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**To:** MayorandCouncil  
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To the Mayor and Council,

The off-leash path for dogs along the Centennial Seawalk is a nice option for dog owners who like to use the Seawalk.

However, many dogs are not able to be unleashed, especially in the vicinity of the train tracks. Unfortunately, dogs on leashes are not allowed on the Seawalk (but only between 19th and 24th Avenue) and therefore many dog owners cannot enjoy the walk. If a dog must be leashed because of its size or because it is not comfortable being off leash, dog owners must walk their dogs away from the Seawalk and on Bellevue Avenue.

The bylaws have been 'relaxed' so that dogs on leash can now be walked along the Ambleside Beach sidewalk, or through Whytecliffe Park, for example. It seems reasonable therefore that dogs **on leash** should be allowed between 19th and 24th Avenue on the Seawalk. Given that the only restriction for dogs on leash is on the Seawalk is between 19th and 24th, but the rest of the Seawalk from 24th to Dunderave Park as well as along the Ambleside Beach sidewalk (from 13th to the "Doggy Park") is an "on leash" area.

At the very least, there could be restrictions based on the time of day. For example, why not allow dogs on leash on the Seawalk before 0700 and after 2000?

There needs to be a certain amount of reasonableness with any bylaw. I believe that the off leash area on the Seawalk is very forward thinking, but it cannot be a "one size fits all" solution. All West Vancouver residents should have the freedom to enjoy our parks with our "families".

Thank-you,

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