wonderful idea someone to feel safe with your pet
2026-04-23-132	
2026-04-23-133	
2026-04-23-134	
2026-04-23-135	A dog park has been missing for a long time!
2026-04-23-136	Please include a double gate system to get in and out so it's easier to keep the dogs safe.
2026-04-23-137	Exeter needs a designated space for dogs, but can not be like the dog park in Crediton that isn't in a central, walkable location
2026-04-23-138	Dog parks are essential to the financial, mental and social health of the community. It's a wonderful place to make connections, human and canine.
2026-04-23-139	We do not own a dog at this time so our family would not be using the dog park personally. However, a dog park would benefit many residents impacted by dogs running off leash on trails and at sports fields, and school yards. I wish we would have had a dog park when we did have a dog. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.
2026-04-23-140	Also if possible to have an area for water for the dogs. I know st marys has a water pump. I thought that was super convient and less wasteful.
2026-04-23-141	

2026-04-23-142	Ask a developer for some land down by storm water pond near trail.
2026-04-23-143	
2026-04-23-144	
2026-04-23-145	
2026-04-23-146	It's long overdue that's for sure. There are lots of dogs in town that could make use of it and it may also help to keep dog owners from improperly using ball diamonds and soccer fields as a park. Endangering people and dogs as they are not secured. I know of at least a few instances of dog bites/escapes happening in these scenarios. Whatever is decided I just hope that it's at least a good size or I don't think it will be widely used. If it's a field shade structures or trees could always be added down the road. Water access would also be a very good idea. I've been to other parks that use water pumps even so that no one can leave the water running. But I'm glad to see that this is at least being looked at so thank you!
2026-04-23-147	For the amount that Exeter residents pay in taxes already the municipality should already absorb the cost!
2026-04-23-148	I lived in other cities and towns that had dog parks and helps build a sense of community, gets people active and the tax rate is high enough in Exeter that I don't think you should ask for the taxpayer to contribute additional
2026-04-23-149	
2026-04-23-150	
2026-04-23-151	grand bend
2026-04-23-152	
2026-04-23-153	No
2026-04-23-154	Enough with the dog park. There are enough other issues to be addressed in the town other than this not needed amenity.
2026-04-23-155	I am in favour of this but not if I have to donate financially. I think we pay enough taxes in this town to cover this.
2026-04-23-156	
2026-04-23-157	
2026-04-23-158	Excellent idea. Great for dogs, and Exeter needs more ways for the community to get together. Such a beautiful town that lacks so many social and community opportunities.
2026-04-23-159	N/A
2026-04-23-160	There are very limited things to do in this area, but one thing I have noticed is that there are a lot of dog owners and I think it would really bring the community together to be honest with you as long as people were respectful and followed the rules of the dog park, for example, bringing well socialized dogs with good tempers and good recall. There's also options to capitalize on the space I.e you can have a wiener fast people pay to do things like that. More and more people my age are not having children and instead are adopting pets
2026-04-23-161	I am someone who drives to London 2-3 times a week right now to visit dog parks for my 2 large dogs. They love being outside and they love playing with other dogs. I can't always get out walking them (I work as a nurse and sometimes have body pains for multiple days) a dog park close by would allow my dogs to still gain a similar and greater activity level if

	there was a park in town. Gas is expensive. But what about those who love their dogs, want to socialize them but don't have a car to drive to Stratford or other "near by"(but not really) dog parks that are well maintained. Everyone deserves the chance to socialize their animals. It's super important to have a big and small dog section. I've experienced both myself and little dogs are naturally more violent to larger dogs (flight or fight mode). We want a healthy environment for our all little furry friends.
2026-04-23-162	Not important and not needed
2026-04-23-163	This is a tremendous waste of money when we have other pending projects. This will have less than zero return to the community in a tangible way, and will in fact deter people using McNaughton Park if selected to be there.
2026-04-23-164	I think it's a great idea!
2026-04-23-165	
2026-04-23-166	
2026-04-23-167	
2026-04-23-168	Long overdue
2026-04-23-169	All dogs should have freedom to run every day. Keeps them much healthier. The entire town makes money when people own a dog. Supporting stores, buying food, treats, dog kennels, day cares, in the area make money, supports our vet clinics, dog wash, groomers. Dogs are good for the young and old. Helps create community, people meet at the dog park. Most communities in our area have a dog park. I use their dog parks when I visit towns so my dog can also make new friends. I look ahead to see which towns have a dog park. We should too!
2026-04-23-170	not at this time,
2026-04-23-171	
2026-04-23-172	This is much needed!!
2026-04-23-173	
2026-04-23-174	Why would council support a " free" dog park in Exeter, when they don't support a walking track, Pickleball courts, or washrooms in Centralia.? There is a cost to maintain a dog park so they need to be charged, not taxpayers. This whole concept is ridiculous, this close to an election, as I will not support anyone who supports a dog park in Exeter How much is council prepared to support owning soccer fields in Exeter. Vs. Dog park? Or affordable housing? Is it in the budget? Or an election promise? See the people that are willing to put money towards dog park also have access from their back yards to SHRC parking lot taking up 2 parking spaces each. This is quite comical to watch from Mayors Powers, then council tuning it around, to then bringing it back for further discussion., while we brush over the debt of sewer pipes,, for wishful thinking of 2000 + homes.. would be great to have a survey on that

2026-04-23-175	Just needs to be large, bigger than a typical yard. The point is to let the dogs get some off leash running in so if the area is small what is the point
2026-04-23-176	
2026-04-23-177	
2026-04-24-001	Exeter is not a suitable location for a dog park. Dog parks are high-risk areas for bites and overheating. Exeter does not have any 24 hr veterinarians to provide care in an emergency. In case of heat stroke, London Vet ER is too far away (45 mins - 1 hr). If this project proceeds, care should also be taken for education on proper vaccine and deworming protocols as dog parks also contribute to the spread of preventable illnesses (many of which can be transmitted to humans). This will add to the expenses of the project.
2026-04-24-002	Should include some kind of walking trail/loop throughout it for the dog owners
2026-04-24-003	I think it is very important to get a dog park in Exeter
2026-04-24-004	
2026-04-24-005	
2026-04-24-006	
2026-04-24-007	
2026-04-24-008	I have seen dog parks in other towns and city's tgat look like a landfill with grass is a chew and trampled on and everyone of them have dog poop all over them because dog owners don't bother picking up there own dogs dog poop.
2026-04-24-009	
2026-04-24-010	
2026-04-24-011	
2026-04-24-012	It's needed the one in crediton isn't very handy for elderly and disabled people who don't drive
2026-04-24-013	
2026-04-24-014	
2026-04-24-015	
2026-04-24-016	
2026-04-24-017	
2026-04-24-018	
2026-04-24-019	
2026-04-24-020	I have dogs just not sure we would use it - always worried about dog fights
2026-04-24-021	We have needed one for sometime, having one in Crediton for all of South Huron makes no sense.
2026-04-24-022	We been wanting one for a long time.
2026-04-24-023	It's not shaded there. Nice homes don't want a bunch of yapping dogs beside them.
2026-04-24-024	Talking to your neighbors goes a long way.

2026-04-24-025	A user pay system would be great.
2026-04-24-026	
2026-04-24-027	
2026-04-24-028	Darling Park should not even be a consideration. This area has been fought for once already to maintain its green space status within the community. This area is already used for family recreation, peaceful relaxation for ExeterVilla residents as its name sake Fred Darling intended. It is interesting that a few years ago the Exeter Lions proposed an ice rink for this space for a couple months of the year and were met with a hard no and much resistance for several reasons and now it's ok? Parking along Pryde and Motz 12 months of the year would create much congestion especially on Pryde for the school buses. Once snow arrives it would be even worse. This space is already used as an area and pathway for children, adults and seniors alike and if they have a fear of dogs this area will no longer be a safe space for them. Yesterday I drove past a dog park in London and was surprised to see lawn and patio chairs sitting throughout it standing and toppled over. It was not a good look. A dog park, smack dab in the middle of a residential area is not a good idea. A few years ago there was a proposed area on highway 83 east at the Thames Road park. It was actually drawn into their proposed park plan. That would be a perfect spot given the other amenities already in place. It was to be in the back south, east portion. Not walkable from Exeter but plenty of parking and it would utilize this area more than it is now. They have done a nice job this far. I'm willing to bet most dog park users would drive their dogs to a dog park anyways.
2026-04-24-029	Seperate spaces for large/small dogs is a high priority.
2026-04-24-030	Why do we need to have three dog parks in the municipality of South Huron? Make this make sense to me! So all of the tax payers money is paying for the workers to go to each dog park and clean up someone else's dog crap? I'm sure I could think of a better use for our tax money. We literally have two dog parks already!! This is a joke. Let's be real here how many of these "dog owners" are going to keep an eye on their dog? Not too many.. think about what this money could be used for other than a stupid dog park.
2026-04-24-031	We have used the one at Crediton, it is just a bit of a drive for us so exeter would be closer.
2026-04-24-032	Exeter needs a dog park, but the location shown is very importsnt
2026-04-24-033	Great idea. Dog owners would appreciate it.
2026-04-24-034	More mportant things to spend money .
2026-04-24-035	I pay taxes. How about we use some of the tax payer money to do something tax payers want. I've been taking our dogs out of town for walking and dog parks. And those towns get my business. A dog park will help with dogs just running anywhere because dogs need to run and if a space isn't provided owners they will just let their dogs run anywhere. I know I do. Michell and Lucan have dog parks right by their baseball diamonds. A town of our size should have had one long ago.
2026-04-24-036	I think a local dog park is important. I am from Hensall where we were trying to get a park but it fell through with COVID. Many of those living in Hensall would definitely use a park as many residents have dogs and we do not have anything local for residents. I realize we arent in Exeter but we are very close.
2026-04-24-037	

2026-04-24-038	It's about time for one in exeter
2026-04-24-039	I am opposed to a dog park near my home on Pryde Blvd because they are known to be very noisy. Dogs barking, yelping, owners calling out to their dogs etc. This would not be pleasant when sitting outside, or inside with windows open. So I am adamantly opposed to a dog park near a residential area!
2026-04-24-040	Around the soccer fields, ball diamond or rodeo ring is not an ideal locstiln
2026-04-24-041	Just this, that there are alot of dog owners in Exeter me included and it would be nice to have that option.
2026-04-24-042	
2026-04-24-043	
2026-04-24-044	As the owner of [REDACTED] Exeter we often hear customers commenting on the need for a dog park.
2026-04-24-045	
2026-04-24-046	Can't believe how much time has been wasted on this by some councilors - the Mayor brought this forward - is a great idea, yet some think they know better.
2026-04-24-047	No, but we need one. There is not one close to Exeter but the one in Lucan. It is usually busy and it's not convenient when you wanted to take your dog for a walk to the dog park without having to drive an additional 15mins after working all day
2026-04-24-048	
2026-04-24-049	There are a LOT of dogs in South Huron. Many dog walkers are doing off leash. This is not always safe for children other dogs or adults - everything's fine when everything's fine ... until it isn't. A playing field (soccer, baseball) for children is NOT appropriate- Darking park is rarely used space.
2026-04-24-050	
2026-04-24-051	
2026-04-24-052	
2026-04-24-053	
2026-04-24-054	In my opinion a dog park for Exeter would be a very successful idea for resident it's a great place to socialize your dog and a great source in the winter when it's harder to get your dogs out for walks. As mentioned the 3 places above I think would have the best success.
2026-04-24-055	
2026-04-24-056	Ppl have to pick up after their dogs USA must
2026-04-24-057	
2026-04-24-058	

2026-04-24-059	Extremely important community hub i truly believe. Not just for the dogs but for the community. Can never go wrong putting like minded people together.
2026-04-24-060	A location not close to a children's playground.
2026-04-24-061	The above question assumes that support might be somewhat possible even if not probable. Again, supporting the mayor's preference. I will ABSOLUTELY NOT contribute financially to any dog park. You need better survey question writers who can write unbiased questions.
2026-04-24-062	
2026-04-24-063	Its a nice addition It needs to be something larger in size to accommodate dogs of different sizes
2026-04-24-064	Too bad the dog tag program has been cancelled. Could have raise extra funds from dog owners.
2026-04-24-065	
2026-04-24-066	Awesome idea and a long time coming when many of us such as myself do not have kids. I pay so much in South Huron taxes for education, why can't a bit go towards an outdoor area we can all use? I will note that dog waste stations should be maintained with poop bags available as I notice parks that do not have these bags available will have lazy dog owners that do not clean up after their dogs. This can spread disease and is just overall gross.
2026-04-24-067	I would never take my dog to a dog park cause who know what dog had's it shots or what happens if 2 dogs get into a fight and one gets killed dogs can chage there mood fast you can say my dog is friendly and that split second things change if you guys approve it and one gets killed i hope you feel guilty
2026-04-24-068	I feel we pay enough taxes to warrant a dog park in a town the size of Exeter. The fact that we don't have one is ridiculous.
2026-04-24-069	
2026-04-24-070	We need a dog park!
2026-04-24-071	Very important to have a separate area for small and large dogs/perhaps with signs that specify allowed weight in each area. Clear rules posted. Possibly fines (bylaws) for disregarding rules. Place donation jars at vet clinics and key areas around town to collect funds as needed.
2026-04-24-072	There is no demonstrated need,, this is just pre election gift, but I will not be voting for those that support it. We have more pressing projects and expenses to deal with, and let next council deal with it, and the increasing debt this council is creating. There is ongoing operational costs that will be ongoing for years. This is not a service that the municipality has to provide . What is the percentage of the taxpayers in Exeter needed to support or say no to dog park? Many decisions are made by the loudest voice, not necessarily the majority.. that are not on Facebook.. Time to remember who pays the highest tax rate inSouth Huron,, and they should decide if they want to take on more taxes.
2026-04-25-001	
2026-04-25-002	I think that it is a great idea for dog owners

2026-04-25-003	It is about time exeter got a day park every other town has 1 , small price to pay to make sure our furry freinds have a secure location to run and play with other dogs
2026-04-25-004	It is very needed! This would be great for the community.
2026-04-25-005	
2026-04-25-006	Money should be put other places. Waste of funds
2026-04-25-007	
2026-04-25-008	A dog park on a soccer field simply simply would not work for obvious reasons.
2026-04-25-009	Just be aware of the potential for dogs fighting and people potentially getting bit. Not sure of the liability issues involved.
2026-04-25-010	
2026-04-25-011	Just making sure it's larger than the one in crediton... it's so tiny compared to the land that it's on... honestly useless and never see anyone at it- would rather walk my dog elsewhere. Poop bins easily accessible. Maybe a bench and items the dogs can climb/sit on and go through
2026-04-25-012	It would be terrible to build it on or near soccer fields
2026-04-25-013	Not at the cost of soccer fields. Athletics in this municipality should have a higher priority.
2026-04-25-014	Putting it on the soccer field would not work at all as there are soccer games every day of the week during the May- Sept period and you would need to have staff there daily to clean it up and additional prep. It would be closed every time there is a soccer game.
2026-04-25-015	Probably don't put it on a soccer field where athletes play? Seriously, how is this at the point of a public survey to receive such feedback.
2026-04-25-016	
2026-04-25-017	Please do not take away from locations that are currently used for established resident activities, Ex. Soccer field, rodeo ring, school use, etc. There are mutliple proposed locations that are underutilized in the region that are suggested that should be primarily targeted for this use Ex. Darling park, Elliot park. It is quite upsetting to see that staff and/or council would even think to take away from current rec options. It would never be thought of to take away from the hockey community, so lets start prioritizing other rec options within South Huron.
2026-04-25-018	The proposed areas are not considering usage of existing sports areas, the soccer area is not an area for a dog park and rather insulting to even be suggested! Not to mention the school / daycare area being close! Anyone with knowledge about dog parks and what they bring would know that risks and lack of dog owner responsibility, local health units are constantly posting dog bites from the dog parks publicly. South Huron does not mean just "Exeter." Let's encourage people to utilize the existing spots and from what I understand Centralia has a nice big dog area.
2026-04-25-019	Putting the dog park on the soccer field would ruin the soccer field
2026-04-25-020	If the dog park is going to be established over an existing soccer field, that is used by local and surrounding residents it is not a good idea
2026-04-25-021	A dog would be wonderful without taking away any sports facilities. South Huron is already falling behind on youth sports facilities compared to others around us.

2026-04-25-022	Honestly it is crazy that a town Exeter's size doesn't have a dog park and that people still use a soccer field to run their dogs. And no they don't always clean up.
2026-04-25-023	Please do not choose the soccer field as the location for the dog park. There are already enough issues with field maintenance, we do not need the fields destroyed from use as a dog park. There are plenty other suitable locations that do not involve destroying a frequently used public space.
2026-04-25-024	
2026-04-25-025	Using the soccer field does not make any sense. Then there would not be a dog park available May- September or even worse, people would still use it at liberty for their dogs and our kids would be running through dog poop when playing soccer. A longer term location that works all year round needs to be found.
2026-04-25-026	
2026-04-25-027	Love the idea of a dog park, just don't want it to be a shared space with the soccer field.
2026-04-25-028	
2026-04-25-029	Dog owners will leave dog feces on the field, resulting in feces getting on players shoes, and other body parts.
2026-04-25-030	
2026-04-25-031	
2026-04-25-032	
2026-04-25-033	Dog park is a serious health hazard. Do your research! I have a dog and never go back to the dog park ever again... same my neighbors too. It's ridiculous.
2026-04-25-034	
2026-04-25-035	No park near player fields
2026-04-25-036	A recommendation for a dog park in the soccer field is an absurd idea and should never have been put forward.
2026-04-25-037	I believe using the existing soccer field for a dog park would be a terrible idea as an adult that uses this facility and other family members as well for the great game of soccer! It should stay solely for the use of soccer. Thanks
2026-04-25-038	I'm not in favour of eliminating a soccer field for a dog park.
2026-04-25-039	Double gated entry/exit to unleash/re-leash your dog
2026-04-25-040	Fantastic to hear that this is finally moving forward! Thank you to Mayor Finch and Councillor Neeb for pushing council to move forward on this!
2026-04-25-041	Cost would be a consideration for my use. A yearly permit might be easiest for all users. Users would need to do own poop cleanup. Bring own dog water. Dogs must be vaccinated for rabies and wearing up to date tag.
2026-04-25-042	Don't forget a poop bag station and garbage so people will hopefully clean up after their pets. A water station to, for pets and people would be a good addition.
2026-04-25-043	Definitely a much needed amenity in Exeter.
2026-04-25-044	

2026-04-25-045	
2026-04-25-046	Who pays the liability insurance.
2026-04-25-047	
2026-04-25-048	
2026-04-25-049	
2026-04-25-050	There are local dog parks in crediton and nearby.
2026-04-25-051	
2026-04-25-052	Why would you ever propose the idea of a dog park taking over a soccer field that gets used many many times throughout the week. People can walk their dogs on the street or in their yards.
2026-04-25-053	It is hugely needed. There is nowhere for people to take their dogs to get exercise. It would also provide a place for people to build community and meet up safely.
2026-04-25-054	Lots of family and kids use the darling park. There is no parking so it will make the street even more busier. Most people in town have their own yards for their dogs in residential areas.
2026-04-25-055	
2026-04-25-056	Even though my dog personally isn't suited for a dog park. Lots of people currently use the soccer fields and other areas of Exeter as a dog park. Sometimes not picking up after themselves. Having a designated dog park in town may help with that issue and hopefully with others around in a visible spot like McNaughton Park, people will be more likely to pick up after their dog as someone with most likely see.
2026-04-25-057	We need this right away. It's something that Exeter is longing.
2026-04-26-001	
2026-04-26-002	
2026-04-26-003	Darling park is a beautiful green space where kids have an area to play ball,soccer and hang out. This park has in the past has been in the spotlight about development and the town heard from residents that it was designated green space and should always be as it's the only greenspace at this side of town. Everyone in this area have a backyard for their pets and we have a beautiful trail around Morison dam to walk our dogs. Our street is allready busy with traffic and will be busier once the subdivision at end of pryde is finished. There is no room for cars parking on street. I can't believe this park is even a option
2026-04-26-004	If one of the reasons to create a dog park is to remove dogs from running off leash on sports fields it seems ridiculous to me that one of the proposals is to have the dog park on Exeter soccer field which is a sports field. The users of the soccer field already have to contend with dog owners letting their dogs off leash on the field, churning up the pitch and dropping feces, creating health and safety hazards for the users. Having an official dog park at this location would make the problem many times worse and the field unusable for soccer so I am vehemently against having a park at the Exeter soccer field location.

2026-04-26-005	
2026-04-26-006	
2026-04-26-007	Please do not put in the residential area of between Motz Blvd and Pryde Blvd So many children use this green space in the neighbourhood
2026-04-26-008	Should be in a convenient, central location only. Around the arena where people can use it while their kids are playing sports and should be easily accessible by all sides of town. As a dog owner, I would not utilize this space as I have my own backyard to use.
2026-04-26-009	
2026-04-26-010	
2026-04-26-011	I am absolutely NOT in agreeance to build a dog park on the DARLING Park located between Motz Blvd and Pryde Blvd and will cause our home/property being devalued. This is a residential area and I moved to this area knowing I would have quiet surroundings and and be able to watch children play not listen to dogs barking all day/night. Taxes are high in this town and why would you even consider a dog park in a residential area with homes of considerable value over a park for children to play. Is it your thinking that the family dog is more important than the safety of children/parents being able to let their children have a safe and large place to play? This park is used by many children summer and winter and I do enjoy watching them . I am sure you are aware there is not any parking lot for cars. At one time I had heard the Lions Club had a suggestion to put an ice pad in this park during the winter and was not allowed as had to be remain park area. I was looking forward to this but never happened. Locate a dog park away from all residential areas in a remote area and not be a problem with listening to dogs barking and a large area available to park. Back in the 1970's we lived across from the park on Huron Street West/Carling Street and always looked forward to watching the children having fun in the park. Not sure where all the shade trees are in Darling Park as only planted a couple years ago and not too much shade that I can see. Remember all these high taxes on new homes helps to pay your salaries! As you can see I am not in agreeance for a dog park on the Darling lot residential area and please consider a remote area.
2026-04-26-012	As a long standing resident of Exeter and a member of a family that has lived here for 8 generations, I understand there are many areas that could be utilized. As mentioned before the Nabisco soccer fields is a very large area and backs onto an under-utilized trail. Extending the Morrison Dam trail in the other direction (across Highway 4) and fencing off a portion of the back area of the Nabisco soccer fields would not only allow for a dog park but would increase the usage of an area that is typically not used. It would also add a nice feature that is currently nonexistent without sacrificing key recreational areas.
2026-04-26-013	
2026-04-26-014	
2026-04-26-015	
2026-04-27-001	

2026-04-27-002	
2026-04-27-003	I play at the Exeter soccer fields, but am not a resident of Exeter. I am voting strongly against using the soccer fields as a dog park in off hours. You wouldn't allow dogs to shit on an ice rink, I don't see why an ourdoor sports field would be considered differently. I think it would be opening up a huge liability for the municipality to consider a dog park that is also a sports field, given that not everyone is considerate about cleaning up after their animals.
2026-04-27-004	Being on a pension, and retired, my contribution would be minimal.
2026-04-27-005	
2026-04-27-006	It is a good idea, and I am sure would bring people to Exeter, who would probably be customers for various businesses. My only concern is irresponsible dog owners who do not clean up after their dogs, but that is a problem everywhere in town (including one young woman who allows her dog to poop on my property, and refuses to clean up after her dog).
2026-04-27-007	To utilize limited recreational land to support a dog park is counterproductive to increasing individual and family enjoyment of those lands. The attraction of well groomed grounds such as baseball and soccer is an economic benefit equal to the programs offered on those sites. The question should be how the municipality better support these initiatives instead of figuring out how they can be repurposed for new uses.
2026-04-27-008	
2026-04-27-009	
2026-04-27-010	It was brought to my attention that the Exeter Soccer Field is being considered as a location for a new dog park. I couldn't believe it and had to respond to this. This field was upgraded over thirty years ago by a local business owner. Thousands were spent to make it a focal point for the local soccer community and beyond. It is a success.. It revitalized an already strong soccer community and planted a seed for generations of players to follow. I believe there are numerous men's, ladies and youth teams still using this field almost every night of the week all summer and fall. Even from outside of Exeter. Competitive adult and youth teams from St.Columban SC use this field for all their home games because it has lights and is the best field north of London. Players coming from London all know of it as a pitch that has a quality playing surface. It has put Exeter on the soccer map in our district. It should noted that you can't use a soccer pitch as a dog park. Dog urine kills grass and will create an uneven surface. Dog poop is a factor since not all owners are responsible. You can't have people playing with a ball that is rolling thru that stuff let alone running and sliding on the grass. A dual use facility is out of the question. I think it's great that Exeter wants a dog park but don't put it at the soccer field. There is a large soccer community of all ages that still use it. I am envious of Exeter Soccer because this great facility is not in my local community.! How could you even consider a dog park at this location?? Thanks,

2026-04-27-011	Create a new space not take from someone or away from sports fields to do so.
2026-04-27-012	
2026-04-28-001	
2026-04-28-002	
2026-04-28-003	I have 2 small dogs and would never take them to a dog park, I've heard too many horror stories, great place to catch kennel cough and other diseases, never mind the dog fights and vet bills. Keep walking your dogs, exercise for you too. This is only my opinion.
2026-04-28-004	
2026-04-28-005	
2026-04-28-006	Why take something away from the children they love that area and kids go there to play! Do not agree! Sad if they do this
2026-04-28-007	The Exeter soccer I would like to see what the baseball families would have said if you suggested that area! The soccer field suggestion for a dog park is absolutely ridiculous!!! Sports areas are not a place to have dogs digging holes and using it as a public washroom! Find another area! This should not been given as a suggested area - Do better!
2026-04-28-008	
2026-04-29-001	There are a number of reasons why I'm NOT in favour of establishing a dog park in Exeter.: 1) We already have a dog park in the Municipality of South Huron that doesn't get used. 2) We walk the MacNaughton trail and around town daily and find dog feces at least once or twice a week, which leads me to believe that if it doesn't currently get cleaned up, why would one expect that it would get picked up in the dog park. 3) The extra cost involved, from the start-up to the ongoing maintenance. As a volunteer in this community I can see where there is a MUCH greater need for monetary resources. 4) MacNaughton Park in particular is NOT a good location. There are already a number of homeowner dogs in the area that bark constantly, the dog park will only add to that. With the splash pad, playground, pool and start of the MacNaughton trail already in this small area, the addition of a dog park will only further add to the traffic and parking congestion. At this area in particular, that is geared towards children, there is also the possibility of having some children the are not comfortable with dogs, which they may come into more frequent contact with as a result of the proposed dog park.. Just a thought.....if the dogs need "socialization" why can't they form a walking club? Host a weekly meet-up at the current dog park (carpool for those that don't drive).....seems to be lots of other options. If the municipality does go ahead, the location should be away from residences, and places where children congregate, like the dog park in

	the Town of St. Jacobs., and should be fully funded as a "user pay" system.
2026-04-29-002	Just wanted to explain that our family doesn't own a dog and doesn't plan to, so that's why I'm saying I wouldn't use the park or contribute financially to it. But for those who do own dogs, I think it would be a nice place for them to enjoy with their pets, so I'm still in favour of it, so long as it's put in an appropriate place.
2026-04-29-003	
2026-04-29-004	
2026-04-29-005	As I look at the cost I would like to add I think it should be more of a user pay system. We always had to pay a fee to get a dog tag. My understanding is this no longer applies? I think it should. We have hundreds of dogs in Exeter! Not sure they shouldn't pay a bit for the pleasure of owning their pet especially for the additional cost of their own park and even supplying waste bags! I also found it interesting that each location put forward parking was an issue. People walking their dogs now could maybe park a little further away and walk just a little? I'm a dog lover and still questions some of the information put forward in this survey. I hope you can find a suitable place that isn't in a high traffic area.
2026-04-29-006	I don't think this is an urgent need in Exeter and would not be in favour of using municipal funds for it. However, if there is community support, including financial support I would be in favour of it.
2026-04-29-007	
2026-04-30-001	Thank you for the time and effort put into this. We appreciate it.
2026-04-30-002	
2026-05-01-001	
2026-05-01-002	Muchly needed. We take our dogs to Crediton dog park and sometimes Lucan, something in town would be used much more frequently by me and my pooches
2026-05-02-001	Long over due
2026-05-02-002	I think a dog park would be welcomed by many
2026-05-02-003	
2026-05-02-004	Do it at Thames Road Park, don't waste good land inside a town for a dog park.
2026-05-02-005	
2026-05-02-006	South Huron should of had long time ago
2026-05-02-007	I think it's past due. I am hopeful dog owners will respectful and clean up after their dogs so it's a positive thing for the community and dog owners.
2026-05-02-008	Who carries the insurance on the park? Who cleans the park? Is this supported by user pay program ? and hopefully not tax payers money! is this a fenced area? Not everyone is a dog lover and may be afraid of dogs so how controlled will the area been. (it seems that dog owners all believe that their dog is friendly and this is not true....dogs bite) The owners should be able to walk on leash and let them do their "business" on their own lawn. No for a dog park....Humans need a park but animals don't.

2026-05-02-009	
2026-05-02-010	
2026-05-02-011	
2026-05-03-001	
2026-05-03-002	south huron has a dog park in crediton that very few people use
2026-05-03-003	
2026-05-03-004	needs to have water, lots of people seating, and agility equipment like what Dog-ON-It Parks makes. Otherwise it is not a dog park, but a big cage.
2026-05-03-005	Definitely needed!
2026-05-03-006	Too many dog parks cause dogs to become sick or injured because not all pet owners ensure their pets are immunized or taken care of properly to make sure other pets are safe.
2026-05-03-007	
2026-05-03-008	No additional thoughts.
2026-05-04-001	I don't understand why a dog park would be required or needed in Exeter when there are two other maintained dog parks eight minutes away by vehicle. By putting a dog park in Exeter, it is just another way of showing that all the amenities need to be an Exeter and not spread out through the entire municipality.
2026-05-04-002	
2026-05-04-003	
2026-05-04-004	Could we focus a little more on owning a soccer field,? We don't get to ask where location of playground equipment should be, at rec centre so why ask where to put a dog park. How many people will make it a significant number of surveys collected to put in a dog park, or not? Let a private company own it, look after it, and charge, and maybe get them to put in a shower stall dog wash Do you really need to be in the dog park business? Is it going to entice people to buy a home here?
2026-05-05-001	All the locations that south is deciding on for a dog park are all awful a dog park should be near any sports feilds where kids play sports it shouldn't be near the towns pool or the river that is running trough town because you don't poop and running into the water because there some people that are lazy and won't pick up there poop drop the subject south huron we don't need a dog park there's other things that need to be address and dealt with in this town before dog park
2026-05-05-002	
2026-05-06-001	We moved here 7 years ago from the Waterloo area and coming from a city where there was dog park 2 blocks and as a dog owner of 2 dogs we quit going there because of bad behaviour dogs attacking smaller dogs and dog owners not being responsible following rules and in time no one after a couple years stopped useing the park because of this so as dog owner I walk our dogs on town sidewalks and won't be needed a dog park

	and there is nice trail that leads out to the Morrison lake that dog owners can use anytime
2026-05-06-002	
2026-05-07-001	Good luck from the amount of dog c***.I see on my walks i hope the people that use the part will appreciate it
2026-05-07-002	I don't feel like the current dog parks in Crediton and Centralia get very much use at all since the majority of South Huron residents have to drive to these locations in villages where no amenities exist. A dog park in Exeter would get a lot of use and encourage off leash socialization of dogs and bring together community members. Visitors to Exeter travelling with their pet would also have a place to safely provide "restroom" breaks and to exercise them, when they've come to town for shopping, appointments and restaurants.
2026-05-08-001	
2026-05-09-001	If it does happen, morning favour of it being near or ON soccer field - dog park brings irresponsible dog owners keep it away from sports areas and children centres ...
2026-05-10-001	
2026-05-10-002	
2026-05-10-003	
2026-05-12-001	Not required. There are other projects that need to be addressed. Tax dollars should not go towards something at the municipality already had 2 of.
2026-05-12-002	A dog park is complete joke I've seen these parks in other city's and towns and all of them are run down beaten up and all them look like a mud Feild this council should drop this and not waste a cent of tax money on this topic I would like to see the money and more topic of maybe putting another baseball diamond in so my grand kids can have little more ball time with more and more kids starting to play and and enough diamond time and also maybe add lighting to Wagner Feild so they can use that diamond after dark
2026-05-13-001	
2026-05-13-002	
2026-05-13-003	All the potential spots that are picked out in this report are terrible I agree to [REDACTED] in her email darling park should stay as a green space and no dog park should be near any sports feilds or or schools the only place if a dog park goes through the next phase is beside the old co-op gas bar by Elliot park but as a dog owner I will not take time out of my day to use it my dog enjoys walks down the trail and all the way out to the Morrison dam or many of the towns side walks because I don't want my dog being attacked by another one In a dog parked caged in
2026-05-13-004	
2026-05-13-005	
2026-05-13-006	Dog owners who want a dog park(s) (large and small means two Dog Parks) should have to become a coordinated volunteer group who would look after the Dog Parks. Doug owners should look after the Dog Parks, not municipal staff.
2026-05-13-007	Not something I would use but also do not want to see it in the residential area of Darling Park (between Motz Blvd and Pryde Blvd) - in your dog park proposal one of the selling features of Darling Park was that it was shaded

	meanwhile in 2011 when the proposal for a temporary, modular ice rink by the lions club was added the [REDACTED] stated there was no shade and the ice would melt - now many of the trees have died and have been replanted and would take decades for provide any significant shade for a dog park. Children of the neighbourhood use this space often and it's so nice to see kids being active and spending time outdoors. There is also no parking there making street parking the only option posing a safety risk as the side walk is only one sided and residents and children walking between Motz and Pryde would need to cross busy side streets with cars blocking lines of sight. As a resident I'd really hate to see this space become a dirty, muddy dog park that loses its luster after the novelty wears off.
2026-05-13-008	Not in favour of the locations provided
2026-05-14-001	
2026-05-14-002	
2026-05-14-003	
2026-05-14-004	There are more pressing needs that tax dollars should be spent on
2026-05-14-005	There are other dog parks not far frim Exeter already and this would be a waste of tax dollars.
2026-05-14-006	Should not be funded with tax payout money. They can fundraise full amount
2026-05-14-007	There are already 2 fully functional, paid for dog parks within a 10 - 15 minute drive of Exeter. Our tax dollars could be better spent on something else, not duplicating what is already in place.
2026-05-14-008	There is already 2dog parks in South Huron. So I feel we do not need anymore as I live outside of Exeter I'm always told to go to Exeter for things I need so why do Exeter residence be told to drive to one of the other two dog parks that we already have and save money from us taxpayers. Thank you very much.
2026-05-14-009	Answer is no if we have to pay for it. Centralia gets no benefit from being tied to Exeter. Oh we do get to pay higher taxes so Exeter can have what they want.They are welcome to use our dog park as it was a beautiful ball park at one time until South Huron decided it didn't need to be used anymore.
2026-05-14-010	Both Crediton and Centralia have dog parks, no more than 10 minutes from Exeter. You're basically asking tax payers to pay for lazy Exeter residents to have an easily accessible dog park. Does this mean the municipality will be looking at placing a grocery store in Centralia or Crediton? Or a gas station? These are actual NECESSITIES that are required for residents to survive, yet we're constantly told to drive the 10 minutes to Exeter or Lucan. It's just laziness. Let Exeter residents pay for a dog park themselves, or they can drive the tiny little drive to the neighboring towns
2026-05-14-011	There is a dog park in Crediton and one in Centralia, I don't think one is necessary in Exeter..our tax dollars can be spent more wisely than another dog park...
2026-05-14-012	If Exeter wants a dog park that's fine but they can raise the money themselves. Why should our tax dollars pay for everything Exeter wants while anyone living in the towns around are told no or raise the money yourself. Period
2026-05-14-013	
2026-05-14-014	Exeter can use the dog park in Centralia. Why waste taxpayers dollars on a duplicate. Or let Exeter raise the money themselves.

2026-05-15-001	There is a large dog park in Centralia so why do you need to spend taxpayer's money on another one. Centralia is only 5 minutes from Exeter.
2026-05-15-002	There is other dog parks already in south Huron that they could go too. People outside of Exeter is always told you can come 10 minutes to Exeter to use stuff. Why should our tax dollars go to a dog park in Exeter let them raise the money for it themselves. They always have stuff put on for kids but people outside of Exeter not always has transportation to get there.
2026-05-15-003	Dog parks bring irresponsible dogs and owners, no thank you
2026-05-16-001	As a retired Veterinarian I've always been against dog parks they create unregulated environments prone to dog fights, injuries, and disease transmission. Diseases and Parasites: Sharing water bowls, toys, and close proximity to feces in high-traffic areas makes dog parks hotspots for spreading infections and parasites. Risk of Fights and Injuries: In unregulated, multi-dog environments, fights over dominance are common, and large, boisterous dogs can easily harm smaller ones. Poor Socialization & Trauma: The chaotic environment can be overwhelming, causing fearful dogs to become more reactive or creating anxiety in puppies. Negative Behavioral Impact: Rather than teaching good manners, dog parks can encourage behaviors like bullying, jumping, and over-arousal. Lack of Control: Owners cannot guarantee the behavior or health of other people's dogs.
2026-05-17-001	A waste of tax payer dollars. A dog park was just built in Centralia, that money had to be raised for.
2026-05-17-002	Like I said good for animals to run and walking for seniors I myself would commite my time in the care of any dog run like cyutting the grass emtying the garbage etc.
2026-05-17-003	We would utilize and donate towards a dog park if it is a safe and sensibly produced space. The dog park in Crediton isn't ideal. I didnt realize there was one in Centralia. I haven't taken my dog to many dog parks due to inconvenient to have to travel out of town.
2026-05-17-004	No thanks,
2026-05-19-001	
2026-05-19-002	Not needed. Walk your dog on the street or better yet, if you don't have a big fenced in yard don't get a dog!!
2026-05-19-003	
2026-05-19-004	I think it is an amazing idea. For the past 10 years I have had to always put my dog on a leash or in recent years go to Lucan. Lucan's park is ok but there is zero shade or any natural habitat for dogs to sniff.
2026-05-19-005	We are really the only town in this area not to have one, been needing one for a long time.
2026-05-19-006	
2026-05-19-007	

2026-05-19-008	Terrible idea
2026-05-19-009	
2026-05-19-010	PLEASE PLEASEPLEASE!!
2026-05-19-011	
2026-05-19-012	Lots of trees
2026-05-19-013	Not needed Poor location choices We cant keep our streets clean let alone a dog park
2026-05-19-014	Too many unreasonable dog owners., they don't clean up after their dogs while out for a walk, and not all are given the rabies vacine. There is not enough property to house a dog park we would need to accommodate the dogs in Exeter alone.
2026-05-19-015	
2026-05-19-016	
2026-05-19-017	Use money for children's parks rather than dogs. Children are our future, not dogs.
2026-05-19-018	It's very badly needed, and I think you'll get a lot of positive attention towards this
2026-05-19-019	
2026-05-19-020	
2026-05-19-021	It's about time!!!!
2026-05-19-022	Excellent idea!!!
2026-05-19-023	No to a dog park and using tax payers money to fund it. People who own dogs can walk dogs and play with them in their own fenced backyards. Not tax payers responsibility.
2026-05-19-024	Dog owners need to provide their own surrounds for their pets. Often disease is spread thru contact with other dogs. Municipal money could be better spent in other haves. We need to have the walk in clinic open again and council should find funds for that.
2026-05-19-025	
2026-05-19-026	Not a fan of dog parks and would never take my dog to one. Leashed dogs on community trails is a lot safer. Dog parks tend to attract owners that don't train their dogs. Sorry.
2026-05-19-027	It's a cost we do not need in Exeter. Put money into things that young families will need in the future don't waste it on a dog park.
2026-05-19-028	
2026-05-19-029	I don't like to see Darling Park transformed to a dog park. If my grandkids are around we always go and play there and so do a lot of other kids who live in this area. It is used on a regular basis .
2026-05-19-030	

2026-05-19-031	I have a dog but I don't think we need a dog park. People should just walk their dog like I do everyday.
2026-05-19-032	
2026-05-19-033	This should not be located in any of the existing parks such as Mcnaughton Park or Victoria Park as these are already great areas for families to use without dogs or dog on leashes.
2026-05-19-034	I am opposed to the Darling Park area. That street is very busy already and this would add to the traffic. Traffic travels very fast on this road.
2026-05-20-001	I think creating a dog park in Exeter would be great as there are little to none nearby and can bring people together as they share the space
2026-05-20-002	
2026-05-20-003	Have a gated entrance with a small entrance area that leads to a second gate that will let you in the entire area.
2026-05-20-004	
2026-05-20-005	
2026-05-20-006	Bringing a dog park to Exeter would eliminate a lot of of Dog issues. We currently have in around our residential area such as dog faeces and it's a place that people can enjoy taking their animal too to get exercise. A lot of people don't have time to walk their dog for an hour, whereas you take the dog to a dog park for a half hour and they get a ton of social and exercise. Our family is willing to help fund this dog park as we think it is crucial.
2026-05-20-007	
2026-05-20-008	
2026-05-20-009	Funds should be used for something else. We have plenty of space for dogs to play and walk. Dog parks are much more expensive than people anticipate, the construction - fencing and dog friendly turf is very expensive. As well, maintenance is quite costly (maintaining the grounds, fixing/maintaining fences, cleanup of grounds, waste disposal, etc.) which is an ongoing operational expense. Additionally, though it may be difficult to acknowledge, dog parks cause many complaints and cause neighborhood tension - dogs bit other dogs, poop not being cleaned up, noise complaints. It's a waste of space. Irresponsible owners exist, behavioral problems exist. My opinion, responsible owners are already engaging with their dogs properly. Alternatively, should they choose to intentionally engage with other owners, they can do so by arranging structured playdates on their own. We don't need more taxpayers money wasted unnecessarily! Should my above points be dismissed, I would strongly suggest building a large cat sanctuary accessible to the felines in our community as to not discriminate against other domesticated species and evolutionary differences.
2026-05-20-010	We live on the corner of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and constantly see furry friends on walks with their humans. A dog park would be a great feature for our growing small town! Thank you for considering this.
2026-05-20-011	
2026-05-20-012	It's a great idea

2026-05-20-013	
2026-05-20-014	
2026-05-20-015	The purposed locations near the sport and children areas are not well suited. For that reason along I am voting no Sharing a dog park and soccer field is a ridiculous idea and truly hope that does not happen
2026-05-20-016	My family recently bought our home in the neighborhood of the Fred Darling Park. We enjoy it as it is, not as a dog park. Dog parks look great on paper however in reality in a short period of time they go downhill with people not obeying the rules, not cleaning up overflowing waste bins. The noise, smell and parking issues of this are not something the local residents should have to shoulder. Dog parks are best suited away from homes with ample parking and user fees. Yes user fees because we all know at the end of the day it will fall on taxpayers to clean up and maintain the dog park. Fred Darling would not be impressed to have the property he so kindly donated to be fenced off? Thank you.
2026-05-20-017	We have two dog parks in our area already. They are not being used and we already have many areas that permit dogs including the Morrison dam trail. City parks and streets etc.
2026-05-20-018	
2026-05-20-019	
2026-05-20-020	I have lived in the south huron area 50 plus year and yet to see anyone use the Crediton and Centralia dog parks I go by them everyday and not seen one person with a dog use them so I believe the space in exeter should be used for something else then a dog park.
2026-05-20-021	No
2026-05-21-001	I think dog parks should be banned due to bio security concerns and safety of both people and pets.
2026-05-21-002	Not Darling Park or I'll be very mad.
2026-05-21-003	
2026-05-21-004	
2026-05-22-001	The very fact that council has decided the need to do a survey shows its inability to make even the simplest decision. Seems that those who voted for this survey are happy to have dog owners continue to use the Community Soccer Field as a dog park where dog owners let their dogs POOP on the soccer field and are too lazy to walk the 50 yards to pick up their dogs poop. They would rather have actual users of the the field, soccer community and flag football teams, slip and fall or roll around in their dogs poop when they go to ground. About time council members remember that they are elected to enhance the community and be part of the growth.

Exeter Dog Park Public Survey

Analytical Summary

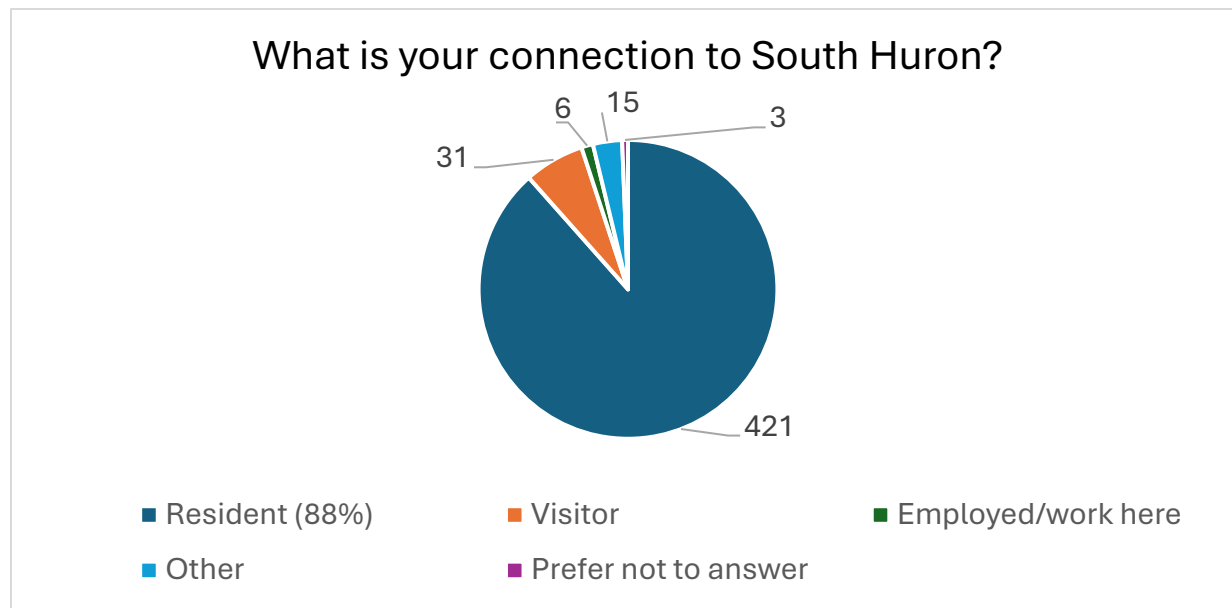
This report summarizes feedback from an open, non-scientific public survey on the proposed dog park in Exeter, Ontario. Findings are descriptive only – based on the input received - and should not be interpreted as statistically representative of all residents.

The public consultation survey ran from April 23 until May 21, 2026.

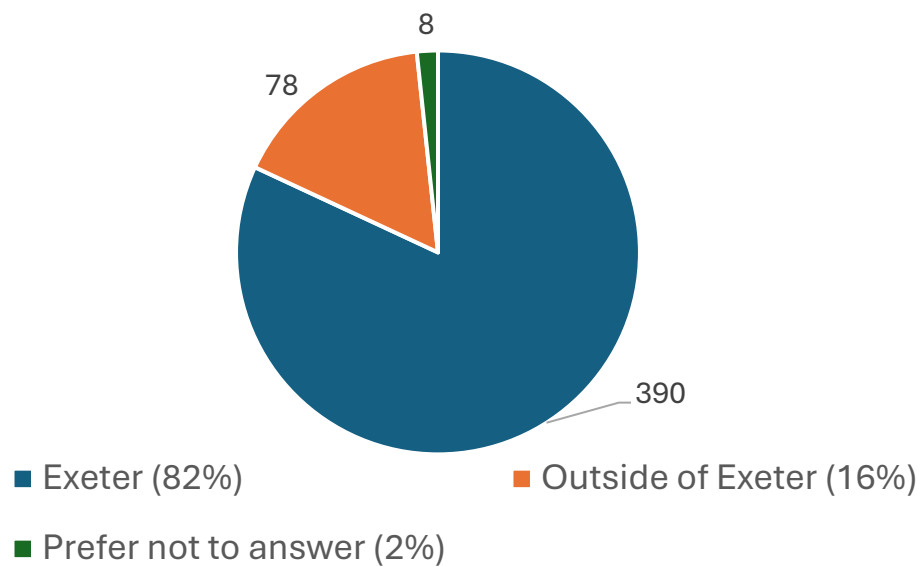
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In total, the survey collected 476 responses.

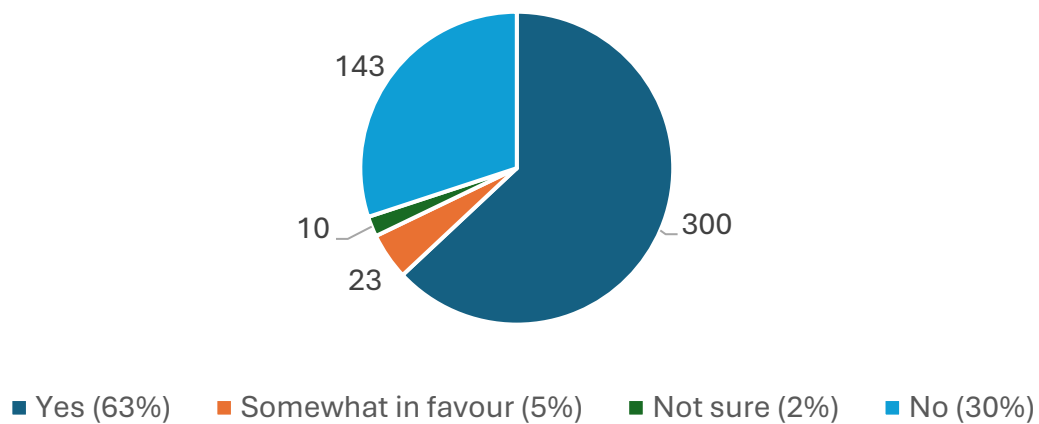
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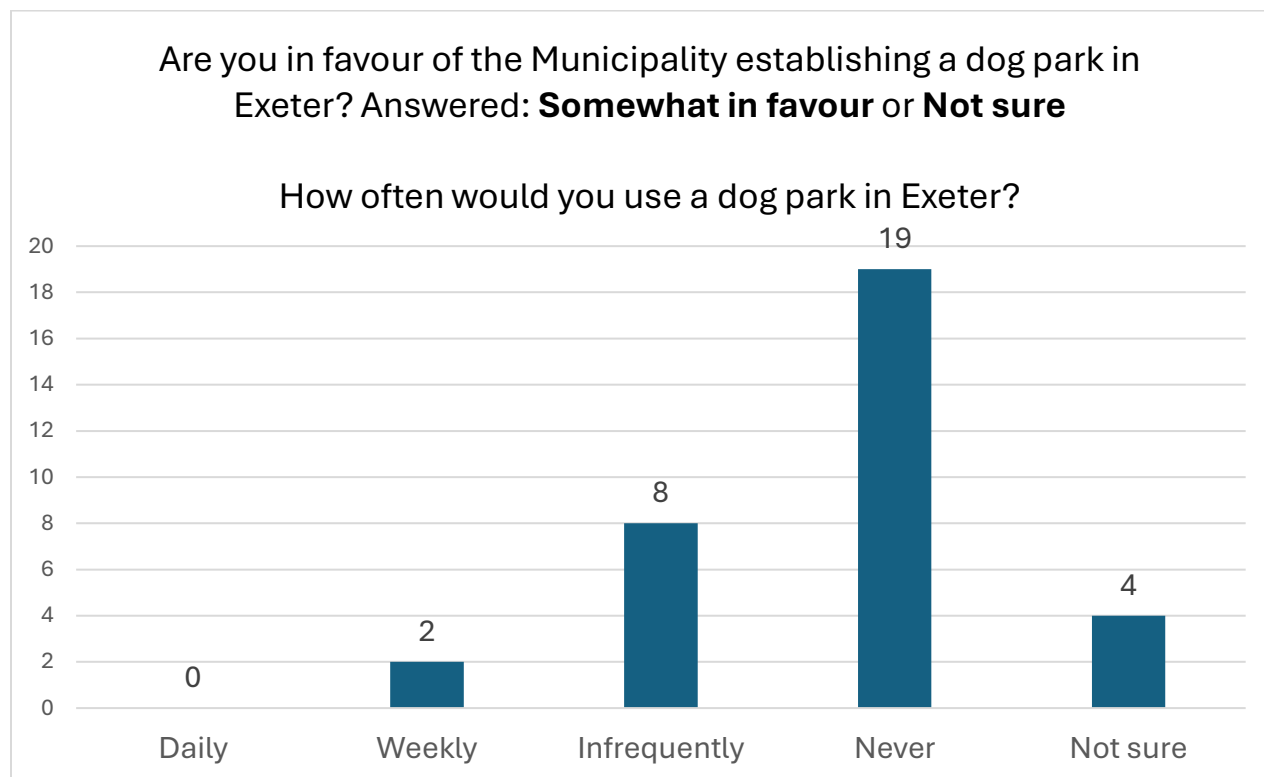
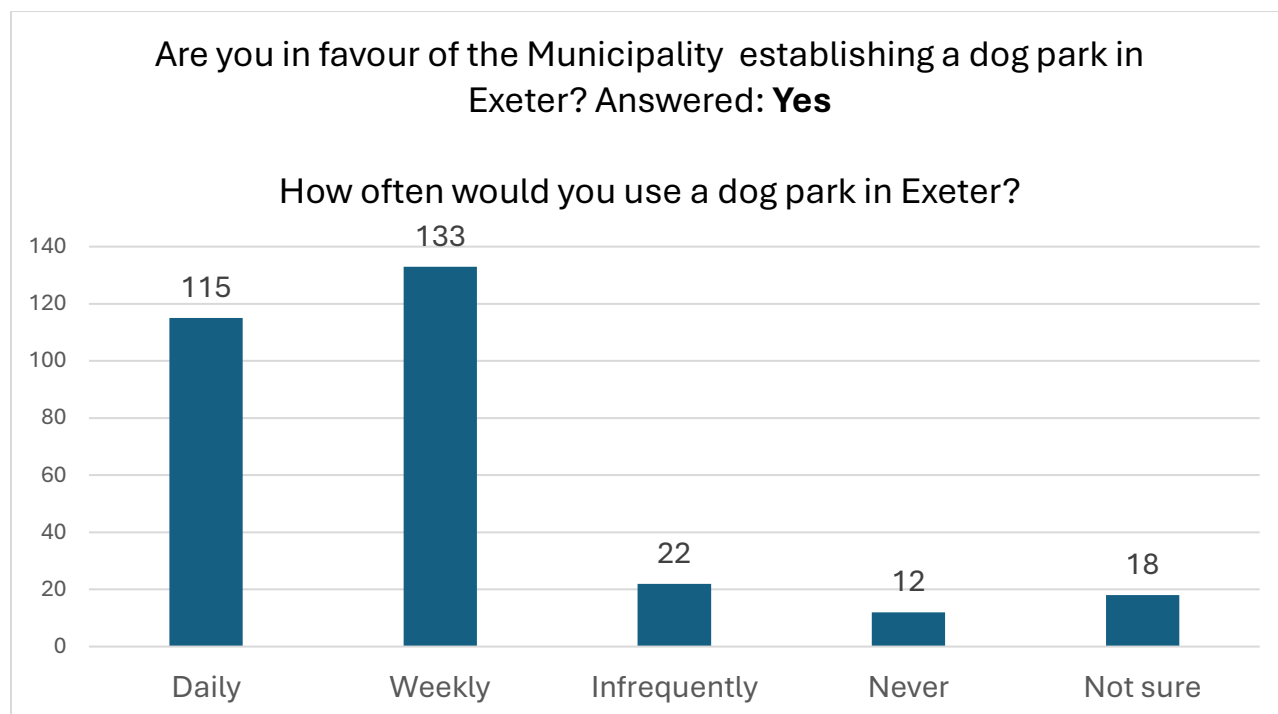


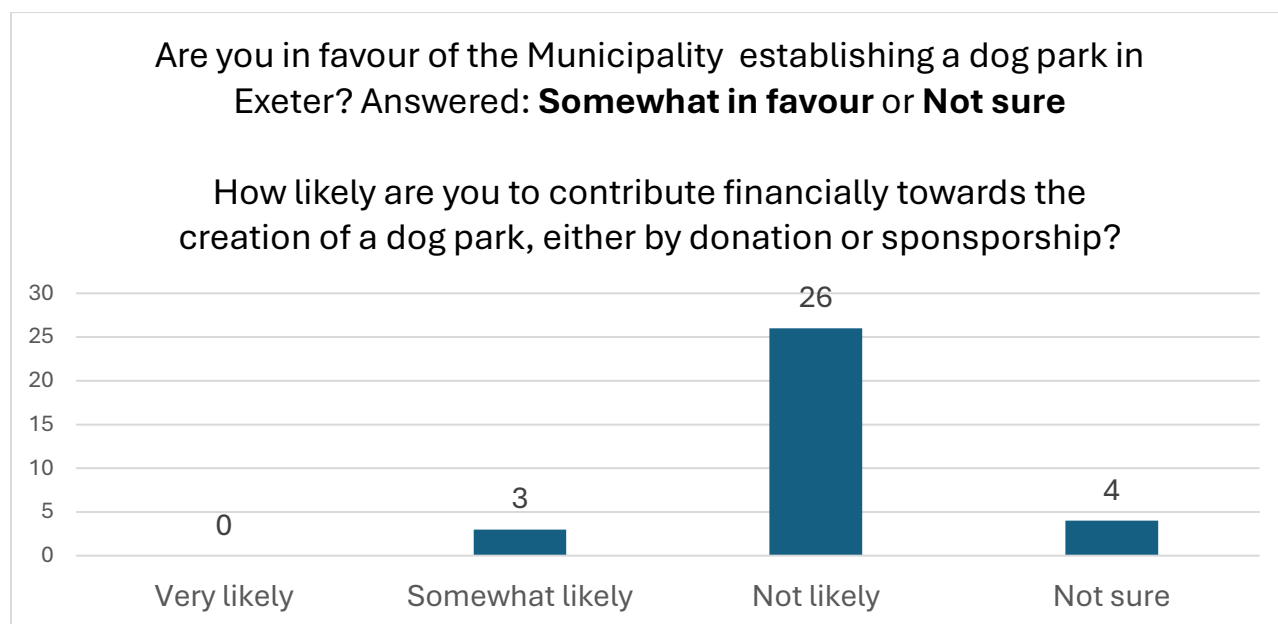
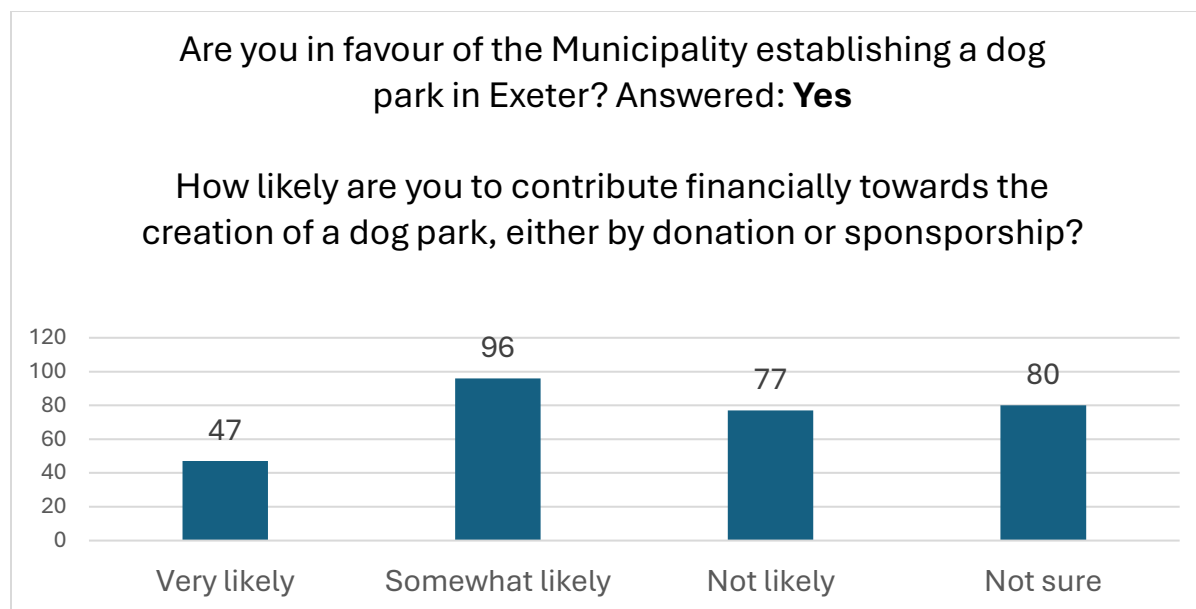
Where is your connection to South Huron?



Are you in favour of the Municipality establishing a public dog park in Exeter?







Qualitative Data

An artificial intelligence (AI) tool was used to assist staff in the analysis of the following two open-ended survey questions. All personally identifiable information present in the data was redacted prior to uploading into the AI tool. Staff used the following prompt to generate an analysis:

Each of the two worksheets contain feedback from an open-ended survey question. First, identify the most frequent themes/points and summarize in

bullet point form; use direct quote examples where appropriate. Second, provide an executive summary of the feedback received on each question. Third, attempt to answer each question using the data received for each in aggregate while also including any key uncertainties/issues that still need to be addressed before a decision is made.

Notes on Interpreting these results

- This was an open, non-scientific public survey and should not be treated as statistically representative of the broader community.
- Findings are based on open-ended responses and involve judgment in grouping related themes.
- The data can identify recurring concerns and preferences, but it does not by itself resolve feasibility, cost, or operational questions.

What would be your preferred location for a dog park in Exeter and why?

Summary: Respondents did not converge on a single uncontested location. Comments cluster around central locations near existing recreation and trail infrastructure, along with repeated concerns about avoiding active sports fields, residential areas, and children's play areas.

Theme	Approx. mentions	What respondents were generally saying
Site should have space / parking / shade	106	Large area, room to run, parking availability, tree cover/shade
Arena / rec centre / trail / curling / rodeo vicinity	86	Preference for central recreation-adjacent areas near existing amenities
Keep away from residential / schools / kids / roads	61	Concern about traffic, safety, noise, or conflict with children's spaces
McNaughton / MacNaughton / soccer-field area	51	Repeated references to McNaughton or central parkland (i.e., adjacent to Wagner Field area); opposition to locating <i>on</i> soccer fields
Anywhere / no strong location preference	47	General support without a firm site choice
Darling / Pryde / Motz area	28	Specific mention of Darling Park / Pryde area, both supportive and opposed

Representative quote examples:

"McNaughton Park. It is close to the trail, has parking, has a restroom, has garbages, middle of town and easy to walk to."

“Somewhere central in town - near the arena/elementary school ideally since the trailhead is also there and its central for most residents with ample parking options.”

“Somewhere that has some shade and dogs have a good space to run”

“Not near busy road ways or schools”

“Absolutely not in the soccer fields or other sports grounds. Please find a new dedicated piece of land or part of a park that is already community use.”

“Anywhere”

“Open to anywhere in town”

Aggregate answer: The most broadly acceptable concept appears to be a central Exeter location near existing recreation or trail infrastructure, with adequate parking, shade, and space, while avoiding active sports surfaces (i.e., soccer fields) and immediate adjacency to homes, schools, playgrounds, or similar sensitive uses.

Do you have any additional thoughts on the proposal to establish a dog park in Exeter?

Summary: Comments reflect meaningful support for establishing a dog park in Exeter, but also meaningful opposition, particularly around cost, site compatibility, and operational impacts. Even supporters often attach conditions related to cleanup, enforcement, safety, parking, and design.

Theme	Approx. mentions	What respondents were generally saying
Support / need for a dog park	46	Needed, long overdue, convenience for Exeter users
Funding / taxes / user-pay	44	Concerns about municipal cost, tax dollars, fundraising, user-pay ideas
Operations / rules / enforcement / cleanup / safety	43	Waste pickup, fines, liability, owner responsibility, disease/safety concerns
Opposition / no need / use other parks	41	Existing dog parks in South Huron, low priority, concern it is unnecessary
Concern about sports-field conflict	40	Strong objection to using active soccer/sports fields as dual-use dog space
Desired amenities / design features	38	Water, fenced area, small/large dog separation, seating, bins, trail loop

Residential impacts / traffic / parking / noise	24	Concern about homes, congestion, barking, loss of neighbourhood green space
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Representative quote examples:

“Great idea- a long time coming.”

“We have needed one for sometime, having one in Crediton for all of South Huron makes no sense.”

“We do not need a dog park here in Exeter.”

“There are other dog parks already in south Huron that they could go too.”

“Anywhere except the Exeter Soccer field as a sports field should be solely for the use of sports.”

“You can't use a soccer pitch as a dog park.”

“Please do not put in the residential area of between Motz Blvd and Pryde Blvd”

“Very important to have a separate area for small and large dogs... Clear rules posted.”

Aggregate answer: The feedback suggests there is real support for a dog park in Exeter, but that support is conditional. If pursued, the least controversial concept would likely be a purpose-built or clearly dedicated area rather than a dual-use active sports field, supported by clear rules and basic amenities.

Key Findings

- The survey shows interest, but not consensus on one site.
- Site compatibility matters as much as the dog park concept itself.
- Operational credibility will affect acceptability, especially around cost, cleanup, safety, and enforcement.
- This dataset is best used to narrow options and identify conditions, not to finalize one location as if it had clear majority support.