

In response to the City of Gatineau's intention to plant signs prohibiting dog walking in the Boucher Forest, we are presenting to the municipal elected representatives this petition objecting to the City's prohibition of off-leash dogs walking in the Boucher Forest.

Whereas the Aylmer Sector itself has a rapidly increasing number of pet dogs,

Whereas the Municipality offers no forest space to officially walk dogs off-leash, and whereas Ottawa offers two forested parks officially accepting off-leash dogs – Bruce Pit and Conroy Pit,

Whereas for more than 20 years, people walking their dogs have been the main users and protectors of this Forest,

Whereas the recreational activity of walking a pet dog is as important as any other sport – soccer, cross-country skiing, mountain biking, baseball, etc.,

Whereas over 1,000 Gatineau residents have clearly expressed their desire to keep the privilege of walking their dogs off-leash in this Forest by signing, in a short period of two weeks, this petition placed at the edge of the Forest,

Therefore,

Would the City of Gatineau reverse its decision prohibiting access to off-leash dogs in the Boucher Forest?

Thanking you in advance for the genuine attention you will bring to our request please accept, Mr. Mayor, City councillors our most cordial greetings