



Policy # 2018-01

## **Dog Leash Policy**

### **Policy Objective:**

To provide a policy regarding dog(s) on and/or off leash within the Hanwell Recreation Park and all other municipally owned property located in the rural community of Hanwell.

### **Policy Statement:**

The rural community of Hanwell Council directs the operations of the municipality through its approved programs and policies. The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines that provide for the control of dog(s) within the Hanwell Recreation Park and any other municipally owned property.

The rural community of Hanwell recognizes the social benefits of dogs and their owners having access to the parks and trails system, however, consideration must be given to balancing the needs and interest of the whole community.

All dogs are to be kept on a leash and under full control when on municipal property or on the First Loop (2kms) of the Recreation Park walking trails. This also includes the playground area, the entrance into the property and any other areas that are not within the confines of the Second (3kms) and Third loops (4.5 kms).

Dogs may be let off leash on the Second and Third loop of the Recreation Park walking trails. Owners or persons in charge of the dog, are to have complete control of the animal at all times.

The owner or the person in charge of the dog is legally responsible for their dog(s) and any injuries or damage caused by their dog(s). Individuals who choose to use off-leash areas do so at their own risk.

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Clerk's Signature: Melanie Just

