

Canine Goose Control On Hold Until May 2010

Parksville, BC – With the migration and arrival of the Brant Geese, the City of Parksville's canine goose control program is now on hold until after May 1, 2010.

The canine goose control program got underway in spring 2009 with the dogs working in the Community Park (sports field, tennis court area and south end), Springwood Park playing field, and Jensen Avenue East that includes areas near City Hall and the Parksville Community & Conference Centre. Following extensive training by a skilled trainer, the working dogs have successfully controlled the geese population in the Community Park, Springwood Park and areas along Jensen Avenue East. The dogs are trained to chase the geese but never touch or attack the geese.

The dogs wear scarves for identification purposes and are on leash as required by bylaw except when working. Volunteer dog owners are identified with an ID badge.

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