

Dear Mayor and Council

The families of Bayshores and surrounding community are calling on the Whistler Municipal Council to take three actions to improve safety and cleanliness in Bayshores Park (aka Millars Pond Park):

- ❑ Install a fence around the children's area in Bayshores Park.
- ❑ Add more garbage bins in the Bayshores subdivision.
- ❑ Increase resources for bylaw enforcement to address off-leash dog issues.

These actions are supported in a petition that has been signed by over 80 local residents: <https://chnng.it/SYjqCGVVF6>

1. Kids Park Fencing

Recently, my young son (5) was attacked by an off-leash dog while playing at Bayshores Park, while earlier this week a local 1 year old child was knocked over by another out of control dog. Sadly, these are not isolated incidents—Whistler Bylaw confirms they regularly receive reports about off-leash dog issues. I have attached several photos of off leash dogs in the kids play area taken this week, including a dog sitting on a picnic table!

Children's parks should be safe spaces where kids can play without fear of dog attacks or exposure to unsanitary conditions. However, with no physical barriers, these spaces remain vulnerable to safety risks.

We urge Whistler Municipal Council to install a fence around Bayshores Park this Spring.

Fencing will:

- ✅ Prevent dog attacks and intimidating encounters, ensuring children can play safely.
- ✅ Reduce health risks by keeping play areas free from dog waste.
- ✅ Establish clear boundaries, allowing both children and dog owners to share public spaces responsibly.
- ✅ Protect young children by preventing them from running into adjacent roads.

This approach has already proven effective. In North Vancouver, fencing parks resulted in a 40% decrease in reported animal-related incidents (source: North Vancouver City Council).

The fence could simply follow the existing edge of the sand pit so not to infer with landscaping activities.

2. More Garbage Bins in Bayshores

Bayshores currently has only one public garbage bin, located next to the children's play area. As a result, dogs—both on and off-leash—frequently pass through the park as their owners dispose of waste.

To help reduce unnecessary dog traffic through the playground, we ask the Council to install additional garbage bins along the Valley Trail in Bayshores. This simple change would encourage responsible waste disposal while limiting interactions between children and dogs in Bayshores Park.

3. More Resources for Bylaw Enforcement

The current approach—relying on education and limited enforcement—is not enough. Despite existing leash laws, off-leash dogs remain a widespread issue, creating risks for children and the broader community. On a recent Sunday morning walk, I encountered 18 dogs—14 of which were off-leash.

We urge Whistler Council to allocate more resources to Bylaw Services to improve leash law enforcement, add signage to support on leash dog behavior and ensure safer public spaces.

Additional Community Feedback shared via Whistler Parents Facebook Group

"It is incredibly disheartening to see the state of this [Bayshores] park and the surrounding area. There is dog poop everywhere in the neighbourhood."

"Having seen several dogs pee on the play equipment & in the sand, i would fully support a fence around the playground"

"New sand and a fence for sure is needed, the sand is so gross"

"I feel like this is a problem everywhere. My dog was attacked twice by an off leash dog"

"I live right near the park and I'm sad it has gotten so bad"

Take Action: Support a Safer Bayshores Park.

We need Council's support to make Bayshores Park a safer place for children.

✓ Build a fence around Bayshores Park.

✓ Add more garbage bins in Bayshores to reduce dog traffic through the playground and encourage proper dog waste disposal

✓ Increase resources for bylaw enforcement to better regulate off-leash dogs.

Thank you for considering this issue.

Kind regards

Paul Charman (for and on behalf of concerned Bayshores families)

Resident of Whistler

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Kiersten Giuriato	Whistler			Canada	3/18/2025
Victoria Gamble	Whistler			Canada	3/18/2025
Nicole McHugh	Whistler			Canada	3/18/2025
Ambre Marquie	Whistler			Canada	3/18/2025
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