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**Date:** November 8, 2017  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Author:** Tim Del Greco, Manager of Facilities and Properties  
**RE:** Dog Park Fence Screening  
**Report No.:** MS 2017 - 52

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## **AIM**

To advise Council on different methods of concealing the dog park fencing along Conservation Boulevard.

## **BACKGROUND**

During the October 10<sup>th</sup> 2017 Council meeting, the following motion was made:

### **654-2017**

Moved by Councillor Thomas Neufeld  
Seconded by Councillor Susanne Coghill

That Administration prepare a report on costing to screen or paint fence at dog park and to determine whether the screening/painting is feasible.

## **DISCUSSION**

Three methods of concealing the fence line along Conservation Boulevard would include painting, privacy screening, as well as natural landscaping.

Painting could be completed using Town labor with approximately \$500 in material costs. Paint will not conceal the fence but rather attempt to blend the fence into the surroundings using a natural color. Cosmetically the entire park may need painting as applying paint to one side may appear odd in appearance.

The privacy screening is constructed from a polyethylene material, green in color, and fastened to the existing chain link fence. Approximate cost for supply and delivery is

\$1300. Installation can be completed using Town labor. Screening will conceal the chain link, however it is expected to be much more obvious in appearance.

In terms of natural landscaping, Cedar trees are often used as hedging to create privacy and would be suitable for this application. Planted on four-foot centers, supply and installation is approximately \$9500. Although expensive, this option is likely to be the most visually appealing of the three.

In November of 2017, the Town intends on completing another round of annual tree planting. A number of trees are slated to be planted in the open space along Conservation Boulevard between the road and the chain link fence. These trees should detract from the appearance of the existing fence line and naturalize the area.

To date, there are no formal complaints registered with the Town regarding the appearance of the fence.

### **LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Improve recreational and cultural facilities and opportunities within the Town of Kingsville.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Summary of budgetary options for concealing the fence line along Conservation Boulevard:

- Painting - \$500
- Polyethylene screening - \$1300
- Row of Cedar trees - \$9500

### **CONSULTATIONS**

Ruthven Nursery

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Recommend Council receive this report regarding dog park fencing for their information and administration to monitor and address any concerns received following the annual tree planting program.

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