



Salmon Arm

# Foreshore Trail Dog Walking Monitoring Plan

## Working Group Update. . .

On December 14th, 2015, the City of Salmon Arm Council responded to the concern that dogs on trails within the Salmon Arm Bay Wildlife Sanctuary places considerable pressure on the area's natural habitat and species. This was balanced by the desire to allow dog walking on the main foreshore trail. As a result, the Council moved to amend the existing bylaw to:

- restrict leash lengths to 2.0 metres on the Foreshore Trail,
- install plastic dog waste bag dispensers,
- install clear signage indicating dogs are permitted on leash on the Foreshore trail,
- have staff work with SABNES to install signage stating dogs are not permitted on the two boardwalks and Christmas Island trail leading onto the Nature Reserve,
- and that all dogs be prohibited on the Foreshore Trail during the critical nesting period between April 15 and June 15 each year,
- and that this be brought back for review in January 2017.

As well, City of Salmon Arm Council moved to establish a working group to:

- facilitate a short and longer term consensus between stakeholders on Dogs on the Foreshore Trail and Nature's Trust lands in 2016,
- report back to Council, as soon as practicable, an appropriate data monitoring plan for a one year trial including best practice for the timing of that trial,
- at the end of the trial, summarize the data monitoring and provide longer term management proposals.

**A working group has been assembled and is actively preparing a monitoring plan** for the trial period starting this spring, as well as developing longer term management proposals. The working group is made up of representation from: The City of Salmon Arm, The Nature Trust, Ministry of Forest Lands and Natural Resource Operations, SABNES, the Salmon Arm Greenway Liaison Committee, and the Dog Walking Community, with facilitation and consulting biologist support through the Shuswap Trail Alliance.

***Please join with the many dedicated community volunteers and leaders working to protect and preserve this important wetland sanctuary and greenway corridor for the health and well-being of us all.***

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