



news release

Dog Owners Celebrate New Off Leash Dog Park

Quispamsis, NB Monday, November 16, 2009: This morning, the Homestar Off Leash Dog Park officially opened to the public. Owners now have a place for their dogs to shed some energy thanks to a substantial funding injection received from the province and the park's official sponsor and first major advertiser of the qplex Capital Campaign, Homestar Inc. "As an avid dog owner and lifelong resident of this community, I was excited to partner with the Town of Quispamsis to help make the off leash dog park a reality," says Mark Hatfield, President of Homestar Inc.

Quispamsis has long been committed to providing a variety of recreational offerings to foster active living, health and wellness. Dog parks have become commonplace in many municipalities throughout North America. "The concept was a natural fit for the area, and will further complement the qplex facility," explains Mayor, Murray Driscoll."

During the qplex consultation process, the town received feedback from residents requesting a dedicated area for dogs to run freely. At the same time, complaints were on the rise about dogs roaming off leash in existing ball fields and trails. Realizing a large number of dog owners resided in the community, the town decided an off leash dog park in Quispamsis was a timely solution.

The new Homestar Off Leash Dog Park, located on Vincent Road just south of the Gondola Point Arterial, will be an attractive area for dogs to exercise and socialize in an open and safe environment.

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Backgrounder Attached

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Homestar Off Leash Dog Park:

- Owned and operated by the Town of Quispamsis.
- Funded by Homestar Inc and the province of New Brunswick.
- Located at 222 Vincent Road – just south of the Gondola Point Arterial (Route 119)
- Size: 1/2 acre with two fenced in off leash areas – one for smaller dogs under 30 lbs and the other for larger size canines.
- Walking trail loops around the perimeter of the park with a connection to Matthew's Brook Trail via the Vincent Road Pedestrian Underpass.
- Hours are dawn until dusk unless otherwise posted.
- Rules and Regulations available online at www.quispamsis.ca.

Official Dog Park Sponsor:



- Homestar Inc. started in 2002 as a one man operation by Mark Hatfield offering to do small jobs for homeowners.
- Mark quickly realized that the demand for small to medium sized home maintenance jobs was strong and that expansion of manpower was necessary.
- Born and raised in the Kennebecasis Valley, Mark concentrated the growth of Homestar Inc. directly into the community.
- Today the company has expanded significantly, with 13 employees and services ranging from home renovations, landscaping and brick work, snow plowing and most recently water restoration and flood damage.
- Mark Hatfield, President of Homestar was recently honoured by the Kennebecasis Valley Chamber of Commerce as the Young Entrepreneur of the Year.

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