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**From:** ( )  
**Sent:** March 15, 2009 1:30 PM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** Seawall Walk

Dear Madam Mayor and members of Council

I am a regular dog walker on the seawall between 24<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> street and enjoy the opportunity to walk with my dog along this popular public path, keeping my dog behind the fence while I walk on the footpath side. What really annoys me are the people who persist in walking there dogs on the public side of the fence defying the signs which clearly shows that the dogs are to be on the railway track side of the fence. My wife and I have mentioned to several of these people that the dogs are supposed to be on the dog walk behind the fence, the response has either been verbal abuse, pretence that they do not understand English or we are completely ignored.

We recently learnt from the bylaw enforcement officer at the municipal hall that previous council's have instructed the bylaw enforcement department not to enforce the seawall dog walking rules. This I can believe as I have never seen a bylaw officer patrolling the seawall. If this is the case then can I suggest a change in the regulations which would be fairer to the law abiding citizens of this municipality and fit with council's philosophy. Perhaps you could change the regulation to allow people to walk their dogs on leash on the pedestrian side of the fence and those who wished to walk their dogs off leash should be required to keep the dogs on the railway track side of the fence. Also in conjunction with this perhaps you could have the bylaw officers patrol the seawall walk regularly to ensure users abide by these rules, and they could also take care of the cyclists that us the path at the same time. I am not suggesting they should be handing out tickets, but just inform people they are breaking the rules and if they persist they will be ticketed.

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