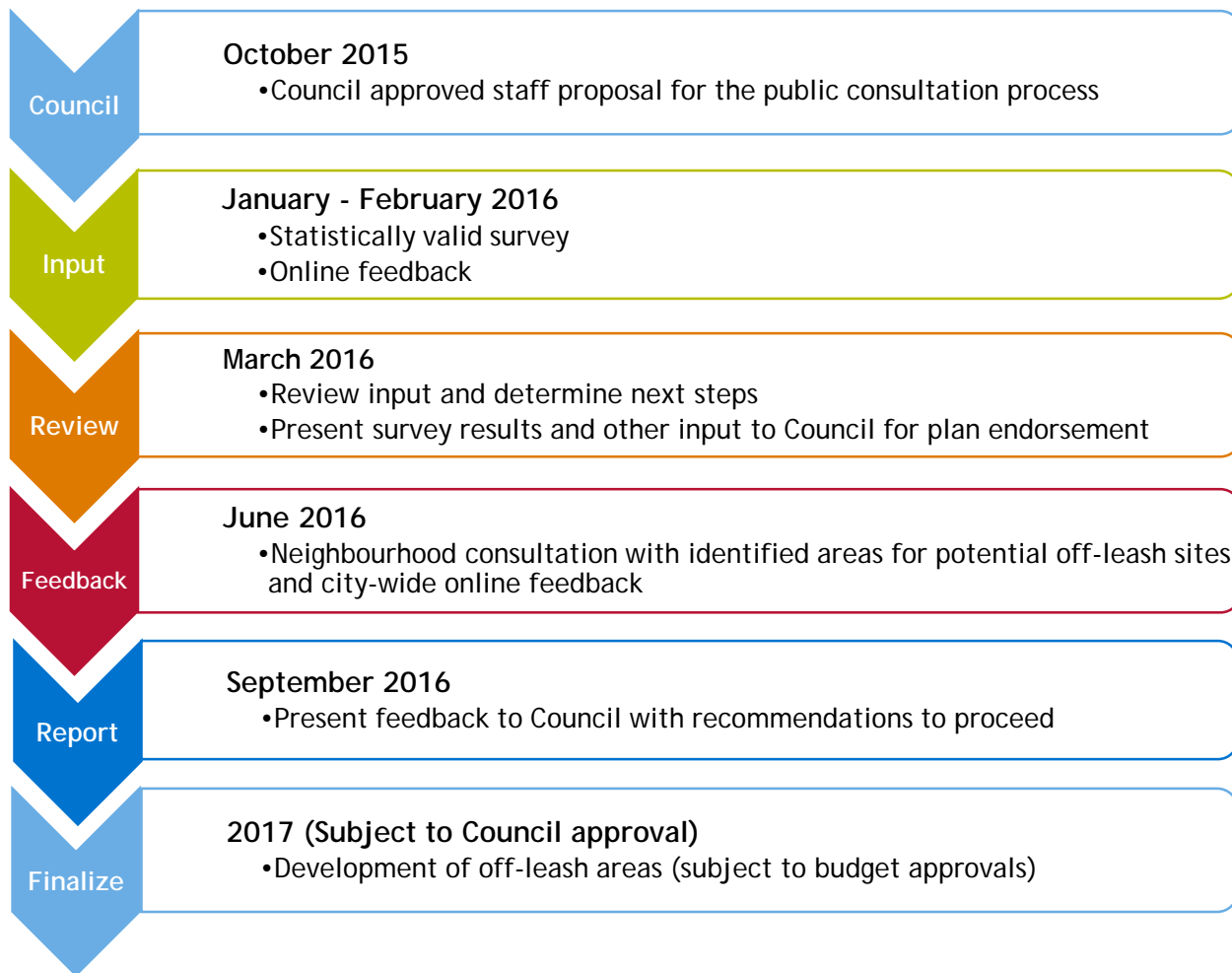


OFF-LEASH DOG BEACHES AND PARKS

Community Engagement Report - September 2016



ENGAGEMENT TIMELINE



BACKGROUND

Input

January - February 2016

- Statistically valid survey
- Online feedback

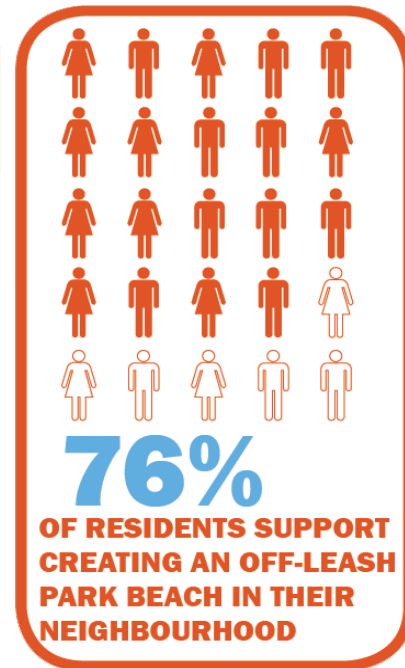
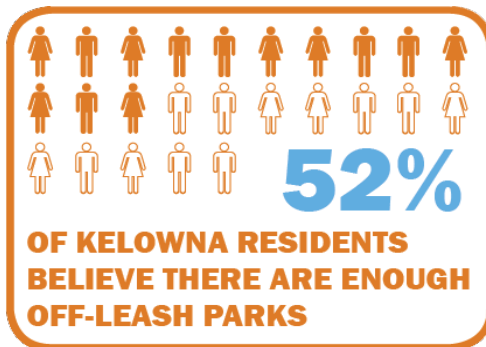
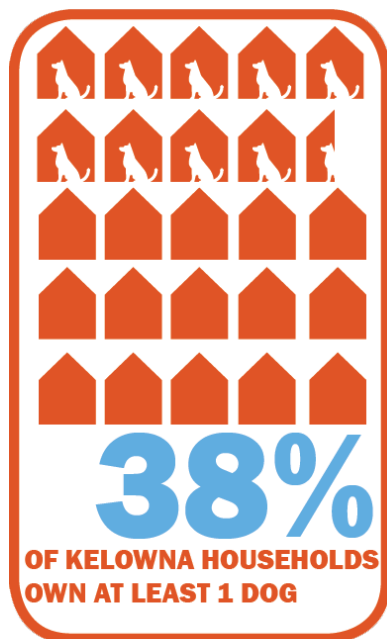


The goals of the first phase of public engagement:

- ▶ Determine residents' level of support for off-leash dog parks & beaches,
- ▶ Identify residents' attitude and tolerance level for off-leash dog parks & beaches in their neighbourhood,
- ▶ Identify priority neighbourhoods for off-leash dog parks and/or dog beaches.

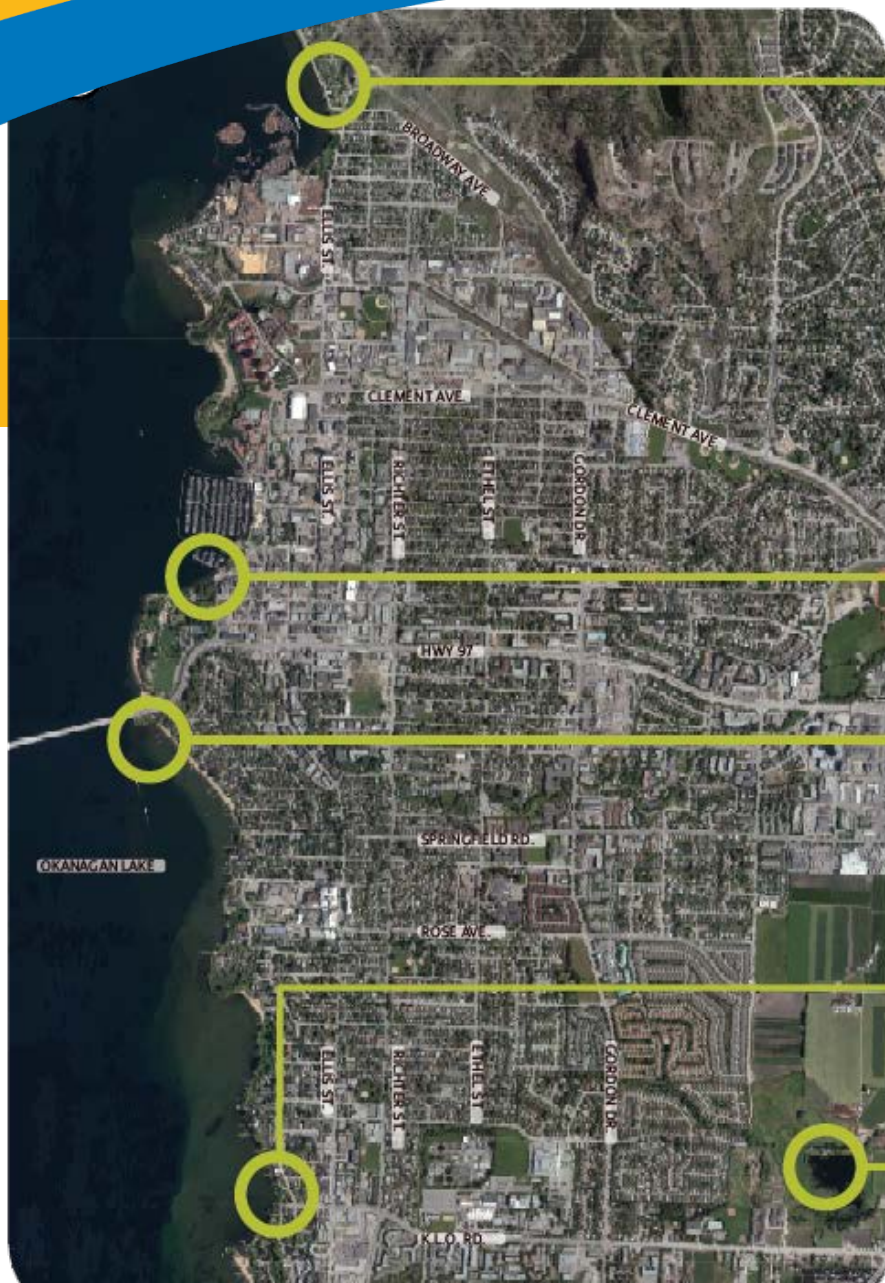
STATISTICALLY VALID SURVEY

Key findings from the statistically valid survey:



KEY FACTORS CONSIDERED IN SELECTING LOCATIONS:

- ▶ public safety,
- ▶ good location distribution across the City waterfront,
- ▶ impact on the surrounding neighbourhood,
- ▶ water quality less suitable for human swimming,
- ▶ impact on the environment and wildlife,
- ▶ proximity of suitable car parking,
- ▶ proximity to other park facilities and recreational uses.



POPLAR
POINT BEACH
ACCESS

PROPOSED LOCATIONS

SAILS PLAZA
'MINI' BEACH

LAKE AVENUE
BEACH ACCESS

CEDAR AVENUE
BEACH ACCESS

MUNSON POND

ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

Feedback

June 2016

- Neighbourhood consultation with identified areas for potential off-leash sites and city-wide online feedback

The goal for the second phase of public engagement is to:

- ▶ Consult with citizens on each of the five proposed locations,
- ▶ Listen to, and understand the needs and concerns of the neighbours closest in proximity to each location,
- ▶ Gauge city-wide interest and preferences for each location.

City of Kelowna

**Get involved
and have your say**



**Poplar Point Drive Beach Access
Off-Leash Dog Beach Discovery Session**

Tuesday, June 7
4 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Sutherland Park,
700 Ellis Street

These sessions are to gauge neighbourhood support, identify concerns and explore possible solutions.

Off-leash areas are subject to community input, Council approval and budget approval.

**Can't make
the Discovery
Session?**



Community
Discovery Session
featuring all five
potential locations

Kerry Park, 1480 Mill St,
near the Sails

Wednesday, June 15
4 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.



Online
getinvolved.kelowna.ca
June 7 - June 28

For more information
on dog park public
engagement, visit
kelowna.ca/parks.

POPLAR POINT Beach Access



OKANAGAN LAKE

POPLAR POINT DRIVE

DISC GOLF COURSE

KNOX MOUNTAIN
PARK

EXISTING SHORELINE
EROSION CONTROL

EXISTING/ PROPOSED
RIPARIAN PLANTING

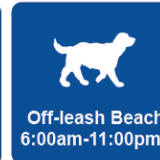
PROPOSED 3' CHAIN LINK
FENCE WITH GATE

PROPOSED GARBAGE CAN,
DOG BAG DISPENSER
AND SIGNAGE

BENCH SEATING

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RIPARIAN PLANTING

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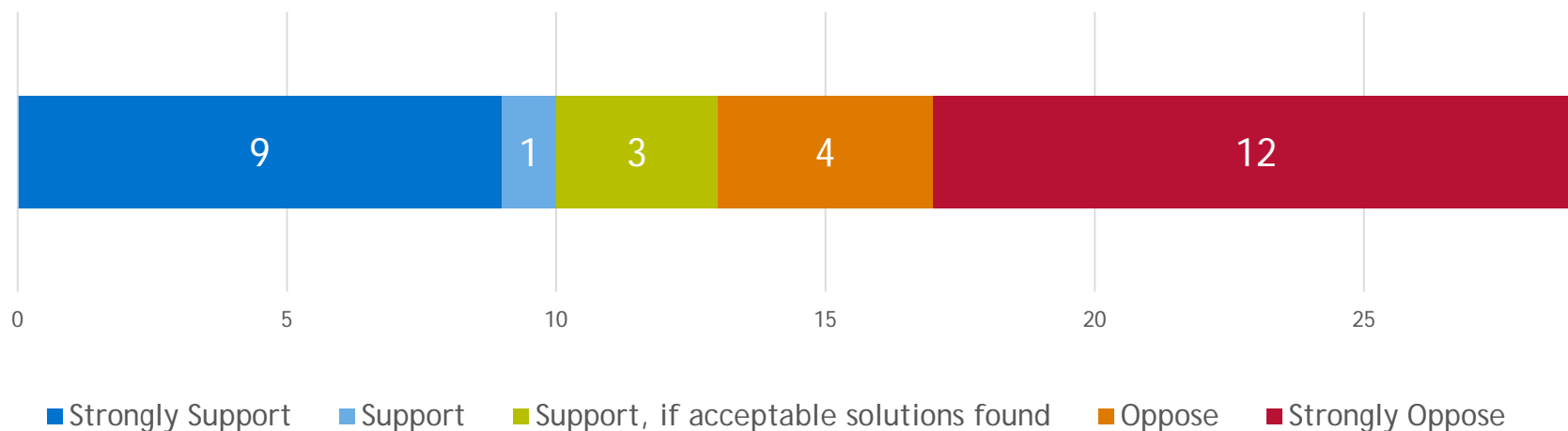


POPLAR POINT

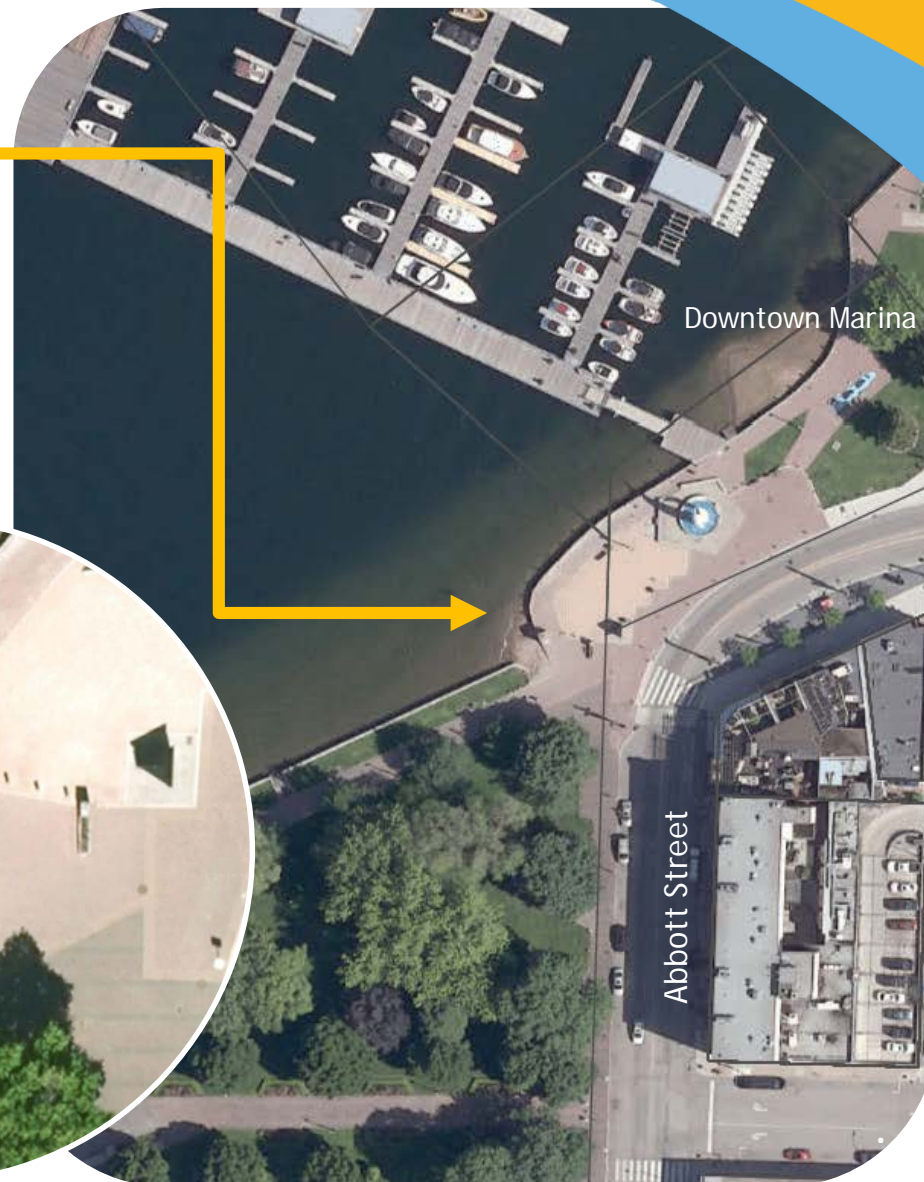
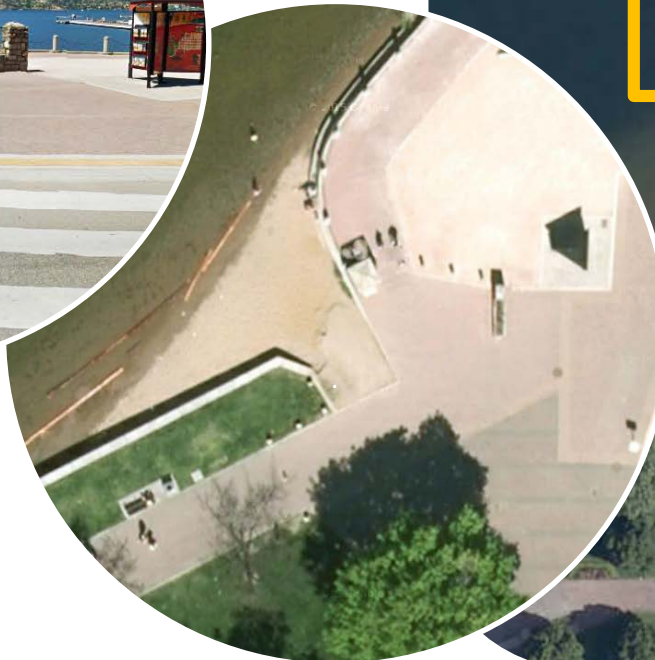
Beach Access

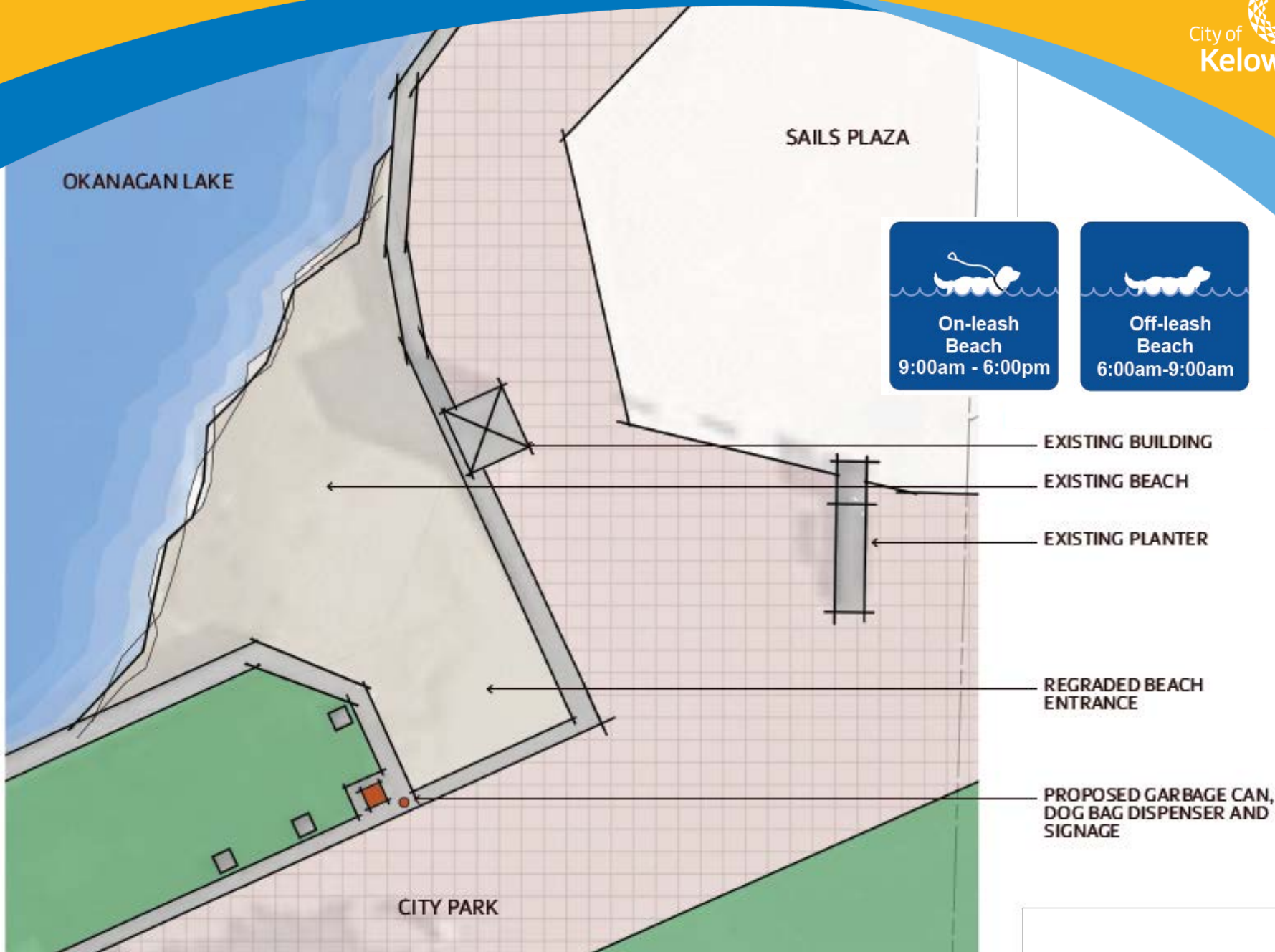
Discovery Session - June 7, 2016

Do you support or oppose the possibility of having an off-leash dog beach at Poplar Point beach access?



SAILS PLAZA 'Mini' Beach

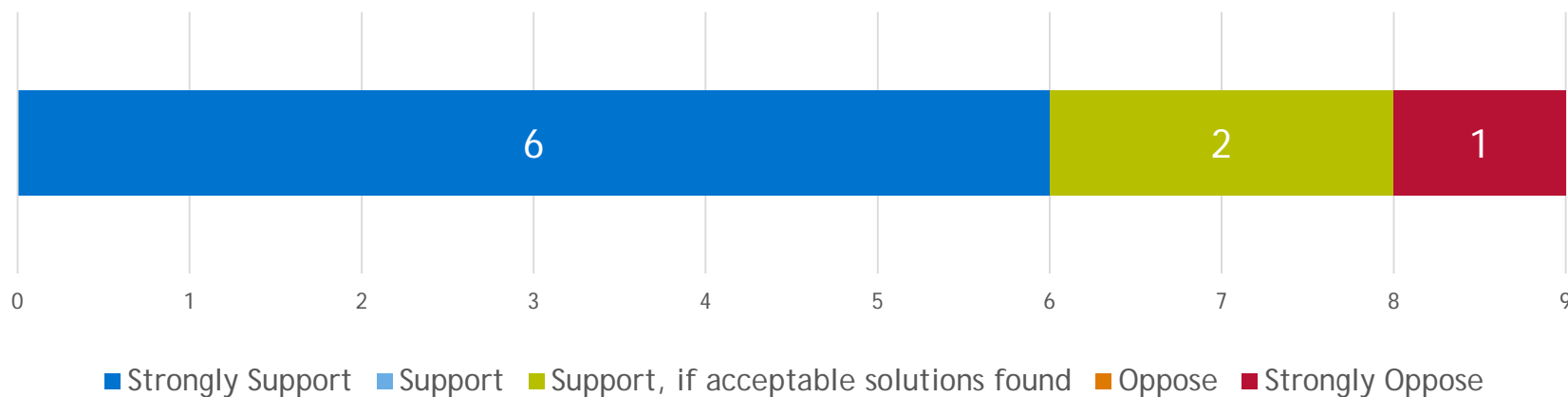




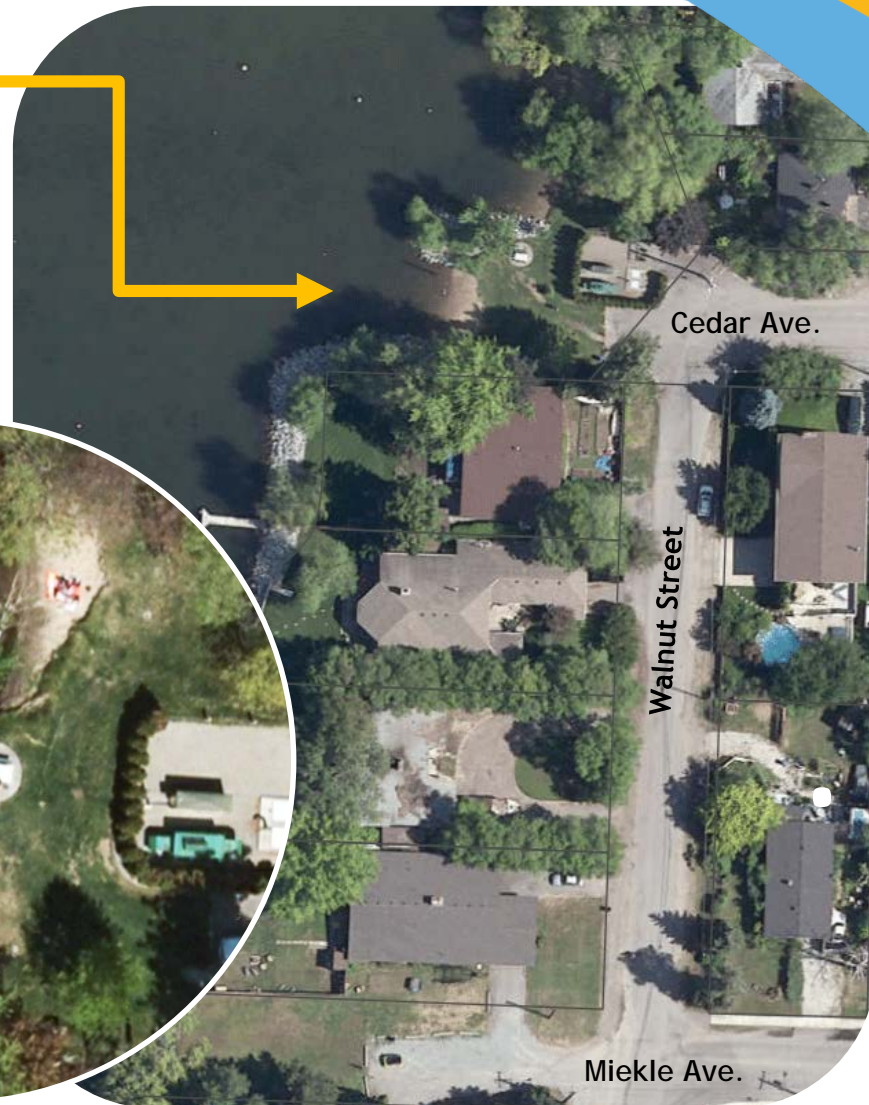
SAILS PLAZA 'Mini' Beach

Discovery Session - June 8, 2016

Do you support or oppose the possibility of having an off-leash dog beach at Sails Plaza?



CEDAR AVENUE Beach Access





OKANAGAN LAKE

EXISTING RESIDENCES

PROPOSED 3'
CHAINLINK FENCE
PROPOSED BENCH
SEATING
EXISTING SHORELINE
EROSION CONTROL

EXISTING PICNIC BENCH

EXISTING HEDGE AND
POWER VAULTS

PROPOSED 3'
CHAINLINK FENCE WITH
GATE

PROPOSED GARBAGE
CAN, BAG DISPENSER &
SIGNAGE
EXISTING SOLID WOOD
FENCE

EXISTING
RESIDENCE

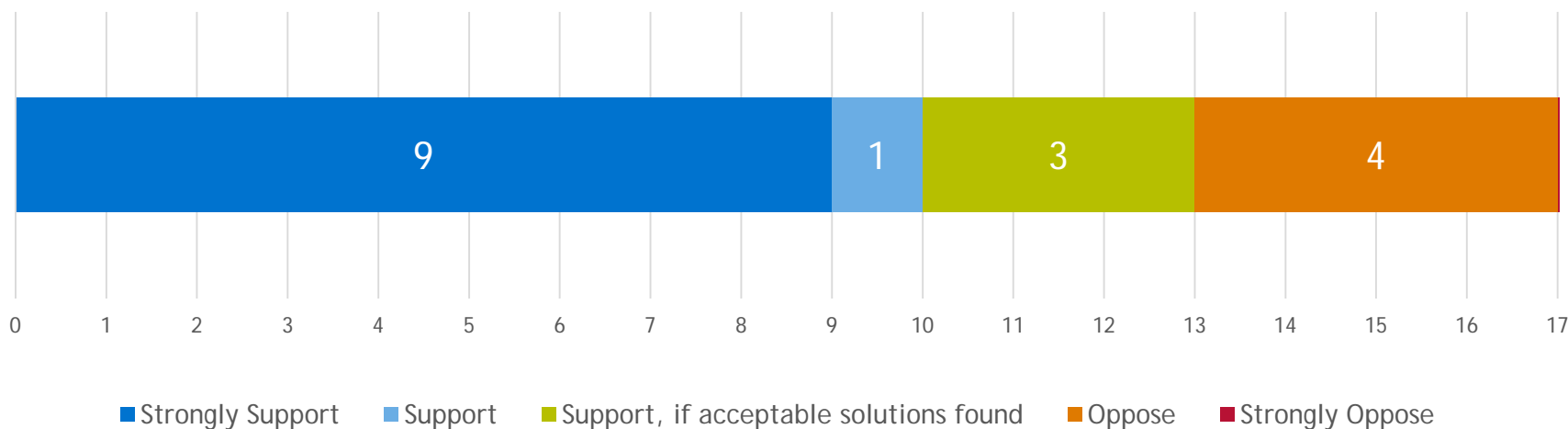


Off-leash Beach
6:00am-11:00pm

CEDAR AVENUE Beach Access

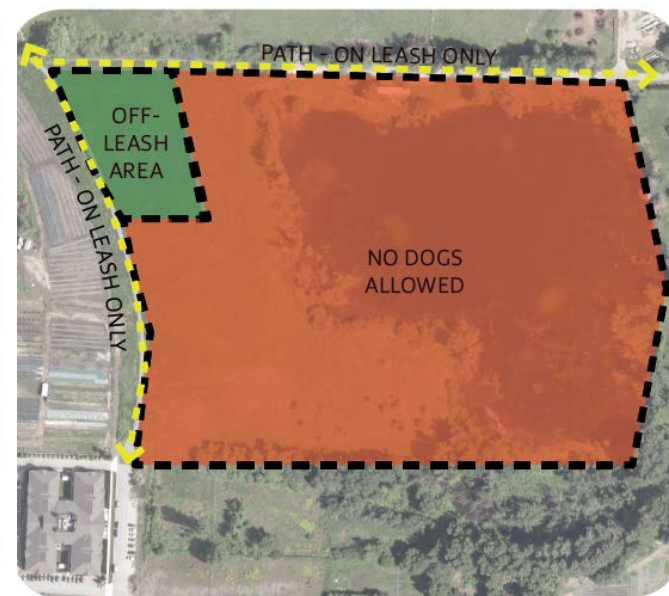
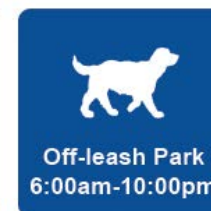
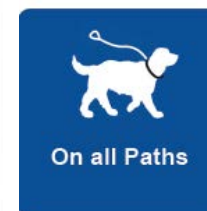
Discovery Session - June 9, 2016

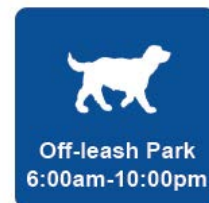
Do you support or oppose the possibility of having an off-leash dog beach at Cedar Avenue beach access?



MUNSON POND PARK



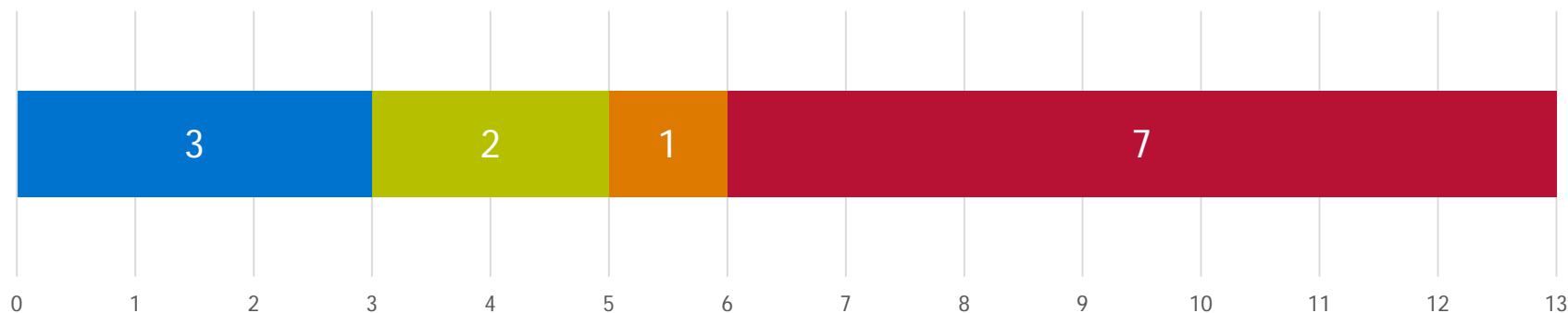




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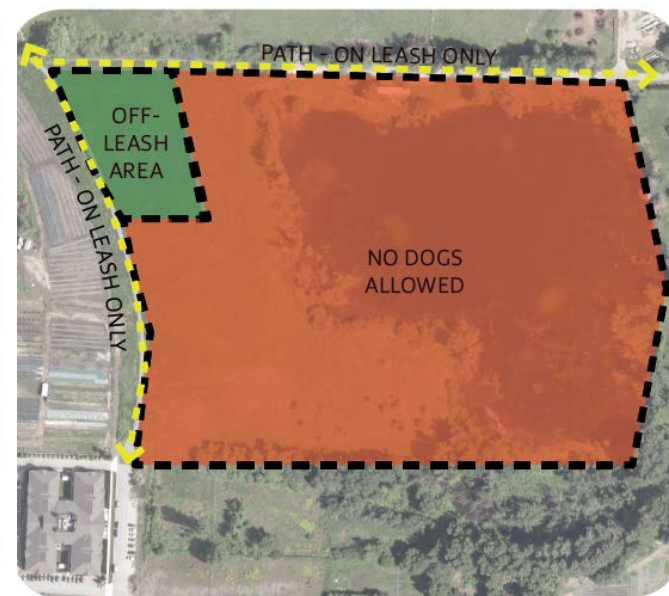
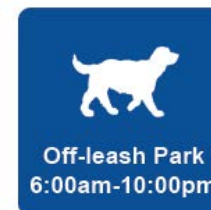
Discovery Session - June 14, 2016

Do you support or oppose the possibility of having an off-leash dog park at Munson Pond?



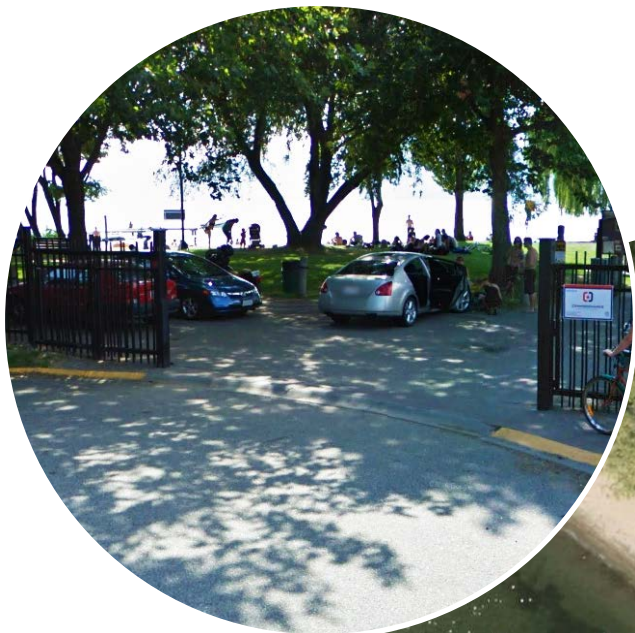
■ Strongly Support
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 ■ Support, if acceptable solutions found
 ■ Oppose
 ■ Strongly Oppose





LAKE AVENUE

Beach Access

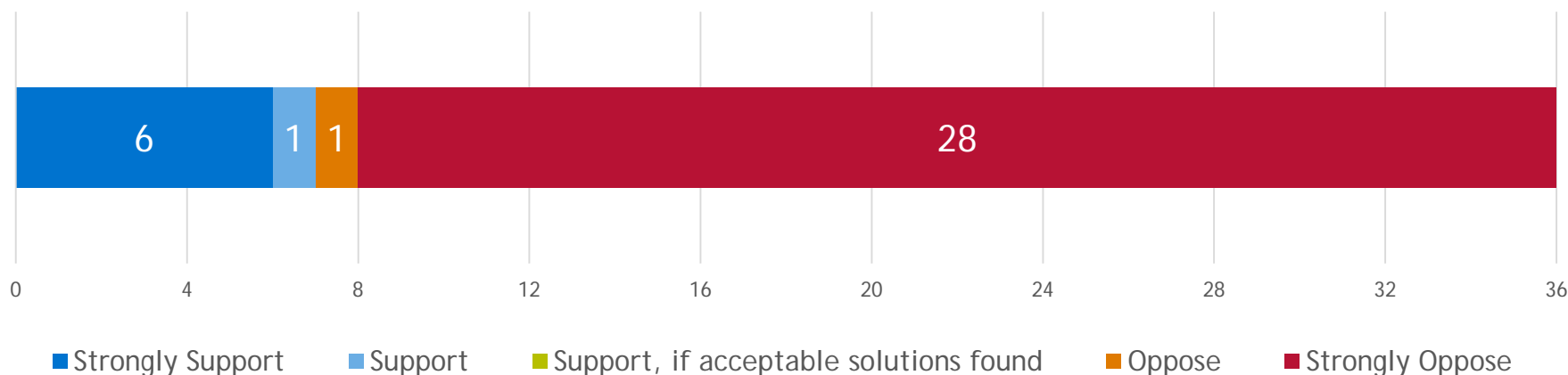




LAKE AVENUE Beach Access

Discovery Session - June 8, 2016

Do you support or oppose the possibility of having an off-leash dog beach at Lake Avenue Beach Access?



LAKE AVENUE Beach Access



LAKE AVENUE

Beach Access

Concerns voiced at Discovery Session

Dog owners are irresponsible

The dogs will wander into nearby yards

Dog beaches don't belong in residential areas

Dog beach will decrease property values

Dog fouling will contaminate the beach

All for more dog beaches, just not here

LAKE AVENUE

Beach Access

Concerns voiced at Discovery Session

*Threat to
riparian work*

*Conflicting use with
cyclists and pedestrian
path nearby*

*Would deter
families with
young children*

*Barking dogs would
be a nuisance*

*Not enough
parking*

*Would not alleviate
current illegal
activities at the beach*



PROPOSED
GARBAGE CAN,
BAG DISPENSER
AND SIGNAGE

PROPOSED 3'
DECORATIVE
METAL FENCE

EXISTING RIPARIAN
PLANTING

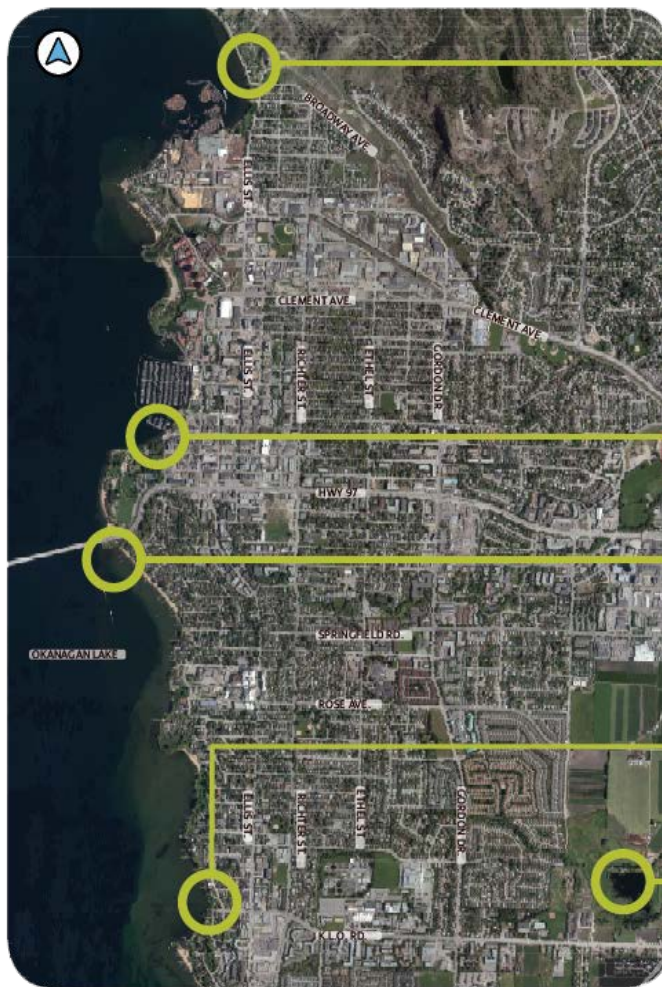
PROPOSED
SIGNAGE

PROPOSED BENCH
SEATING

POST WITH
SIGNAGE:
*PLEASE RESPECT
ALL BEACH USERS -
NO DOGS BEYOND
THIS POINT*



PROPOSED LOCATIONS

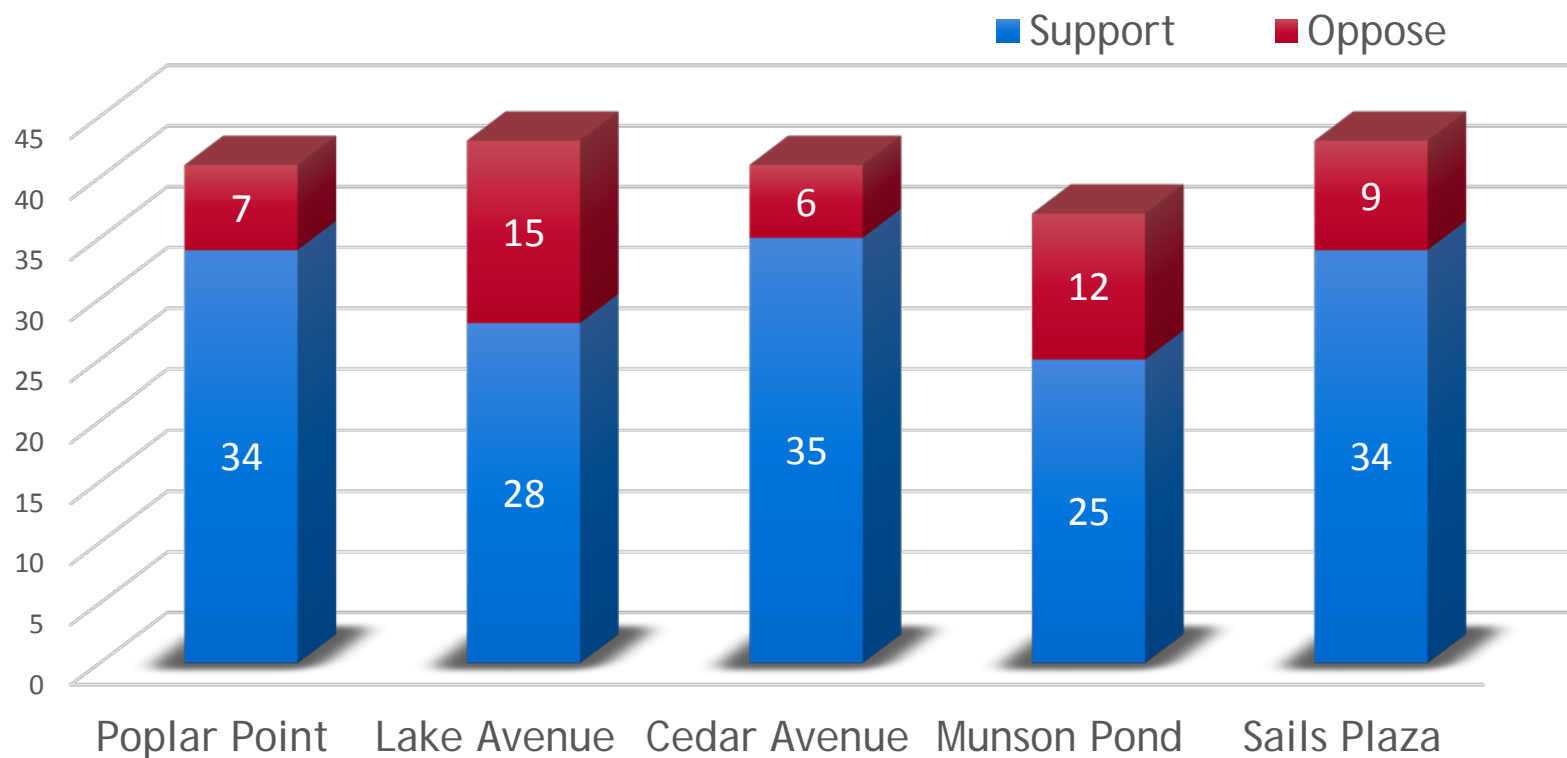


Frequently heard during public consultation:

"Introduce multiple sites or none - don't trial just one, as it will be inundated with too many users."

CITY-WIDE SESSION FEEDBACK

Do you support or oppose the possibility of having an off-leash dog area at:



CITY-WIDE SESSION FEEDBACK

Common themes heard at Discovery Session - June 15, 2016

Could rely on vehicle less with more location

Concern regarding child and family safety in off-leash areas

Let's stop talking about it - more dog beaches

Dogs already have enough space both off and on-leash

City needs more dog beaches

Not informed of potential off-leash beach prior to buying home

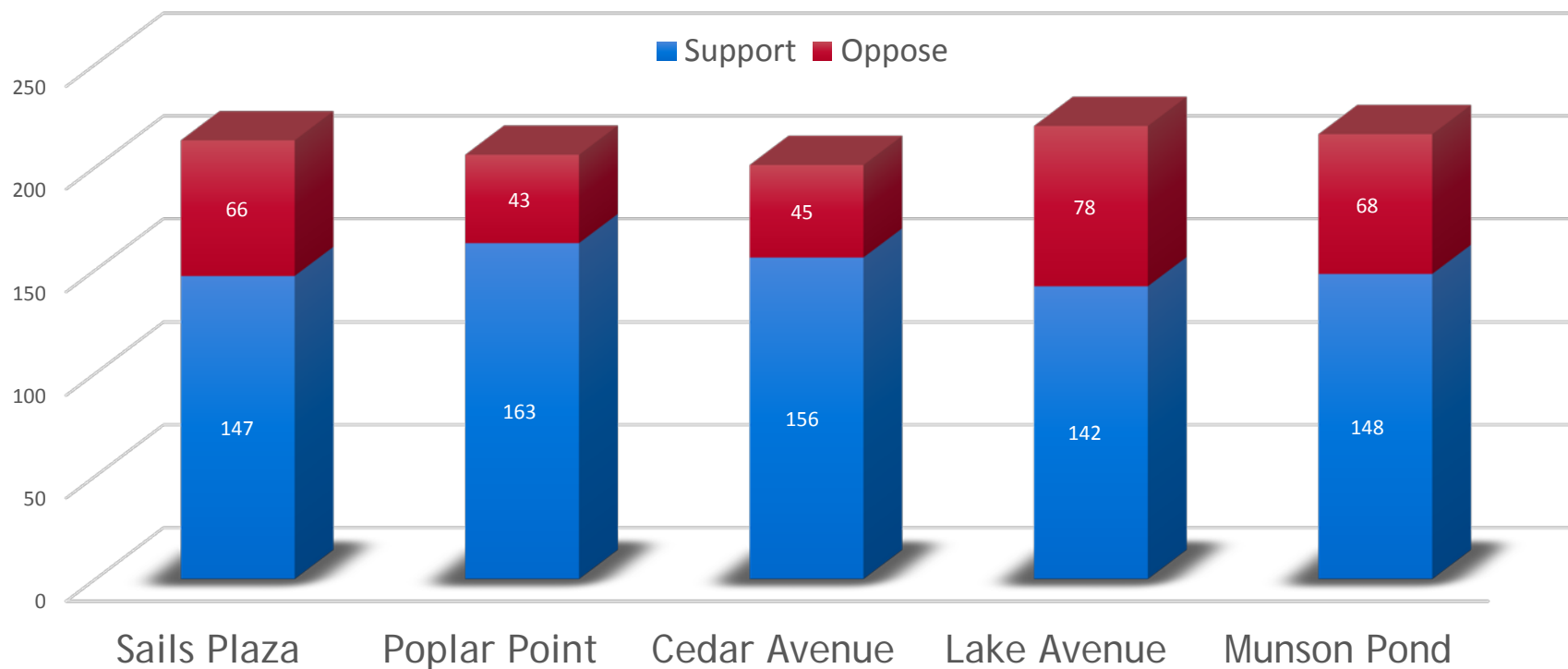
Only dog beach at Cedar Creek is too far away

Not enough beach space downtown for humans to use, never mind dogs

ONLINE FEEDBACK

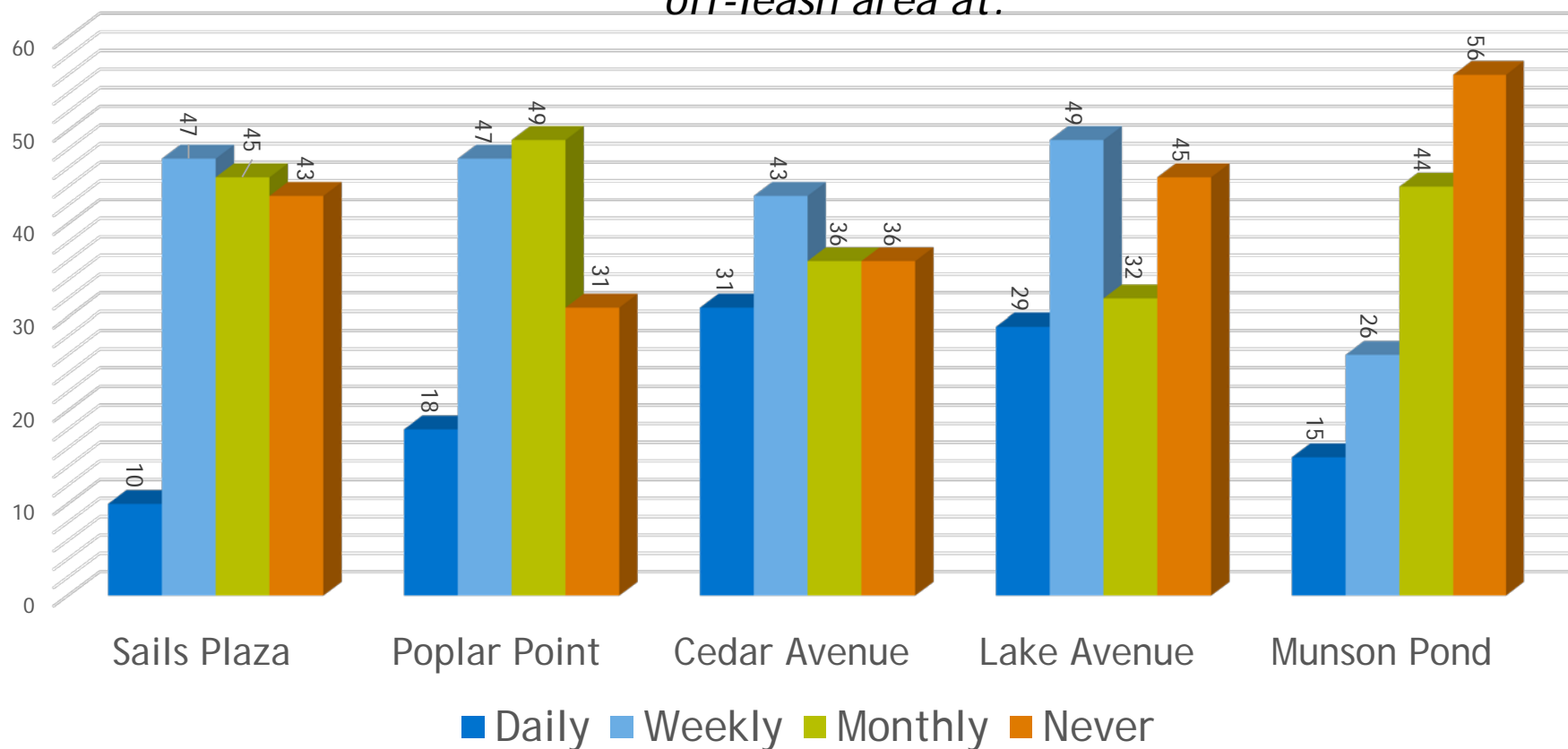
Total Online Surveys Received: 247

Do you support or oppose the possibility of having an off-leash dog area at:

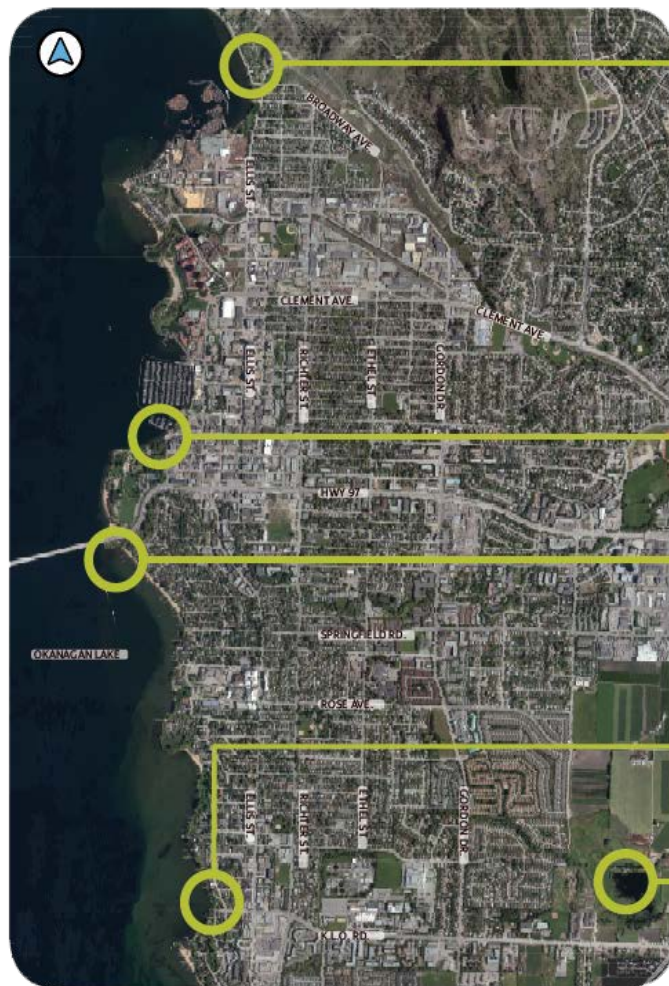


ONLINE FEEDBACK

If you are a dog owner, please specify how often you would use the off-leash area at:



PROPOSED LOCATIONS



POPLAR POINT
BEACH ACCESS

Recommended

DOWNTOWN SAILS
'MINI' BEACH

Recommended

LAKE AVENUE
BEACH ACCESS

*Recommended
as trial*

CEDAR AVENUE
BEACH ACCESS

*Recommended
for further review*

MUNSON POND

Not recommended