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# 1 SITE SELECTION CRITERIA

## NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY LEVEL SKATE PARKS

The inclusion of a skateboard facility in an existing community park area conveys positive community acceptance. Policy makers and planners can take this proactive step towards making youth feel valued, rather than hiding them with their skateparks in unwanted or derelict sites. A community park brings different types of people together, making interaction and learning possible. In the case of a skatepark, a park location provides a rare opportunity for the public to connect with youth of a new sport offering a great synergy in the community.

If located in an existing park, skaters can go to the park with their family. Parents can go for a run, siblings can be at the playground, and skaters can go to the skatepark.

Skateboarding culture should be taken into consideration. A little independence and freedom are great experiences that skating provides for youth. The independent experience with the non-structured recreational skating also helps youth 'rebel' as it is sometimes viewed as a creative and non-conformist activity. A portion of youth start skating in part out of a desire to 'free' and be different from the rest of the world. Therefore locating a skatepark with desired adjacent facilities is important when there can be a distinct ability to create independent space within that desired context. The District of North Vancouver's Griffin bowl is a great example. The bowl is nicely separated from the recreation centre by a parking lot, a grass bank, a driveway, some trees and a creek. This way the skaters have their healthy sense of independence, but are still ultimately included and accessible, with access to the amenities and first-aid assistance of the recreation centre (see following notes).

The other advantages of including the skatepark around an existing park is that many of the following criteria can be easily accommodated:

### 1.1 SELECTION CRITERIA

- central/accessible location
- proximity to public and private transit
- proximity to parking
- available number of parking stalls and vehicle drop off area
- foot and bike access
- pedestrian traffic
  - for safety, security, monitoring, and showcasing this dynamic sport to the public through non-threatening viewing areas (people love to watch).
- spectator accommodation
  - two areas: one within for the skaters and youth, the other slightly removed-non-threatening-for public, also provides safety from flying or straying boards etc.
- shelter nearby
- storage area
  - for brooms, rails, pads, etc. (allows skaters to maintain their park)
- water fountain (athletes need to be kept hydrated)

- washrooms
- lighting/electrical for events/music
  - morality lighting to curb nighttime problems
- trash cans
- concessions
  - possibly run by or employing members of a skateboard club or youth group (as in Madoc and Campbellford, ON)
- shade trees/structure nearby
- access to medical attention
- underground service conduits
- availability for noise attenuation
- proximity to business and service district
  - this strategy is to attract skaters from otherwise attractive public skate spots that are not designated skate zones. It also allows the youth access to concessions and the community in general.
  - Skateboarders like any other athlete, need to eat, shop etc.
  - There are economic benefits to the community for visiting tourists and skateparks are a great draw.
- construction and maintenance access
- emergency access
- visibility
  - parents, police, emergency services
- neighbourhood and surrounding area impact
  - visual and sound impacts (these are usually minor effects) and buffer from residential properties)
- public ownership

Many skateparks are on school land. Schools often share many recreation facilities with the community, such as sports fields and swimming pools. This location, like an existing park, has significant advantages including:

- possible coverage under their insurance policy.
- noise complaints/NIMBY'ism should be nil.
  - soccer games, lunch hour, after school etc. are all loud, produce garbage etc.
- some schools offer skating as an option for Phys. Ed.
- some schools offer work credits which can count towards graduation, or for Phys. Ed. 12 programs which often require substantial community volunteer work to pass...perfect! Build it when school is in session.

### Other Biophysical Considerations

It is important to evaluate topography, soils, and drainage opportunities. It is often too difficult to go into a great deal of detail when studying preferred locations in the city. However, once a preferred location is established, a more detailed analysis is necessary before sighting the approximate area for the concrete footprint of the skatepark. A site with the right qualities can dramatically reduce construction costs.

A geotechnical study should be done on the site before committing to it. In an existing park there may already be data on the soil studied for other facilities. On a good site, it is possible to "cut and fill" the skatepark (i.e. assuming a park that averages 6' in height, it would be possible to dig down 3', building up 3' to gain 6' height with the material removed).

On a geotechnically poor site it may be necessary to remove 1m of the existing organic ground (soils) and replace with appropriate engineered fill. There is a considerable cost to this site preparation work. The problem could possibly include any combination factors including: soils

that are not load bearing; soils hold too much moisture and contain organic materials, water table is too high, or drainage is non-existent, etc.

Without proper detailed analysis of the park the budget allocation for the skatepark (i.e. site preparation vs concrete -skateable area) could vary greatly. Creative techniques have been used to deal with questionable geotechnical soil properties. For Example at Quinte West (Trenton) an approximately 16,000 sq. ft. park was placed over a partial landfill site and used special drainage below 1 meter of geotechnical fill to help prevent differential settlement. Ashbridges Bay skatepark in Toronto was built over the historic shoreline of Lake Ontario and required piles into bedrock to secure a significant skate plaza. The phase 2 bowl at Ashbridges Bay in Toronto used special geomats to prevent differential settlement. In these instances, the preferred location of the skateparks based on the site section and planning criteria outweighed the constraints of the biophysical nature of the site.

Some sites may have banks that skatepark ramps can be carved into, or other natural contours that can be taken advantage of in the design process to create elevational change and a sense of prospect or refuge that are desirable perceptual landscape experiences. If the site has free draining soil below it, “Rock-Pit”, french drains or bioswales are types of sustainable drainage approaches that may be possible. Instead of running drain pipe (material, machine, labour and Engineering costs) into the nearest storm drain, it would be possible to drain into a pit that you have excavated and filled with free draining rock. The water will quickly dissipate into the ground. This is a great option, if the right conditions are found. Another option is to “daylight” the water into a nearby storm water swale or slope.

There are a number of infrastructure options that can be quickly assessed with siting the skatepark facility at a preferred location however the individual site characteristics should be assessed prior to finalizing the exact location. In general, the network of parks as well as expansion potential to increase individual skatepark footprints should also be considered when selecting a site. 50% of Towns surveyed by the City of Calgary in 1998 said “that they planned to build more parks or to expand their existing facility”. 35% said “should have made it bigger”, one noting “twice the size”. Also note that 17% said “they would have made it more challenging.”

The Skatepark Association of the USA recently increased its recommended minimum skatepark size from 10,000 sq.ft. to 25,000 sq.ft. A number of factors contributed to this change including the fact that skateparks which are too small are dangerous, due to over crowding and the recent growth explosion in the popularity of skating. In the Phase 2 report, section 5.2 identifies the recommended skatepark hierarchy sizes however is important to consider future growth potential and thus is included as a line item in the site suitability matrix form.

The most popular and successful placement of skateparks has been alongside community parks, recreation centres, and schools. Skaters, like anyone else, will appreciate a site that has extra natural features such as a creek or a view however these parks can also be considered for placement on land which is unsuitable for any other use. These sites may be unsuitable for some recreational activities, however could produce great results for a skatepark. As with all aspects of planning, it is recommended that the user group (in this case, the skaters and local residents) be consulted before decisions are made. If the users do not like the site, the facility will not be well-used.

### **Evaluating Prospective Sites**

The Skatepark Evaluation Matrix has been created to capture all of the criteria that was important to the City, and recommended by the expert consultant team for evaluating various public properties. Workshop participants and City Staff commented on a preliminary criteria list that evolved into this current form that is unique to Hamilton, however covers many aspects of planning and design

criteria found in park selection assessments for other cities across North America. The matrix shows the location of the site and other criteria headings that are categorized under: Specific city information; Site Conditions; Access and Surroundings; and Amenities and Infrastructure. Each category is rated from 1 to 5 using the individual line items as drivers to determine the overall score. A rating of 1 is a low rating based on poor or negative responses to the criteria in that category. A rating of 5 is a high rating given to a near perfect score with positive responses to all of the individual criteria in that given category. Similarly a rating in the middle would be the result of a mixed response of positive and negative aspects to the individual criteria within the category. The three rated categories are then averaged and a final score is provided for the evaluation of that individual park. Should the matrix be used to evaluate sites in the future, it is expected the manner in which each category is weighted will differ based on the present social, economic and political climate.

There are a number of additional criteria that are essential of any skatepark, or any public facilities for that matter. These criteria fall under the design criteria and must be satisfied through the design process. An example of these types of criteria include accessibility or barrier free access - visual and physical accessibility criteria are legally essential in every instance and therefore will be accommodated during the design process. Every site considered has the opportunity to achieve complete accessibility requirements.

Another criteria is public safety. While skateparks allow inherently dangerous recreational (extreme) activities, it is important for the non user to be able to circulate safely around these facilities, eliminate conflict between skaters and the public, and allow users to self manage themselves in the facility without supervision. This is all achieved through the design process and not necessarily indicated in the site selection process.

It was also important to make this criteria list as simple as possible to understand, and not add criteria based on other planning variables that have little relevance to the suitability of a site. An example of this is the proximity to other skateparks. This may not have relevance to the suitability of a candidate site however could influence the planning of City skatepark phasing priorities depending on a number of factors.

### **City Sites Considered**

Initially the City’s existing skateparks were plotted on a City wide map with their respective catchment zones (see Phase 2 Chapter 1 - Inventory). Additionally, other preferred zones were plotted on the City Map to described general areas that have been recorded by the City and based on feedback from previous recreational planning studies as preferred priority zones for new skateparks. These were then vetted by numerous participants in the three workshops conducted along with a number of other more detailed preferred site locations by participants. During the workshops City staff were able to quickly assess the general availability and opportunity of some sites with the use of the official plan and other planning documents at hand. The City further described constrained sites that may not be available for the study due to various reasons including ownership, site capacity, site planned for other uses, etc. The sites evaluated for the study came from the public and additional sites were added based on knowledge of other close proximity “quick win” opportunities to other chosen locations that are available and have added potential due to development improvement budgets.

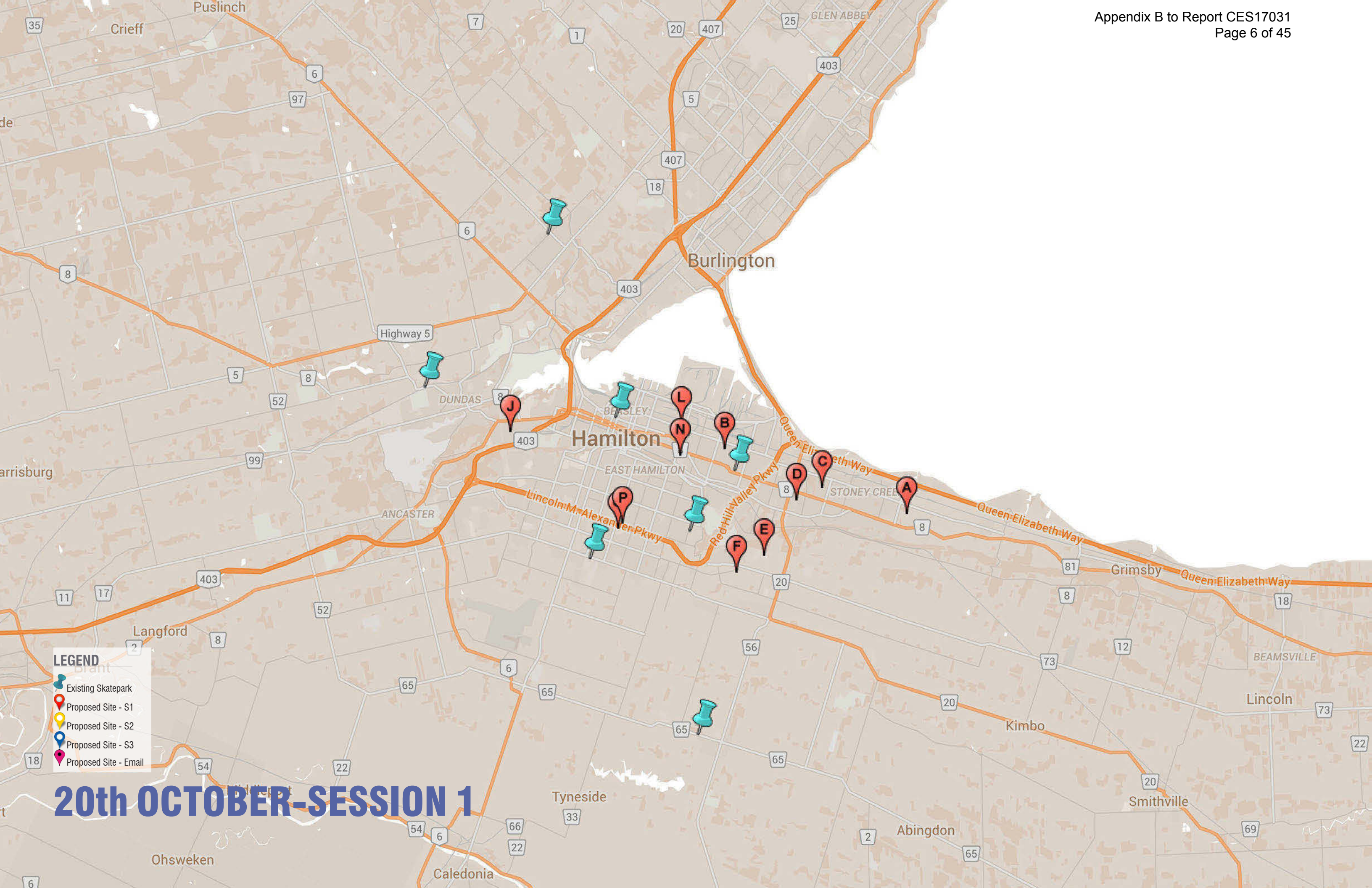
While the study revolves around assessing the opportunities for Community Skateparks in the City of Hamilton, LANDinc also assessed the capacity for the various skate facility types and sizes during the workshop to quickly determine that, for example, a neighborhood skate facility could be considered where a City skatepark was requested due to very apparent site constraints. Also, and alternatively in other locations where preferences were recorded, the team was able to assess more inclusive neighborhood or city level opportunities in these locations as it was apparent that

the park space and infrastructure could be more accommodating of a larger facility. These types of discussions and debates were carried out during the process of selecting potential sites. Skate dots were recorded as part of the public workshop however not fully assessed as they could be easily accommodated in almost any situation and are not part of the study. Dot skate features are what help connect the skatepark fabric together and are an important element to be considered in every playground or trail in the city.

Phase 2 section 5.2 describes the requirements for each skatepark type (skate dot, neighbourhood, community, city and regional) and is used to initially determine what hierarchy of park is acceptable within a particular site.

One important site that was not evaluated for a community skatepark was one that would be ideal as a regional skatepark at Confederation Park. A skatepark at this facility would be inline with the economic generators that are programed here. A regional skatepark would put Hamilton on the world map for skateboard enthusiasts and their families as the sport often records great draws from traveling families, competition events, demonstrations and more. Skateparks in other major cities have strategically located skateparks where economic development plans have supported the financial returns of a city or regional skatepark in a short period of time (3-5 years).

### **Compiled site suitability matrix forms are illustrated in the following section, 1.2**



**LEGEND**


- Existing Skatepark
- Proposed Site - S1
- Proposed Site - S2
- Proposed Site - S3
- Proposed Site - Email

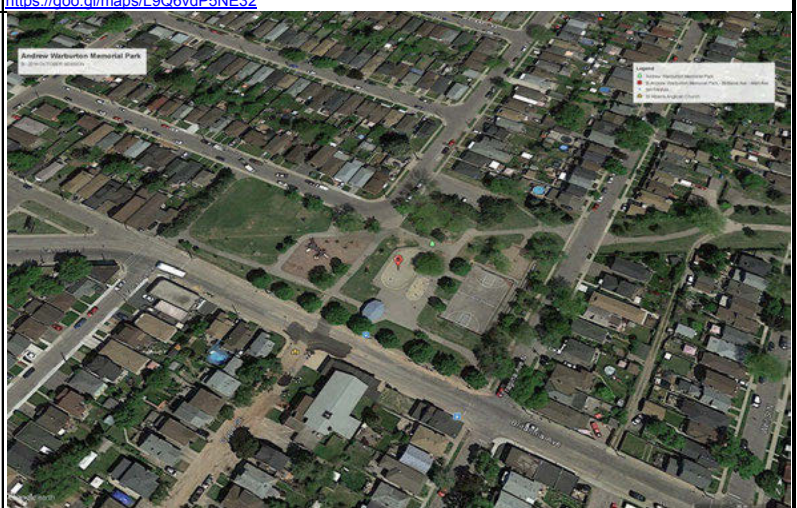
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## 1.2 SITE SELECTION CRITERIA - SESSION 1 SITES


Legend		Skate Dots	200-1,000 sq.ft
		Neighbourhood Skateparks	1,000-5,000 sq.ft
	Scale out of scope	Community Skateparks	5,000-12,000 sq.ft
	Studied Site	City Skateparks	12,000-25,000 sq.ft
	Repeated Site	Regional Skateparks	25,000-60,000 sq.ft


SUMMARY CHART PROPOSED LOCATIONS FOR SKATEBOARD PARK - HAMILTON						
#	SESSION	CODE	CATEGORY	TYPE	SITE NAME	FINAL RATING
1	1	A	Studied Site	City /Community	Between Fruitland Rd and Jones Rd., North of Hwy 8	3.0
2	1	B	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Andrew Warburton Memorial Park (Brittania Ave.- Allan Ave.)	4.0
3	1	C	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Riverdale East Park (Vittorito Ave)	3.5
4	1	D	Studied Site	Community	Green Acres Park	3.8
5	1	E	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Heritage Green Sports Park Area ( Mud St W)	3.8
6	1	F	Studied Site	Community	Valley Park	4.8
7	1	G	Studied Site	City / Community	Dundas Driving Park	3.8
8	1	H	Scale OOS	Dot	Ryerson Recreation Centre	
9	1	I	Scale OOS	Dot	Kay Drage Park	
10	1	J	Studied Site	Community / Neighbourhood	Alexander Park (Whitney Ave)	4.7
11	1	K	Scale OOS	Regional / City	Confederation Park	
12	1	L	Studied Site	Community	Stadium Precinct Park ( Gage Ave N At Lloyd)	3.3
13	1	M	Scale OOS	Dot	Brantford Rail Trail	
14	1	N	Studied Site	Community / Neighbourhood	Gage Park	4.3
15	1	O	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	McQuesten Community Park (Upper Wentworth St)	4.2
16	1	P	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Trail Near Lime Ridge Mall (Lime ridge Rd E)	3.5
17	2	A	Studied Site	Community	Buchanan Park School (30 Laurier Ave)	3.8
18	2	B	Studied Site	Community	Sam Manson Park (Kentley)	4.2
19	2	C	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Bruce Park	3.8
20	2	D	Repeated Site	Community	Gage Park	
21	2	E	Scale OOS	City	Confederation Park	
22	2	F	Studied Site	Community / Neighbourhood	Bayfront Park	4.0
23	2	G	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Sam Lawrence	3.8
24	2	H	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Captain Cornelius	4.2
25	3	A	Studied Site	Community	Churchill Park	3.4
26	3	B	Studied Site	Community / Neighbourhood	Coronation Park	4.5
27	3	C	Repeated Site	Neighbourhood / Dot	Stadium Precinct Park ( Gage Ave N At Lloyd)	
28	3	D	Repeated Site	Community	Dundas Driving Park	
29	3	E	Studied Site	Community	Edwards Memorial Park	3.1
30	3	F	Studied Site	City / Community	Morgan Firestone Arena - Ancaster Community Centre	4.7
31	3	G	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Powell Park	4.7
32	3	H	Repeated Site	Community	Captain Cornelius	
33	3	I	Studied Site	Community	Veterans Park	4.5
34	3	J	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Reservoir - Highland Gardens Park	2.1
35	3	K	Repeated Site	Community	Green Acres Park	
36	3	L	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Corman - Glendale Park	2.9
37	3	M	Repeated Site	Community	Valley Park	
38	3	N	Scale OOS	Dot	Stroud Park	
39	3	O	Studied Site	Community	Mark Anthony Graham Memorial Olympic Park	3.3
40	3	P	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Eastwood	4.5
41	3	Q	Studied Site	Community	Pier 8	3.0
42	3	R	Studied Site	Community / Neighbourhood	Durand Park. (250 Park St S)	4.2
43	3	S	Studied Site	Community	Victoria Park	4.0
44	3	T	Scale OOS	Dot	Dots along: Desjardins Recreation Trail & Waterfront trail	
45	3	U	Scale OOS	City	Confederation Park	
46	EMAIL	A	Repeated Site	Community	Buchanan Park.	
47	EMAIL	B	Studied Site	Community	Bernie Arbour Stadium/ Sports Park.	4.2
48	EMAIL	C	Repeated Site	Community	BayFront Park	
49	EMAIL	D	Repeated Site	Community	Gage Park	
50	EMAIL	E	Studied Site	Community	Sir Wilfrid Laurier Recreation Centre at 60 Albright Rd	4.7

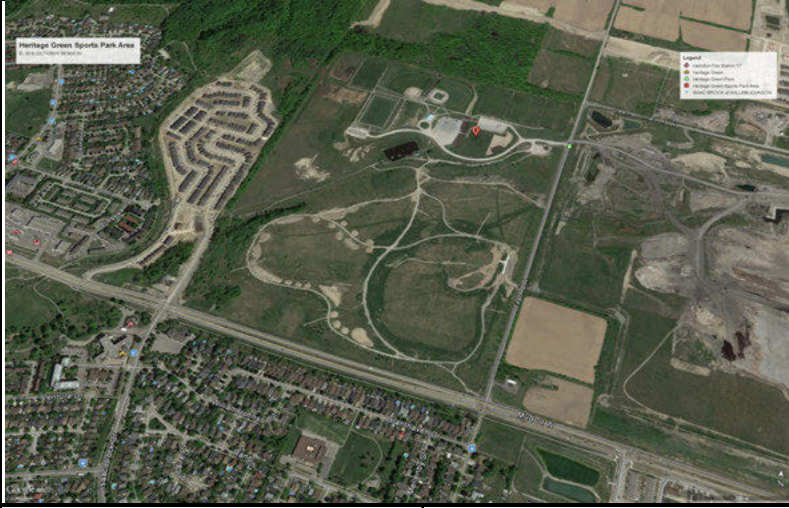
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SKATEPARK COMPARISON MATRIX OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATE SITES					
SESSION 1 - SITE A			COMMUNITY SKATEPARK		
LOCATION	Location (Address)	Between Fruitland Rd and Jones Rd., North of Hwy 8, South of Barton St.			
	Active Link (Google Earth)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/sFZUFv4t5K2">https://goo.gl/maps/sFZUFv4t5K2</a>			
Aerial Photo of Candidate Site					
CITY	General Comments	Is there any reason not to pursue this location?	land under appeal		
	Masterplan	Does this site have a Masterplan?	No current masterplan		
	DC Eligible / 10 year park improvement/development capital budget, neighbourhood action plan alignment	Is the site DC eligible?	TBD		
SITE CRITERIA	CATEGORY	CLARIFICATIONS	COMMENTS	FINAL	
SITE CONDITIONS	Development availability	Would the skatepark have the ability to integrate with existing programmed space in the park area?	No park activities here, residential and stores on the same street	3.5	
	Opportunity to expand	Would the skatepark have the opportunity to expand in the future if needed?	Yes, site is large enough for a skatepark phased development.		
	Achievable skatepark area	Is the site big enough for a skatepark of the scale proposed?	Yes		
	Biophysical Issues	Topography	Would the topography inhibit grading/excavation for construction?		No, Flat - no landfill
		Trees	Would the skatepark have any impact on existing trees?		Trees at the edges with other dispersed trees. Site is large enough to avoid taking down mature trees.
		Planting	Does the planting on the site provide wind protection?		No wind protection unless provided by the skatepark
ACCESS & SURROUNDINGS		Proximity to residential	Is this site appropriately setback from residential areas?	Yes. Site is big enough to locate skatepark within an appropriate setback from residential areas	
Proximity to public building	Is the site close to a staffed public building?	Stoney Creek Branch - Public Library at the south-east edge of the site. Stoney Creek Lions Club at west side of the site.	3.5		
Proximity to Park or green areas	Is the site close to any other park, playground or green areas?	Yes. Site is an open field. Close to Sherwood Park			
Proximity to school	Is the site close to any schools?	Yes. John Knox Christian School (south-east edge of the site). Orchard Park Secondary School, Our Lady of Peace Catholic Elementary School, St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Elementary School 10-15 Minutes walking distance from site			
Transit Access	Is the site or the area well connected to public transport?	Bus line 55.			
Foot and bike access	Are there bike paths, sidewalks or trail system connections?	Limited sidewalks & Cautionary Un-signed Bike Route			
Parking Lot	Is there existing parking ?	No public parking on site or nearby except the Public Library. Plenty of space for new parking dedicated to the skatepark.			
Drive-by surveillance	Does the site have easy access for car surveillance?	The site is large, and dependant on where the skatepark would be placed. Yes if located near the edges of the site.			
AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE	Access to Amenities	Restrooms		Public library washrooms are close but the site is large, dependant on where the skatepark would be placed.	2
		Drinking Water	Not close but dependant on where the skatepark would be placed.		
		Shade or Shelter	No, unless located beside trees.		
		Food	Limited. Convenience store and food at Fruitland at Barton St.		
		Does the site have enough infrastructure and amenities to improve the experience of skaters?			
3.0					

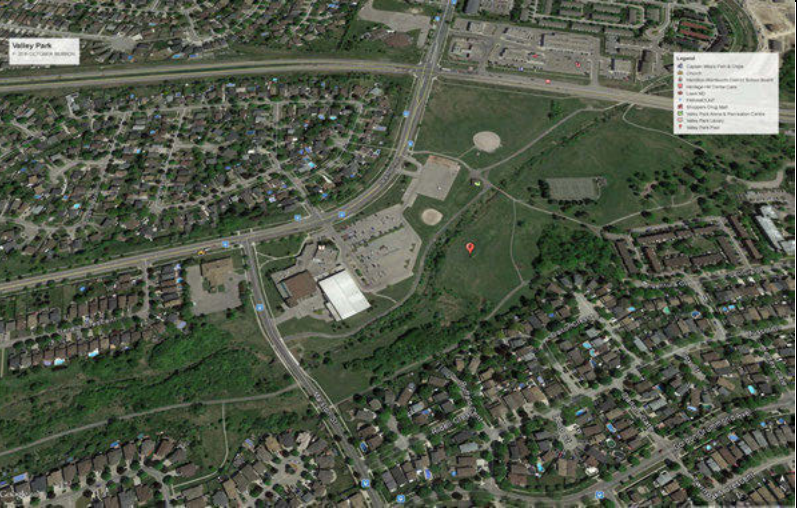
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SKATEPARK COMPARISON MATRIX OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATE SITES					
SESSION 1 - SITE B			NEIGHBOURHOOD SKATEPARK		
LOCATION	Location (Address)	Andrew Warburton Memorial Park (199 Tragina Avenue North by Britannia Avenue)			
	Active Link (Google Earth)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/L9Q6vdP5NE32">https://goo.gl/maps/L9Q6vdP5NE32</a>			
Aerial Photo of Candidate Site					
CITY	General Comments	Is there any reason not to pursue this location?	No		
	Masterplan	Does this site have a Masterplan?	Yes. Redesign of this park in 2019		
	DC Eligible / 10 year park improvement/development capital budget, neighbourhood action plan alignment	Is the site DC eligible?	TBD		
SITE CRITERIA	CATEGORY	CLARIFICATIONS	COMMENTS	RATING	
SITE CONDITIONS	Development availability	Would the skatepark have the ability to integrate with existing programmed space in the park area?	Yes, residential and stores on the same street	4	
	Opportunity to expand	Would the skatepark have the opportunity to expand in the future if needed?	Very limited		
	Achievable skatepark area	Is the site big enough for a skatepark of the scale proposed?	Yes, for a small scale skatepark		
	Biophysical Issues	Topography	Would the topography inhibit grading/excavation for construction?		No, Flat - no landfill
		Trees	Would the skatepark have any impact on existing trees?		Trees surrounding only the edge of the park. No impact on mature trees.
		Planting	Does the planting on the site provide wind protection?		Partial
ACCESS & SURROUNDINGS		Proximity to residential	Is this site appropriately setback from residential areas?	Surrounded by residential, possibly not enough for appropriate setback	
Proximity to public building	Is the site close to a staffed public building?	10 minutes walk.	4		
Proximity to Park or green areas	Is the site close to any other park, playground or green areas?	Yes, located in a park and would share green space with other activities such as a playground, basketball court and splash pad which offer opportunities for the park users to explore or be introduced to new activities like skateboarding. Also offers parents with kids of different ages a destination with different activities, interests for different group ages.			
Proximity to school	Is the site close to any schools?	2 schools ( W H Ballard Public School and Holy Family Separate School) in less than a 5 minutes walk.			
Transit Access	Is the site or the area well connected to public transport?	Yes. Line 03 Hamilton Go Centre. Less than 5 minutes walking to lines 02 and 41.			
Foot and bike access	Are there bike paths, sidewalks or trail system connections?	Site is part of a walking and hiking trail. Bike routes less than 4 minutes when riding.			
Parking Lot	Is there existing parking?	Small Parking Lot serving the park, access from Cope St. Little space for future expansion of this parking lot.			
Drive-by surveillance	Does the site have easy access for car surveillance?	Yes, possibility for drive-by surveillance from both sides of the park with unobstructed views of the site.			
AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE	Access to Amenities	Restrooms		Possible washrooms in the shelter.	4
		Drinking Water	Possible access in the playground or splash pad area.		
		Shade or Shelter	There is a shelter in the park, in addition to some trees.		
		Food	5 minutes to convenience stores (walking to Kenilworth St)		
		Does the site have enough infrastructure and amenities to improve the experience of skaters?			
4.0					





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SKATEPARK COMPARISON MATRIX OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATE SITES					
SESSION 1 - SITE C			NEIGHBOURHOOD SKATEPARK		
LOCATION	Location (Address)	Riverdale East Park (135 Vittorito Avenue)			
	Active Link (Google Earth)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/uuPGeCFQXYH2">https://goo.gl/maps/uuPGeCFQXYH2</a>			
	Aerial Photo of Candidate Site				
CITY	General Comments	Is there any reason not to pursue this location?	surrounded by residential		
	Masterplan	Does this site have a Masterplan?	Unknown		
	DC Eligible / 10 year park improvement/development capital budget, neighbourhood action plan alignment	Is the site DC eligible?	TBD. New spray pad 2016.		
SITE CRITERIA	CATEGORY	CLARIFICATIONS	COMMENTS	RATING	
SITE CONDITIONS	Development availability	Would the skatepark have the ability to integrate with existing programmed space in the park area?	Yes, park residential and school are in the same area	4.5	
	Opportunity to expand	Would the skatepark have the opportunity to expand in the future if needed?	Yes, but limited unless removal of a soccer field.		
	Achievable skatepark area	Is the site big enough for a skatepark of the scale proposed?	Yes, for a small scale skatepark		
	Biophysical issues	Topography	Would the topography inhibit grading/excavation for construction?		No, Flat - no landfill
		Trees	Would the skatepark have any impact on existing trees?		Some trees surrounding one edge of the park. There is enough space not impact mature trees.
Planting		Does the planting on the site provide wind protection?	Partial		
ACCESS & SURROUNDINGS	Proximity to residential	Is this site appropriately setback from residential areas?	Surrounded by residential, possibly not enough for appropriate setback (Depending on location)	4	
	Proximity to public building	Is the site close to a staffed public building?	School, meaning limited hours.		
	Proximity to Park or green areas	Is the site close to any other park, playground or green areas?	Yes, located in a park and would share green space with other activities such as soccer field, playground and splash pad in the near future which offers opportunities for the park users to explore or be introduced to new activities such as skateboarding. Also offers parents with kids of different ages a destination with different activities, interests.		
	Proximity to school	Is the site close to any schools?	Adjacent to St. Agnes Separate School and 10 minutes walking from other elementary and secondary schools.		
	Transit Access	Is the site or the area well connected to public transport?	Bus stops from lines 1, 2 and 55 less than 5 minutes away from site		
	Foot and bike access	Are there bike paths, sidewalks or trail system connections?	Cautionary Un-signed bike route 2 minutes away from site (riding). Side walks on all edges of the park.		
	Parking Lot	Is there any parking?	No, other than the parking lot serving the school.		
	Drive-by surveillance	Does the site have easy access for car surveillance?	Yes, possibility for drive-by surveillance from all sides of the park with unobstructed views of site.		
AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE	Access to Amenities	Restrooms	Not on site.	2	
		Drinking Water	No.		
		Shade or Shelter	No, unless located under the trees.		
		Food	10 minute walk to commercial street and mall.		
TOTALS (AVERAGE)				3.5	

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SKATEPARK COMPARISON MATRIX OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATE SITES					
SESSION 1 - SITE D			COMMUNITY SKATEPARK		
LOCATION	Location (Address)	Green Acres Park (880 Queenston Road, Stoney Creek)			
	Active Link (Google Earth)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/HT4Sh8JBxH92">https://goo.gl/maps/HT4Sh8JBxH92</a>			
	Aerial Photo of Candidate Site				
CITY	General Comments	Is there any reason not to pursue this location?	land is located in a valley, noise may be an issue. may have to re-purpose baseball or soccer fields.		
	Masterplan	Does this site have a Masterplan?	No		
	DC Eligible / 10 year park improvement/development capital budget, neighbourhood action plan alignment	Is the site DC eligible?	TBD.		
SITE CRITERIA	CATEGORY	CLARIFICATIONS	COMMENTS	RATING	
SITE CONDITIONS	Development availability	Would the skatepark have the ability to integrate with existing programmed space in the park area?	Yes, can integrate with pool, school and residential surroundings.	4.5	
	Opportunity to expand	Would the skatepark have the opportunity to expand in the future if needed?	Yes, but limited if one of the baseball diamonds is not removed.		
	Achievable skatepark area	Is the site big enough for a skatepark of the scale proposed?	Yes, but dependent on removing a baseball		
	Biophysical issues	Topography	Would the topography inhibit grading/excavation for construction?		No, Flat - no landfill
		Trees	Would the skatepark have any impact on existing trees?		No. Many trees surrounding one edge of the park. There is enough space (if removing a baseball diamond or using the lawn area) to not impact mature trees.
Planting		Does the planting on the site provide wind protection?	Yes, planting offers partial protection.		
ACCESS & SURROUNDINGS	Proximity to residential	Is this site appropriately setback from residential areas?	Surrounded by residential, possibly enough for appropriate setback (Depending on location)	4	
	Proximity to public building	Is the site close to a staffed public building?	Seasonally staffed pool, plus a school		
	Proximity to Park or green areas	Is the site close to any other park, playground or green areas?	Yes, located in a park and would share green space with other activities such as Hardball, softball, soccer fields, swings, and a natural area which offers opportunities for the park users to explore or be introduced to new activities such as skateboarding.		
	Proximity to school	Is the site close to any schools?	Yes, right in front of Green Acres School, 10 minutes walk from nearby schools		
	Transit Access	Is the site or the area well connected to public transport?	5 minutes walking to bus stop. Lines: 58 and 44		
	Foot and bike access	Are there bike paths, sidewalks or trail system connections ?	Paved multi-use trail along the park that connect with a cautionary bike route.		
	Parking Lot	Is there existing parking?	New parking spaces beside the pool		
	Drive-by surveillance	Does the site have easy access for car surveillance?	Limited, only one side of the site		
AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE	Access to Amenities	Restrooms	The Stoney Creek Tennis Club is on site, as well as an optimist club building of which has washrooms. Potentially private.	3	
		Drinking Water	Possibly on the hardball, softball, soccer fields, swings and natural area. May be too far.		
		Shade or Shelter	Limited. Trees on the east side		
		Food	Not close to the site, minimum 10 minute walk		
TOTALS (AVERAGE)				3.8	

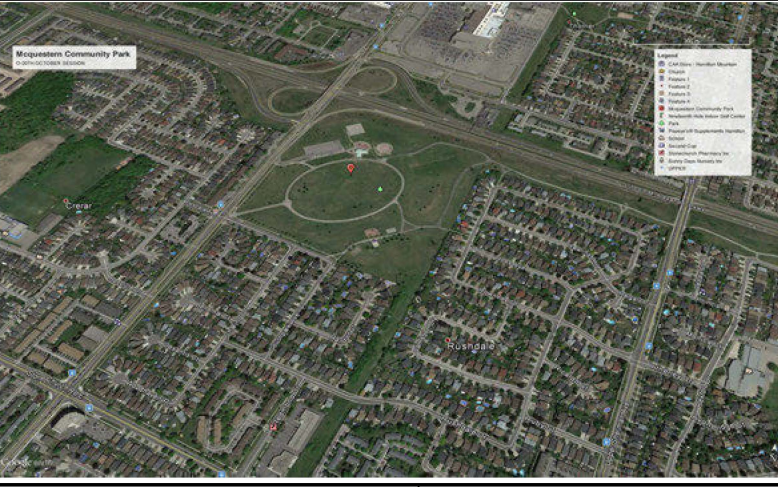
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SKATEPARK COMPARISON MATRIX OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATE SITES					
SESSION 1 - SITE E		COMMUNITY SKATEPARK			
LOCATION	Location (Address)	Heritage Green Sports Park Area ( 355 First Road West)			
	Active Link (Google Earth)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/UB2VV2JHWGn">https://goo.gl/maps/UB2VV2JHWGn</a>			
Aerial Photo of Candidate Site					
CITY	General Comments	Is there any reason not to pursue this location?	Has an active masterplan that is being implemented. Next steps are a spray pad and plaza area around the existing building/multi-use field.		
	Masterplan	Does this site have a Masterplan?	Yes		
	DC Eligible / 10 year park improvement/development capital budget, neighbourhood action plan alignment	Is the site DC eligible?	TBD.		
SITE CRITERIA	CATEGORY	CLARIFICATIONS	COMMENTS	RATING	
SITE CONDITIONS	Development availability	Would the skatepark have the ability to integrate with existing programmed space in the park area?	Yes, can integrate with other sports programmed activities.	4.5	
	Opportunity to expand	Would the skatepark have the opportunity to expand in the future if needed?	Yes, large site		
	Achievable skatepark area	Is the site big enough for a skatepark of the scale proposed?	Yes, large site		
	Biophysical issues	Topography	Would the topography inhibit grading/excavation for construction?		No, flat - no landfill
		Trees	Would the skatepark have any impact on existing trees?		Only on very specific areas at the edges. No impact on mature trees.
		Planting	Does the planting on the site provide wind protection?		Partially protected from the north side of the site.
ACCESS & SURROUNDINGS	Proximity to residential	Is this site appropriately setback from residential areas?	Yes, the site is large enough for appropriate setback.	4	
	Proximity to public building	Is the site close to a staffed public building?	No closer than 15 minutes walk.		
	Proximity to Park or green areas	Is the site close to any other park, playground or green areas?	Yes, located in a park and would share green space with other activities, sport fields and natural areas which offers opportunities for the park users to explore or get introduced to new activities like skateboarding.		
	Proximity to school	Is the site close to any schools?	The closest school is a 20 minutes walk.		
	Transit Access	Is the site or the area well connected to public transport?	Bus Line 43 and 44 stops are 15 minutes walk.		
	Foot and bike access	Are there bike paths, sidewalks or trail system connections?	Paved Multi Used trail and designated bike trail at 8 minutes riding and 20 minutes walk. No sidewalks around the site		
	Parking Lot	Is there existing parking?	Yes, new masterplan proposes several granular parking lots in addition to the existing ones.		
	Drive-by surveillance	Does the site have easy access for car surveillance?	Yes, but only by going out of the way of major streets and driving specifically to the site.		
AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE	Access to Amenities	Restrooms	Existing washrooms at the field House & outdoor patio	3	
		Drinking Water	Does the site have enough infrastructure and amenities to improve the experience of skaters?		
		Shade or Shelter	No. Proposed trees could give shade to the skatepark		
		Food	Convenience stores and Tim Horton's 20 minutes walking distance.		
<b>TOTALS (AVERAGE)</b>				<b>3.8</b>	


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SKATEPARK COMPARISON MATRIX OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATE SITES					
SESSION 1 - SITE F		COMMUNITY SKATEPARK			
LOCATION	Location (Address)	Valley Park (970 Paramount Drive, Stoney Creek)			
	Active Link (Google Earth)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/TGFivByYLkv">https://goo.gl/maps/TGFivByYLkv</a>			
Aerial Photo of Candidate Site					
CITY	General Comments	Is there any reason not to pursue this location?	Future splash pad to be built in this park. Recreation Centre Renovation Project 2017-2018		
	Masterplan	Does this site have a Masterplan?	Unknown		
	DC Eligible / 10 year park improvement/development capital budget, neighbourhood action plan alignment	Is the site DC eligible?	TBD.		
SITE CRITERIA	CATEGORY	CLARIFICATIONS	COMMENTS	RATING	
SITE CONDITIONS	Development availability	Would the skatepark have the ability to integrate with existing programmed space in the park area?	Yes, can integrate with other sports programmed activities.	4.5	
	Opportunity to expand	Would the skatepark have the opportunity to expand in the future if needed?	Yes		
	Achievable skatepark area	Is the site big enough for a skatepark of the scale proposed?	Yes, large site		
	Biophysical issues	Topography	Would the topography inhibit grading/excavation for construction?		No, however grade varies
		Trees	Would the skatepark have any impact on existing trees?		Trees on one side of the park. No impact to mature trees.
		Planting	Does the planting on the site provide wind protection?		Partially protected
ACCESS & SURROUNDINGS	Proximity to residential	Is this site appropriately setback from residential areas?	The site is large enough for appropriate setback.	5	
	Proximity to public building	Is the site close to a staffed public building?	Yes, pool building, Hamilton Public Library - Valley Park Branch and the Valley Park Arena.		
	Proximity to Park or green areas	Is the site close to any other park, playground or green areas?	Yes, located in a park and would share green space with other activities, sport fields and natural areas which offer opportunities for the park users to explore or be introduced to new activities like skateboarding.		
	Proximity to school	Is the site close to any schools?	Yes, 2 schools less than 10 minutes away (walking). St. Paul Catholic Elementary School and Janet Lee Public School.		
	Transit Access	Is the site or the area well connected to public transport?	Lines 11 and 43 stops right beside the site		
	Foot and bike access	Are there bike paths, sidewalks or trail system connections ?	Part of a paved multi used trail and road with designated bike trail. Connection to different streets of cautionary un-signed bike routes and green belt routes. Sidewalks surrounding the park.		
	Parking Lot	Is there existing parking ?	Yes, site has 2 big parking lots that serve the park, pool, library and arena (recreation center).		
	Drive-by surveillance	Does the site have easy access for car surveillance?	Yes, but dependant on the exact location		
AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE	Access to Amenities	Restrooms	Does the site have enough infrastructure and amenities to improve the experience of skaters?	5	
		Drinking Water	Yes, different public buildings on the site provide washrooms.		
		Shade or Shelter	Drinking inside recreation center.		
		Food	Partial, trees		
<b>TOTALS (AVERAGE)</b>				<b>4.8</b>	

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SKATEPARK COMPARISON MATRIX OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATE SITES						
SESSION 1 - SITE G			COMMUNITY SKATEPARK			
LOCATION	Location (Address)	Dundas Driving Park (71 Cross Street, Dundas)				
	Active Link (Google Earth)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/45rceuemk242">https://goo.gl/maps/45rceuemk242</a>				
	Aerial Photo of Candidate Site					
CITY	General Comments	Is there any reason not to pursue this location?	possibly, very busy, limited parking space available, many facilities.			
	Masterplan	Does this site have a Masterplan?	Masterplan implemented in the last 5 years. No active ongoing work at this location			
	DC Eligible / 10 year park improvement/development capital budget, neighbourhood action plan alignment	Is the site DC eligible?	TBD.			
SITE CRITERIA	CATEGORY	CLARIFICATIONS	COMMENTS	RATING 1-5	AVERAGE	
SITE CONDITIONS	Development availability	Would the skatepark have the ability to integrate with existing programmed space in the park area?	Yes, skatepark could integrate with other park activities.	5	3.0	
	Opportunity to expand	Would the skatepark have the opportunity to expand in the future if needed?	Yes, but would require the removal of an asset. Further discussions would be required.	3		
	Achievable skatepark area	Is the site big enough for a skatepark of the scale proposed?	No, space is limited.	2		
	Biophysical	Topography	Would the topography inhibit grading/excavation for construction?	Topography varies across the site		2
		Trees	Would the skatepark have any impact on existing trees?	Yes, many mature tree located within the park		1
		Planting	Does the planting on the site provide wind protection?	Yes, wind protection is provided		5
ACCESS & SURROUNDINGS	Proximity to residential	Is this site appropriately setback from residential areas?	Yes	5	3.8	
	Proximity to public building	Is the site close to a staffed public building?	Dundas Lions Community Centre (~20 min walking Disrance)	3		
	Proximity to Park or green areas	Is the site close to any other park, playground or green areas?	Located in a park, with tennis courts, ball diamonds, play structure, pathways	5		
	Proximity to school	Is the site close to any schools?	St. Augustine Separate Elementary School (~7 min walking distance)	4		
	Transit Access	Is the site or the area well connected to public transport?	Bust Stop - York opposite Cairns (Bus 52) - ~11 min walking distance (dependant on location in the park)	3.5		
	Foot and bike access	Are there bike paths, sidewalks or trail system connections?	Many pathways, no bike trails	3.5		
	Parking Lot	Is there existing parking ?	Yes	5		
	Drive-by surveillance	Does the site have easy access for car surveillance?	Not on a main road, drive bys would be difficult	1		
AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE	Access to Amenities	Restrooms	Yes	5	4.5	
		Drinking Water	Does the site have enough infrastructure and amenities to improve the experience of skaters?	Drinking water via restrooms		4
		Shade or Shelter	Trees and sunshleter provide shade	5		
		Food	Yes, "The Pad Snack Bar" located on site, unsure of hours of operation	4		
					3.8	

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SKATEPARK COMPARISON MATRIX OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATE SITES						
SESSION 1 - SITE J			COMMUNITY SKATEPARK			
LOCATION	Location (Address)	Alexander Park (201 Whitney Avenue by Rifle Range Road)				
	Active Link (Google Earth)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/XM7hp3vsPoy">https://goo.gl/maps/XM7hp3vsPoy</a>				
	Aerial Photo of Candidate Site					
CITY	General Comments	Is there any reason not to pursue this location?	located in close proximity to elementary and high schools, may require re-purposing of existing amenities			
	Masterplan	Does this site have a Masterplan?	Unknown			
	DC Eligible / 10 year park improvement/development capital budget, neighbourhood action plan alignment	Is the site DC eligible?	TBD.			
SITE CRITERIA	CATEGORY	CLARIFICATIONS	COMMENTS	RATING		
SITE CONDITIONS	Development availability	Would the skatepark have the ability to integrate with existing programmed space in the park area?	Yes, skatepark could integrate with the other activities in the park	4.5		
	Opportunity to expand	Would the skatepark have the opportunity to expand in the future if needed?	Yes, but limited. Remove 1 baseball diamond?			
	Achievable skatepark area	Is the site big enough for a skatepark of the scale proposed?	Yes.			
	Biophysical issues	Topography	Would the topography inhibit grading/excavation for construction?			No, Flat - no landfill
		Trees	Would the skatepark have any impact on existing trees?			Some trees along the edge and small clusters, not interfering with possible location (remove the northern diamond).
		Planting	Does the planting on the site provide wind protection?			Partial wind protection
ACCESS & SURROUNDINGS	Proximity to residential	Is this site appropriately setback from residential areas?	Yes, but the site is large enough for appropriate setback.	5		
	Proximity to public building	Is the site close to a staffed public building?	2 schools, less than 1 minute walk			
	Proximity to Park or green areas	Is the site close to any other park, playground or green areas?	Yes, located in a park and would share green space with other activities, sport fields and natural areas which offer opportunities for the park users to explore or be introduced to new activities like skateboarding.			
	Proximity to school	Is the site close to any schools?	Yes, 2 schools less than 1 minute walk			
	Transit Access	Is the site or the area well connected to public transport?	Lines 05 and 51 stops right beside the site			
	Foot and bike access	Are there bike paths, sidewalks or trail system connections ?	Signed- On Street Bike Route at Whitney, sidewalks around the site			
	Parking Lot	Is there existing parking?	No, only a small parking lot in the south area of the park and school beside the south edge. Large parking lot behind St. Mary Catholic school.			
	Drive-by surveillance	Does the site have easy access for car surveillance?	Yes, specially if skatepark is located beside Whitney street, replacing the baseball diamond.			
AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE	Access to Amenities	Restrooms	Does the site have enough infrastructure and amenities to improve the experience of skaters?	Accessible washrooms are open during games by the Alexander Minor Baseball Association.	4	
		Drinking Water	Likely in the washroom building.			
		Shade or Shelter	Partial, trees			
		Food	5 minutes walk to Fortinos			
TOTALS (AVERAGE)					4.5	



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SKATEPARK COMPARISON MATRIX OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATE SITES					
SESSION 1 - SITE O			NEIGHBOURHOOD SKATEPARK		
LOCATION	Location (Address)	McQuesten Community Park (1199 Upper Wentworth Street, south of Limeridge Road East)			
	Active Link (Google Earth)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/fnj8evFtwD2">https://goo.gl/maps/fnj8evFtwD2</a>			
LOCATION	Aerial Photo of Candidate Site				
	General Comments	Is there any reason not to pursue this location?	No		
CITY	Masterplan	Does this site have a Masterplan?	No		
	DC Eligible / 10 year park improvement/development capital budget, neighbourhood action plan alignment	Is the site DC eligible?	TBD.		
SITE CRITERIA	CATEGORY	CLARIFICATIONS	COMMENTS	RATING	
SITE CONDITIONS	Development availability	Would the skatepark have the ability to integrate with existing programmed space in the park area?	Yes, it could integrate with the park and sports fields.	4.5	
	Opportunity to expand	Would the skatepark have the opportunity to expand in the future if needed?	Yes		
	Achievable skatepark area	Is the site big enough for a skatepark of the scale proposed?	Yes		
	Biophysical issues	Topography	Would the topography inhibit grading/excavation for construction?		No, flat
		Trees	Would the skatepark have any impact on existing trees?		Some trees along the edges and small clusters, not interfering with possible location
Planting		Does the planting on the site provide wind protection?	No. Very limited		
ACCESS & SURROUNDINGS	Proximity to residential	Is this site appropriately setback from residential areas?	Yes, but the site is large enough for appropriate setback.	4	
	Proximity to public building	Is the site close to a staffed public building?	No public building closer than 8 minutes walking (school).		
	Proximity to Park or green areas	Is the site close to any other park, playground or green areas?	Yes, located in a park and would share green space with baseball diamond, one soccer field, one multi-purpose court, a creative play area (playground), and natural areas which offer opportunities for the park users to explore or be introduced to new activities like skateboarding.		
	Proximity to school	Is the site close to any schools?	8 minute walk to Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Elementary School. 8 min to Guido De Bres Christian High School. 12 min to St. Jean de Brébeuf Catholic Secondary School. 15 min to Lincoln Alexander School.		
	Transit Access	Is the site or the area well connected to public transport?	3 Minutes walk to different bus stops 26 and 43. Along the perimeter of the park on Upper Wentworth St.		
	Foot and bike access	Are there bike paths, sidewalks or trail system connections ?	Part of a paved multi use trail, hiking trail inside of the park.		
	Parking Lot	Is there existing parking ?	100 space parking lot		
	Drive-by surveillance	Does the site have easy access for car surveillance?	Yes, if located near to the perimeter on Upper Wentworth St or Southpark Ave.		
AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE	Access to Amenities	Restrooms	Yes, washroom building on site	4	
		Drinking Water	Washroom building running water.		
		Shade or Shelter	Sun shelter on one side of the park. Limited shade from trees		
		Food	10 minutes walk from mall, food access on Upper Wentworth St.		
		Does the site have enough infrastructure and amenities to improve the experience of skaters?			
TOTALS (AVERAGE)				4.2	


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SKATEPARK COMPARISON MATRIX OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATE SITES					
SESSION 1 - SITE P			COMMUNITY SKATEPARK		
LOCATION	Location (Address)	Trail Near Lime Ridge Mall (Lime ridge Rd E)			
	Active Link (Google Earth)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/nuvaU8u6NPC2">https://goo.gl/maps/nuvaU8u6NPC2</a>			
LOCATION	Aerial Photo of Candidate Site				
	General Comments	Is there any reason not to pursue this location?	No. • Good Opportunity - Community Level Limeridge to support it.		
CITY	Masterplan	Does this site have a Masterplan?	No		
	DC Eligible / 10 year park improvement/development capital budget, neighbourhood action plan alignment	Is the site DC eligible?	TBD.		
SITE CRITERIA	CATEGORY	CLARIFICATIONS	COMMENTS	RATING	
SITE CONDITIONS	Development availability	Would the skatepark have the ability to integrate with existing programmed space in the park area?	The location is an un-used site. It could integrate with the south west area (small green strip)	3.5	
	Opportunity to expand	Would the skatepark have the opportunity to expand in the future if needed?	Very limited		
	Achievable skatepark area	Is the site big enough for a skatepark of the scale proposed?	Yes		
	Biophysical issues	Topography	Would the topography inhibit grading/excavation for construction?		No, flat with elevated grading to protect and buffer from Lincoln M. Alexander Pkwy.
		Trees	Would the skatepark have any impact on existing trees?		No mature trees on the flat area (asphalt)
Planting		Does the planting on the site provide wind protection?	Very limited. The topography change may offer some wind protection.		
ACCESS & SURROUNDINGS	Proximity to residential	Is this site appropriately setback from residential areas?	Yes, but the site far enough for appropriate setback.	4	
	Proximity to public building	Is the site close to a staffed public building?	No staffed public building close by but mall is right in front.		
	Proximity to Park or green areas	Is the site close to any other park, playground or green areas?	10 minute walk to T.B. McQuesten Community Park (across Lincoln M. Alexander Pkwy.)		
	Proximity to school	Is the site close to any schools?	15 min walk to Cardinal Heights Middle School and 15 min walk to Lawfield Elementary School		
	Transit Access	Is the site or the area well connected to public transport?	5 minutes walk to different bus stops 26 and 43 on Upper Wentworth St		
	Foot and bike access	Are there bike paths, sidewalks or trail system connections ?	Signed On street Bike Route		
	Parking Lot	Is there existing parking ?	Yes, plenty of parking spaces (Mall area)		
AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE	Access to Amenities	Restrooms	Does the site have enough infrastructure and amenities to improve the experience of skaters?	3	
		Drinking Water	No		
		Shade or Shelter	No		
		Food	Yes. 4 minute walk to the mall		
		Does the site have enough infrastructure and amenities to improve the experience of skaters?			
TOTALS (AVERAGE)				3.5	

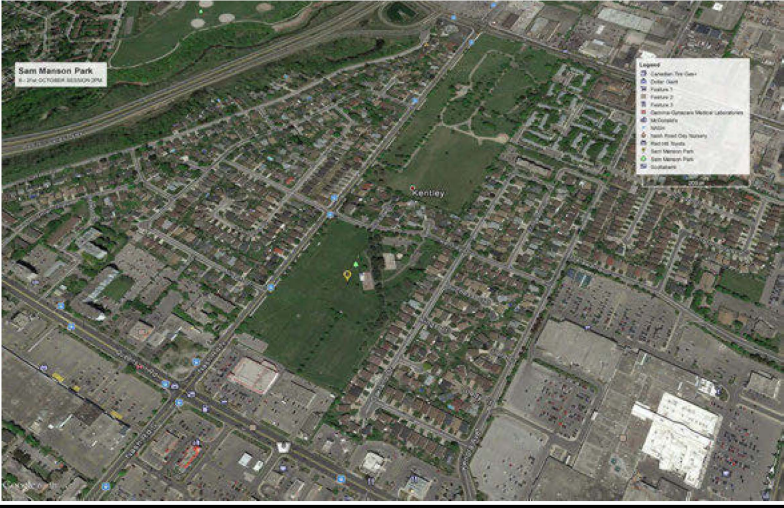


### 1.3 SITE SELECTION CRITERIA - SESSION 2 SITES


Legend		Skate Dots	200-1,000 sq.ft
		Neighbourhood Skateparks	1,000-5,000 sq.ft
	Scale out of scope	Community Skateparks	5,000-12,000 sq.ft
	Studied Site	City Skateparks	12,000-25,000 sq.ft
	Repeated Site	Regional Skateparks	25,000-60,000 sq.ft


SUMMARY CHART PROPOSED LOCATIONS FOR SKATEBOARD PARK - HAMILTON						
#	SESSION	CODE	CATEGORY	TYPE	SITE NAME	FINAL RATING
1	1	A	Studied Site	City / Community	Between Fuldard Rd and Jones Rd., Nbrth of Hwy 8	3.0
2	1	B	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Andrew Warburton Memorial Park (Brittania Ave.- Allan Ave.)	4.0
3	1	C	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Riverdale East Park (Vittorito Ave)	3.5
4	1	D	Studied Site	Community	Green Acres Park	3.8
5	1	E	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Heritage Green Sports Park Area ( Mud St W)	3.8
6	1	F	Studied Site	Community	Valley Park	4.8
7	1	G	Studied Site	City / Community	Dundas Driving Park	3.8
8	1	H	Scale OOS	Dot	Ryerson Recreation Centre	
9	1	I	Scale OOS	Dot	Kay Drage Park	
10	1	J	Studied Site	Community / Neighbourhood	Alexander Park (Whitney Ave)	4.7
11	1	K	Scale OOS	Regional / City	Confederation Park	
12	1	L	Studied Site	Community	Stadium Precinct Park ( Gage Ave N At Lloyd)	3.3
13	1	M	Scale OOS	Dot	Brantford Rail Trail	
14	1	N	Studied Site	Community / Neighbourhood	Gage Park	4.3
15	1	O	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	McQuesten Community Park (Upper Wentworth St)	4.2
16	1	P	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Trail Near Lime Ridge Mall (Lime ridge Rd E)	3.5
17	2	A	Studied Site	Community	Buchanan Park School (30 Laurier Ave)	3.8
18	2	B	Studied Site	Community	Sam Manson Park (Kentley)	4.2
19	2	C	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Bruce Park	3.8
20	2	D	Repeated Site	Community	Gage Park	
21	2	E	Scale OOS	City	Confederation Park	
22	2	F	Studied Site	Community / Neighbourhood	Bayfront Park	4.0
23	2	G	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Sam Lawrence	3.8
24	2	H	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Captain Cornelius	4.2
25	3	A	Studied Site	Community	Churchill Park	3.4
26	3	B	Studied Site	Community / Neighbourhood	Coronation Park	4.5
27	3	C	Repeated Site	Neighbourhood / Dot	Stadium Precinct Park ( Gage Ave N At Lloyd)	
28	3	D	Repeated Site	Community	Dundas Driving Park	
29	3	E	Studied Site	Community	Edwards Memorial Park	3.1
30	3	F	Studied Site	City / Community	Morgan Firestone Arena - Ancaster Community Centre	4.7
31	3	G	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Powell Park	4.7
32	3	H	Repeated Site	Community	Captain Cornelius	
33	3	I	Studied Site	Community	Veterans Park	4.5
34	3	J	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Reservoir - Highland Gardens Park	2.1
35	3	K	Repeated Site	Community	Green Acres Park	
36	3	L	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Corman - Glendale Park	2.9
37	3	M	Repeated Site	Community	Valley Park	
38	3	N	Scale OOS	Dot	Stroud Park	
39	3	O	Studied Site	Community	Mark Anthony Graham Memorial Olympic Park	3.3
40	3	P	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Eastwood	4.5
41	3	Q	Studied Site	Community	Pier 8	3.0
42	3	R	Studied Site	Community / Neighbourhood	Durand Park. (250 Park St S)	4.2
43	3	S	Studied Site	Community	Victoria Park	4.0
44	3	T	Scale OOS	Dot	Dots along: Desjardins Recreation Trail & Waterfront trail	
45	3	U	Scale OOS	City	Confederation Park	
46	EMAIL	A	Repeated Site	Community	Buchanan Park	
47	EMAIL	B	Studied Site	Community	Bernie Arbour Stadium/ Sports Park.	4.2
48	EMAIL	C	Repeated Site	Community	BayFront Park	
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SKATEPARK COMPARISON MATRIX OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATE SITES					
SESSION 2 - SITE A		NEIGHBOURHOOD/COMMUNITY SKATEPARK			
LOCATION	Location (Address)	<b>Buchanan Park School (111 Columbia Drive by Stacey and Laurier Avenues)</b>			
	Active Link (Google Earth)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/59NWSXikQpp">https://goo.gl/maps/59NWSXikQpp</a>			
	Aerial Photo of Candidate Site				
CITY	General Comments	Is there any reason not to pursue this location?	No.	•Spray pad under construction	
	Masterplan	Does this site have a Masterplan?	No		
	DC Eligible / 10 year park improvement/development capital budget, neighbourhood action plan alignment	Is the site DC eligible?	TBD.		
SITE CRITERIA	CATEGORY	CLARIFICATIONS	COMMENTS	RATING	
SITE CONDITIONS	Development availability	Would the skatepark have the ability to integrate with existing programmed space in the park area?	Yes, skatepark could integrate with the other activities in the park and green area.	4	
	Opportunity to expand	Would the skatepark have the opportunity to expand in the future if needed?	Limited unless removal of baseball diamond		
	Achievable skatepark area	Is the site big enough for a skatepark of the scale proposed?	Yes		
	Biophysical Issues	Topography	Would the topography inhibit grading/excavation for construction?		No, flat - no landfill
		Trees	Would the skatepark have any impact on existing trees?		No mature trees
Planting		Does the planting on the site provide wind protection?	Limited wind protection		
ACCESS & SURROUNDINGS	Proximity to residential	Is this site appropriately setback from residential areas?	Yes if not located at the perimeter of the park	4	
	Proximity to public building	Is the site close to a staffed public building?	3 minute walk to 2 schools. 8 minute walk to Public Library		
	Proximity to Park or green areas	Is the site close to any other park, playground or green areas?	Yes, located in a park and would share green space with other activities, such as baseball, playgrounds and open space which offer opportunities for the park users to explore or be introduced to new activities such as skateboarding.		
	Proximity to school	Is the site close to any schools?	Yes, 2 schools. Buchanan Park School and École élémentaire catholique Monseigneur-de-Laval 3 minute walk.		
	Transit Access	Is the site or the area well connected to public transport?	4 minute walk to bus stop line 41. 4 minute walk to bus stop line 35.		
	Foot and bike access	Are there bike paths, sidewalks or trail system connections ?	Signed street bike route and cautionary un-signed bike route on the park perimeter. Paved multi-use trail inside of the park.		
	Parking Lot	Is there existing parking ?	No		
	Drive-by surveillance	Does the site have easy access for car surveillance?	Yes		
AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE	Access to Amenities	Restrooms	There might be washrooms in the structure in the middle of the park.	3.5	
		Drinking Water	Possibly in the structure in the middle of the park		
		Shade or Shelter	Trees, limited		
		Food	10 minute walk to convenience stores		
		Does the site have enough infrastructure and amenities to improve the experience of skaters?			
<b>TOTALS (AVERAGE)</b>				<b>3.8</b>	


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SKATEPARK COMPARISON MATRIX OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATE SITES					
SESSION 2 - SITE B		NEIGHBOURHOOD/COMMUNITY SKATEPARK			
LOCATION	Location (Address)	<b>Sam Manson Park (Kentley) (80 Nash Road North)</b>			
	Active Link (Google Earth)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/BNE6EiUbzxy">https://goo.gl/maps/BNE6EiUbzxy</a>			
	Aerial Photo of Candidate Site				
CITY	General Comments	Is there any reason not to pursue this location?	No.	•Sports Park •High Density •Possibly too tight	
	Masterplan	Does this site have a Masterplan?	No		
	DC Eligible / 10 year park improvement/development capital budget, neighbourhood action plan alignment	Is the site DC eligible?	TBD.		
SITE CRITERIA	CATEGORY	CLARIFICATIONS	COMMENTS	RATING	
SITE CONDITIONS	Development availability	Would the skatepark have the ability to integrate with existing programmed space in the park area?	Yes, skatepark could integrate with the other activities in the park and green area	3.5	
	Opportunity to expand	Would the skatepark have the opportunity to expand in the future if needed?	Very limited unless removal of soccer fields		
	Achievable skatepark area	Is the site big enough for a skatepark of the scale proposed?	Yes, if removing one of the soccer field.		
	Biophysical Issues	Topography	Would the topography inhibit grading/excavation for construction?		No, flat - no landfill
		Trees	Would the skatepark have any impact on existing trees?		Mature trees on the edges and along diagonal path.
Planting		Does the planting on the site provide wind protection?	Limited wind protection		
ACCESS & SURROUNDINGS	Proximity to residential	Is this site appropriately setback from residential areas?	Yes if not located at the perimeter of the park	4.5	
	Proximity to public building	Is the site close to a staffed public building?	Hamilton Public Library - Red Hill Branch 2 minutes walk.		
	Proximity to Park or green areas	Is the site close to any other park, playground or green areas?	Yes, located in a park and would share green space with other activities, such as soccer fields, bocce courts, playground and open space which offer opportunities for the park users to explore or be introduced to new activities such as skateboarding.		
	Proximity to school	Is the site close to any schools?	Yes HWDSB Glen Brae Middle School 10 min. walk. Glendale School 15 min walk. Sir Isaac Brock Junior Public School 15mi. walk. St. David Catholic Elementary School 15 min.walk.		
	Transit Access	Is the site or the area well connected to public transport?	1 minute walk to bus stop line 04 on Nash Rd. 3 minute walk to bus stop lines 01 and 10 on Queenston Rd.		
	Foot and bike access	Are there bike paths, sidewalks or trail system connections ?	Connects to a cautionary un-signed bike route. Sidewalks on the perimeters.		
	Parking Lot	Is there existing parking ?	Yes. 2 parking lots serve this park (North and south of the park) Additional parking nearby on Queenston Rd.		
	Drive-by surveillance	Does the site have easy access for car surveillance?	Yes, specially if located near the perimeter		
AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE	Access to Amenities	Restrooms	Does the site have enough infrastructure and amenities to improve the experience of skaters?	4.5	
		Drinking Water	Yes, possibly on the structure by the playground or the bocce courts.		
		Shade or Shelter	Limited shade, trees.		
		Food	Yes, commercial edge on Queenston Rd. 3 minute walk.		
		Does the site have enough infrastructure and amenities to improve the experience of skaters?			
<b>TOTALS (AVERAGE)</b>				<b>4.2</b>	



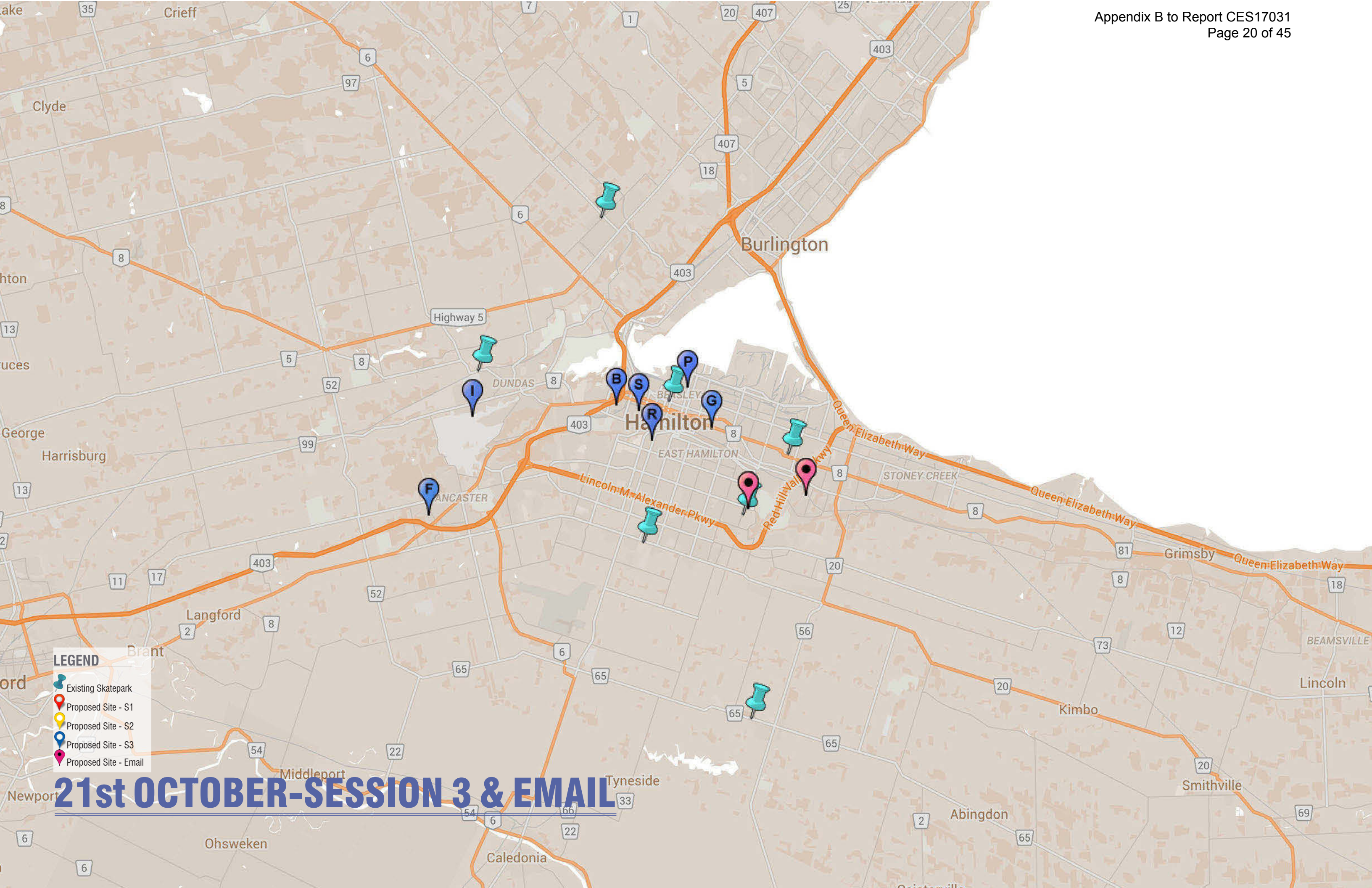
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SKATEPARK COMPARISON MATRIX OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATE SITES					
SESSION 2 - SITE C			NEIGHBOURHOOD SKATEPARK		
LOCATION	Location (Address)	Bruce Park (145 Brucedale Avenue East at Queensdale Avenue East)			
	Active Link (Google Earth)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/DRXqVv9hSq62">https://goo.gl/maps/DRXqVv9hSq62</a>			
	Aerial Photo of Candidate Site				
CITY	General Comments	Is there any reason not to pursue this location?	No. • No current or future plans.		
	Masterplan	Does this site have a Masterplan?	No		
	DC Eligible / 10 year park improvement/development capital budget, neighbourhood action plan alignment	Is the site DC eligible?	TBD.		
SITE CRITERIA	CATEGORY	CLARIFICATIONS	COMMENTS	RATING	
SITE CONDITIONS	Development availability	Would the skatepark have the ability to integrate with existing programmed space in the park area?	Yes, skatepark could integrate with the other activities in the park and green area	4	
	Opportunity to expand	Would the skatepark have the opportunity to expand in the future if needed?	Limited		
	Achievable skatepark area	Is the site big enough for a skatepark of the scale proposed?	Yes for a small scale skatepark.		
	Biophysical Issues	Topography	Would the topography inhibit grading/excavation for construction?		No, flat - no landfill
		Trees	Would the skatepark have any impact on existing trees?		No major impact. Mature trees on the edges and the center of the site acting as a buffer between the baseball diamonds and the area that could be used for the skatepark.
		Planting	Does the planting on the site provide wind protection?		Partial wind protection
ACCESS & SURROUNDINGS	Proximity to residential	Is this site appropriately setback from residential areas?	Yes, if not located at the edges of the park	4	
	Proximity to public building	Is the site close to a staffed public building?	No public buildings other than schools. Queensdale School 3 min. walk. Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Elementary School 6 min walk.		
	Proximity to Park or green areas	Is the site close to any other park, playground or green areas?	Yes, located in a park and would share green space with other activities, such as baseball diamonds, playground and open space which offer opportunities for the park users to explore or be introduced to new activities such as skateboarding.		
	Proximity to school	Is the site close to any schools?	Yes. Queensdale School 3 min. walk. Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Elementary School 6 min walk.		
	Transit Access	Is the site or the area well connected to public transport?	5 minute walk to bus stop line 21 on Fennell at East 5th. 4 min. Walk to bus stop, line 27 Inverness opposite Southhill		
	Foot and bike access	Are there bike paths, sidewalks or trail system connections ?	Connects to a cautionary un-signed bike route and signed on street bike route. Sidewalks on the north and south sides of the park.		
	Parking Lot	Is there existing parking ?	No.		
	Drive-by surveillance	Does the site have easy access for car surveillance?	Yes, specially if located near the perimeter		
AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE	Access to Amenities	Restrooms	No	3.5	
		Drinking Water	No		
		Shade or Shelter	Limited shade, trees.		
		Food	Yes, commercial street and convenience stores on Upper Wellington. 5 minute walk		
<b>TOTALS (AVERAGE)</b>					
<b>3.8</b>					

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SESSION 2 - SITE F			COMMUNITY SKATEPARK		
LOCATION	Location (Address)	Bayfront Park (200 Harbour Front Drive by Bay Street)			
	Active Link (Google Earth)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/WzfyZATewsH2">https://goo.gl/maps/WzfyZATewsH2</a>			
	Aerial Photo of Candidate Site				
CITY	General Comments	Is there any reason not to pursue this location?	No • Possibly not enough visibility • Structural cost may be too high and not be accepted		
	Masterplan	Does this site have a Masterplan?	Masterplan being developed		
	DC Eligible / 10 year park improvement/development capital budget, neighbourhood action plan alignment	Is the site DC eligible?	TBD.		
SITE CRITERIA	CATEGORY	CLARIFICATIONS	COMMENTS	RATING	
SITE CONDITIONS	Development availability	Would the skatepark have the ability to integrate with existing programmed space in the park area?	Yes, skatepark could integrate with the landscape and green area	4.5	
	Opportunity to expand	Would the skatepark have the opportunity to expand in the future if needed?	Yes		
	Achievable skatepark area	Is the site big enough for a skatepark of the scale proposed?	Yes, but location (lawn) should be determined by trying not to interfere with the area where "special events" normally take place.		
	Biophysical Issues	Topography	Would the topography inhibit grading/excavation for construction?		No, slight topography
		Trees	Would the skatepark have any impact on existing trees?		No impact. Mature trees are on the edges of the area or on small clusters not interfering with possible locations. Big space
		Planting	Does the planting on the site provide wind protection?		Very limited wind protection
ACCESS & SURROUNDINGS	Proximity to residential	Is this site appropriately setback from residential areas?	Yes. No residential areas nearby, surrounded by water	4	
	Proximity to public building	Is the site close to a staffed public building?	No closer than a 12 min walk (REC)		
	Proximity to Park or green areas	Is the site close to any other park, playground or green areas?	Yes, located in a green area on the waterfront line.		
	Proximity to school	Is the site close to any schools?	Closest school 15 min walk. Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board		
	Transit Access	Is the site or the area well connected to public transport?	10 min walk to bus stop lines 04 and 20 on James at Simcoe. 10 min walk to the train station, west harbour GO		
	Foot and bike access	Are there bike paths, sidewalks or trail system connections ?	Perimeter of the area surrounded and connected to a paved multi-use trail (shared with pedestrians)		
	Parking Lot	Is there existing parking ?	Yes. 2 large parking areas at the entry of the park.		
	Drive-by surveillance	Does the site have easy access for car surveillance?	Yes if surveillance car has access to the multi-use paved trail and the skatepark is not located in the center of the park.		
AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE	Access to Amenities	Restrooms	Presumed not	3.5	
		Drinking Water	Presumed not		
		Shade or Shelter	Trees and small Gazebo, limited.		
		Food	10 minute walk to convenience stores.		
<b>TOTALS (AVERAGE)</b>					
<b>4.0</b>					

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SESSION 2 - SITE G		NEIGHBOURHOOD SKATEPARK			
LOCATION	Location (Address)	Sam Lawrence (255 Concession Street)			
	Active Link (Google Earth)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/zVJ9JdXvcX72">https://goo.gl/maps/zVJ9JdXvcX72</a>			
Aerial Photo of Candidate Site					
CITY	General Comments	Is there any reason not to pursue this location?	No	• Great view, Niagara escarpment • Significant housing area • May be too close to the road.	
	Masterplan	Does this site have a Masterplan?	No		
	DC Eligible / 10 year park improvement/development capital budget, neighbourhood action plan alignment	Is the site DC eligible?	TBD.		
SITE CRITERIA	CATEGORY	CLARIFICATIONS	COMMENTS	RATING	
SITE CONDITIONS	Development availability	Would the skatepark have the ability to integrate with existing programmed space in the park area?	Yes, skatepark could integrate with the landscape and green area. Also offers spectacular, panoramic views of the lower city and the harbour.	3.5	
	Opportunity to expand	Would the skatepark have the opportunity to expand in the future if needed?	No		
	Achievable skatepark area	Is the site big enough for a skatepark of the scale proposed?	Yes, for a small scale skatepark		
	Biophysical issues	Topography	Would the topography inhibit grading/excavation for construction?		No, terrain slopes. This could be used to the advantage of the skatepark. (Viewing area)
		Trees	Would the skatepark have any impact on existing trees?		Mature trees are on the edges of the area or on small clusters not interfering with the possible location (lawn).
		Planting	Does the planting on the site provide wind protection?		Limited wind protection
ACCESS & SURROUNDINGS	Proximity to residential	Is this site appropriately setback from residential areas?	Surrounded by residential, possibly enough space for appropriate setback (Topography can help to contain noise)	4.5	
	Proximity to public building	Is the site close to a staffed public building?	No		
	Proximity to Park or green areas	Is the site close to any other park, playground or green areas?	Yes, located in a park with a rock garden/perennial flowers, ornamental benches and lighting, walkways (most of which are accessible), wildflowers and prairie grasses, and an extensive system of interpretive signs. The park also offers spectacular, panoramic views of the lower city and the harbour.		
	Proximity to school	Is the site close to any schools?	9 min walk to the closest school, Queensdale.		
	Transit Access	Is the site or the area well connected to public transport?	Yes. 2 minute walk to Concession at Upper Wellington bus stop for lines 22,23,24,25,26 and 27.		
	Foot and bike access	Are there bike paths, sidewalks or trail system connections ?	Yes. Sidewalks in the park, designated bike lane and signed on-street bike route.		
	Parking Lot	Is there existing parking ?	Yes parking area for the panoramic views.		
	Drive-by surveillance	Does the site have easy access for car surveillance?	Yes		
AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE	Restrooms	Does the site have enough infrastructure and amenities to improve the experience of skaters?	No	3.5	
	Drinking Water		No		
	Shade or Shelter		Trees, partial.		
	Food		7 minute walk to convenience stores		
	TOTALS (AVERAGE)				

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SESSION 2 - SITE H		NEIGHBOURHOOD SKATEPARK			
LOCATION	Location (Address)	Captain Cornelius (180 Limeridge Road West)			
	Active Link (Google Earth)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/yW1dYlwFkpM2">https://goo.gl/maps/yW1dYlwFkpM2</a>			
Aerial Photo of Candidate Site					
CITY	General Comments	Is there any reason not to pursue this location?	No	• 2 Schools and recreation area • Football field is school property • Ideal location, near playground	
	Masterplan	Does this site have a Masterplan?	No		
	DC Eligible / 10 year park improvement/development capital budget, neighbourhood action plan alignment	Is the site DC eligible?	TBD.	Rolston neighbourhood action plan.	
SITE CRITERIA	CATEGORY	CLARIFICATIONS	COMMENTS	RATING	
SITE CONDITIONS	Development availability	Would the skatepark have the ability to integrate with existing programmed space in the park area?	Yes, skatepark could integrate with the landscape and green area.	4.5	
	Opportunity to expand	Would the skatepark have the opportunity to expand in the future if needed?	Very limited, unless removal of one sports field.		
	Achievable skatepark area	Is the site big enough for a skatepark of the scale proposed?	Yes, for a small scale skatepark		
	Biophysical issues	Topography	Would the topography inhibit grading/excavation for construction?		No, slight topography on the side to Mountbatten Dr.
		Trees	Would the skatepark have any impact on existing trees?		No significant impact. Mature trees are in a big cluster area or small clusters possibly not interfering with the potential location (lawn). Removal can be avoided depending on skatepark layout.
		Planting	Does the planting on the site provide wind protection?		Yes, planting wind protection from 2 sides.
ACCESS & SURROUNDINGS	Proximity to residential	Is this site appropriately setback from residential areas?	Surrounded by residential, enough space for appropriate setback if not placed at the edge of the park.	4	
	Proximity to public building	Is the site close to a staffed public building?	Yes. 2 schools less than 5 minutes away. (Westview Public School and St. Jerome Separate School). 10 min walk to Westmount Recreation Centre		
	Proximity to Park or green areas	Is the site close to any other park, playground or green areas?	Yes, located in a park with soccer fields in the west, a natural area in the centre and in the south east a playground with two play structures, swings and spring toys. Offers opportunities for the park users to explore or be introduced to new activities like skateboarding.		
	Proximity to school	Is the site close to any schools?	Yes. Westview Public School and St. Jerome Separate School less than 5 min. walk away		
	Transit Access	Is the site or the area well connected to public transport?	4 min walk to Opposite 235 Limeridge Bus stop line 35		
	Foot and bike access	Are there bike paths, sidewalks or trail system connections ?	Walking or hiking trail inside of the park. 1 minute bike to signed on-street bike route.		
	Parking Lot	Is there existing parking ?	Not specific to the park, but there are other parking areas nearby.		
	Drive-by surveillance	Does the site have easy access for car surveillance?	Yes, if located near to the perimeter (Mountbatten Dr)		
AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE	Restrooms	Does the site have enough infrastructure and amenities to improve the experience of skaters?	No	4	
	Drinking Water		No		
	Shade or Shelter		Yes, trees.		
	Food		5 minute walk to convenience store.		
	TOTALS (AVERAGE)				



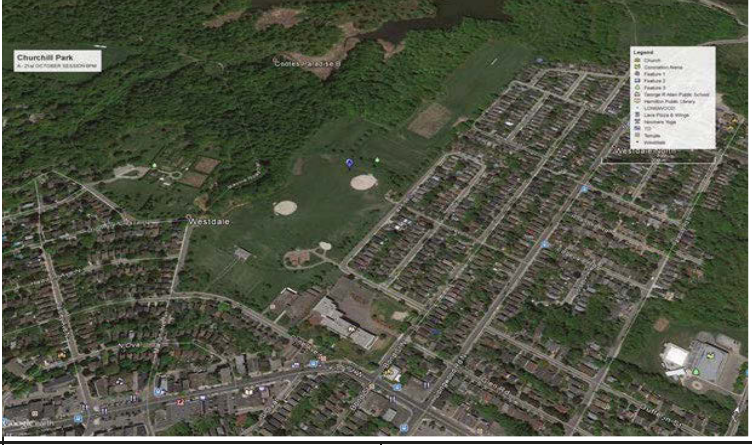



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## 1.4 SITE SELECTION CRITERIA - SESSION 3 SITES & RECEIVED BY EMAIL

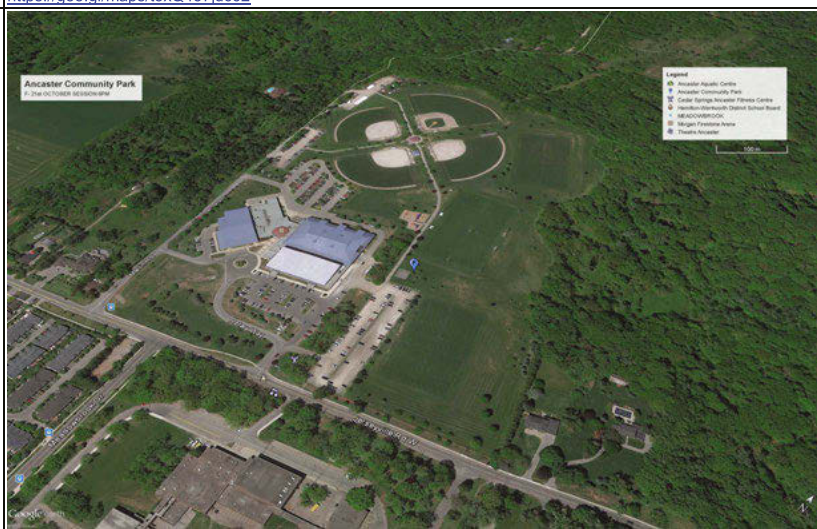
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		Community Skateparks	5,000-12,000 sq.ft
		City Skateparks	12,000-25,000 sq.ft
		Regional Skateparks	25,000-60,000 sq.ft
		Scale out of scope	
		Studied Site	
		Repeated Site	

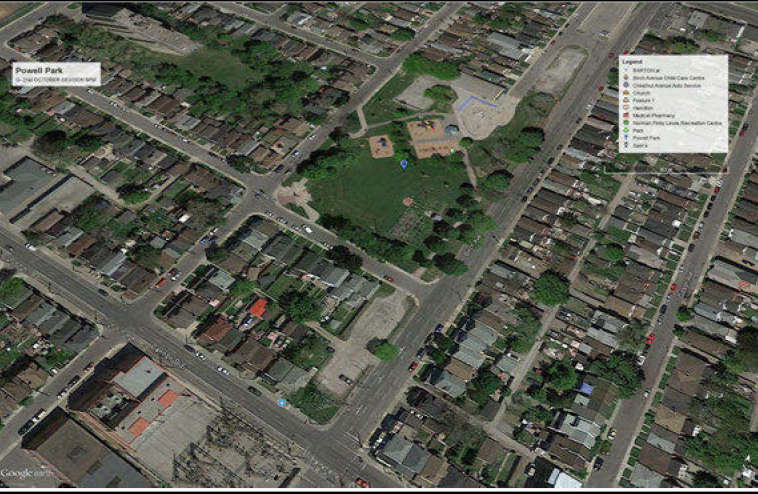
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#	SESSION	CODE	CATEGORY	TYPE	SITE NAME	FINAL RATING
1	1	A	Studied Site	City / Community	Between Fruitland Rd and Jones Rd., North of Hwy 8	3.0
2	1	B	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Andrew Warburton Memorial Park (Brittania Ave.- Allan Ave.)	4.0
3	1	C	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Riverdale East Park (Vittorito Ave)	3.5
4	1	D	Studied Site	Community	Green Acres Park	3.8
5	1	E	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Heritage Green Sports Park Area ( Mud St W)	3.8
6	1	F	Studied Site	Community	Valley Park	4.8
7	1	G		City / Community	Dundas Driving Park	
8	1	H	Scale OOS	Dot	Ryerson Recreation Centre	
9	1	I	Scale OOS	Dot	Kay Drage Park	
10	1	J	Studied Site	Community / Neighbourhood	Alexander Park (Whitney Ave)	4.7
11	1	K	Scale OOS	Regional / City	Confederation Park	
12	1	L	Studied Site	Community	Stadium Precinct Park ( Gage Ave N At Lloyd)	3.3
13	1	M	Scale OOS	Dot	Brantford Rail Trail	
14	1	N	Studied Site	Community / Neighbourhood	Gage Park	4.3
15	1	O	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	McQuesten Community Park (Upper Wentworth St)	4.2
16	1	P	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Trail Near Lime Ridge Mall (Lime ridge Rd E)	3.5
17	2	A	Studied Site	Community	Buchanan Park School (30 Laurier Ave)	3.8
18	2	B	Studied Site	Community	Sam Manson Park (Kentley)	4.2
19	2	C	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Bruce Park	3.8
20	2	D	Repeated Site	Community	Gage Park	
21	2	E	Scale OOS	City	Confederation Park	
22	2	F	Studied Site	Community / Neighbourhood	Bayfront Park	4.0
23	2	G	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Sam Lawrence	3.8
24	2	H	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Captain Cornelius	4.2
25	3	A	Studied Site	Community	Churchill Park	3.4
26	3	B	Studied Site	Community / Neighbourhood	Coronation Park	4.5
27	3	C	Repeated Site	Neighbourhood / Dot	Stadium Precinct Park ( Gage Ave N At Lloyd)	
28	3	D	Repeated Site	Community	Dundas Driving Park	
29	3	E	Studied Site	Community	Edwards Memorial Park	3.1
30	3	F	Studied Site	City / Community	Morgan Firestone Arena - Ancaster Community Centre	4.7
31	3	G	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Powell Park	4.7
32	3	H	Repeated Site	Community	Captain Cornelius	
33	3	I	Studied Site	Community	Veterans Park	4.5
34	3	J	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Reservoir - Highland Gardens Park	2.1
35	3	K	Repeated Site	Community	Green Acres Park	
36	3	L	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Corman - Glendale Park	2.9
37	3	M	Repeated Site	Community	Valley Park	
38	3	N	Scale OOS	Dot	Stroud Park	
39	3	O	Studied Site	Community	Mark Anthony Graham Memorial Olympic Park	3.3
40	3	P	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Eastwood	4.5
41	3	Q	Studied Site	Community	Pier 8	3.0
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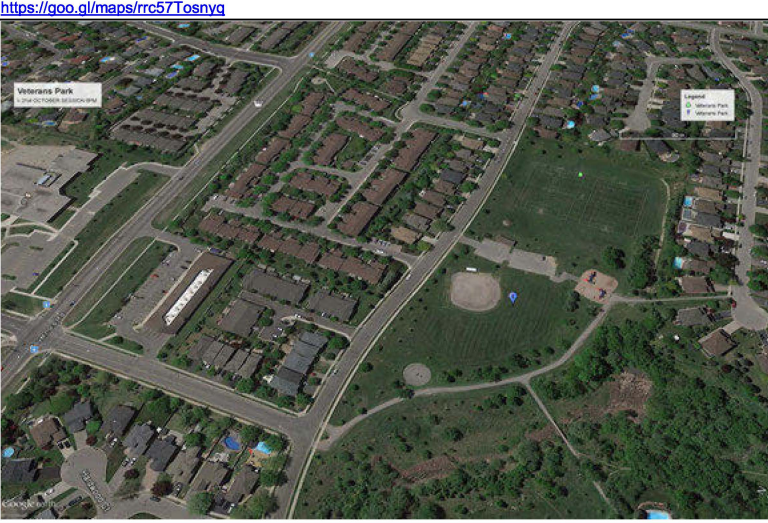
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SKATEPARK COMPARISON MATRIX OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATE SITES						
SESSION 3 - SITE A			COMMUNITY SKATEPARK			
LOCATION	Location (Address)	Churchill Park				
	Active Link (Google Earth)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/zRMAXIhxMhK2">https://goo.gl/maps/zRMAXIhxMhK2</a>				
	Aerial Photo of Candidate Site					
CITY	General Comments	Is there any reason not to pursue this location?	•NEC regulated area •land owned by Royal Botanical Gardens			
	Masterplan	Does this site have a Masterplan?	Yes			
	DC Eligible / 10 year park improvement/development capital budget, neighbourhood action plan alignment	Is the site DC eligible?	TBD			
SITE CRITERIA	CATEGORY	CLARIFICATIONS	COMMENTS	RATING 1-5	AVERAGE	
SITE CONDITIONS	Development availability	Would the skatepark have the ability to integrate with existing programmed space in the park area?	yes	4	3.5	
	Opportunity to expand	Would the skatepark have the opportunity to expand in the future if needed?	possibly	2.5		
	Achievable skatepark area	Is the site big enough for a skatepark of the scale proposed?	yes	4		
	Biophysical	Topography	Would the topography inhibit grading/excavation for construction?	no		4
		Trees	Would the skatepark have any impact on existing trees?	possibly		2.5
Planting	Does the planting on the site provide wind protection?	yes	4			
ACCESS & SURROUNDINGS	Proximity to residential	Is this site appropriately setback from residential areas?	yes	4	3.3	
	Proximity to public building	Is the site close to a staffed public building?	depends where skatepark is located	2.5		
	Proximity to Park or green areas	Is the site close to any other park, playground or green areas?	yes	5		
	Proximity to school	Is the site close to any schools?	no	1		
	Transit Access	Is the site or the area well connected to public transport?	3.35	2.5		
	Foot and bike access	Are there bike paths, sidewalks or trail system connections?	sidewalks to the park	4		
	Parking Lot	Is there existing parking ?	yes	5		
Drive-by surveillance	Does the site have easy access for car surveillance?	depending on where its located	2.5			
AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE	Access to Amenities	Restrooms	yes	4	3.3	
		Drinking Water	Does the site have enough infrastructure and amenities to improve the experience of skaters?	spray pad		3
		Shade or Shelter	yes	5		
		Food	no	1		
					3.4	

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SKATEPARK COMPARISON MATRIX OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATE SITES					
SESSION 3 - SITE B			NEIGHBOURHOOD SKATEPARK		
LOCATION	Location (Address)	Coronation Arena (80 Macklin St N, Hamilton)			
	Active Link (Google Earth)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/Q97mSisFddK2">https://goo.gl/maps/Q97mSisFddK2</a>			
	Aerial Photo of Candidate Site				
CITY	General Comments	Is there any reason not to pursue this location?	No. •Very tight - Constrained area •Change in Topography •Arena/Outdoor Pool		
	Masterplan	Does this site have a Masterplan?	No		
	DC Eligible / 10 year park improvement/development capital budget, neighbourhood action plan alignment	Is the site DC eligible?	TBD		
SITE CRITERIA	CATEGORY	CLARIFICATIONS	COMMENTS	RATING	
SITE CONDITIONS	Development availability	Would the skatepark have the ability to integrate with existing programmed space in the park area?	Yes, skatepark could integrate with the arena, the pool program and the green area	4.5	
	Opportunity to expand	Would the skatepark have the opportunity to expand in the future if needed?	No. Very limited.		
	Achievable skatepark area	Is the site big enough for a skatepark of the scale proposed?	Yes, for a very small scale skatepark.		
	Biophysical Issues	Topography	Would the topography inhibit grading/excavation for construction?		No, mainly flat
		Trees	Would the skatepark have any impact on existing trees?		No significant impact. Mature trees are located at the edges of the site not interfering with the possible location (lawn). Removal can be avoided depending on skatepark layout.
Planting		Does the planting on the site provide wind protection?	Yes, plant wind protection from 3 sides.		
ACCESS & SURROUNDINGS	Proximity to residential	Is this site appropriately setback from residential areas?	Yes, enough space for appropriate setback. Trees acting as a buffer near the residential area.	4.5	
	Proximity to public building	Is the site close to a staffed public building?	Yes. Coronation Arena and outdoor pool on site.		
	Proximity to Park or green areas	Is the site close to any other park, playground or green areas?	Yes, located in a park with a play area, an arena and an outdoor pool as well as green area which offers opportunities for the park users to explore or be introduced to new activities such as skateboarding.		
	Proximity to school	Is the site close to any schools?	Yes. 7 min walk to Westdale Children's School. 8 min walk to Cootes Paradise Elementary School. 8 min Kehila Jewish Community Day School		
	Transit Access	Is the site or the area well connected to public transport?	1 min walk to Opposite 60 Macklin bus stop line 06. 3 min walk to King at Macklin bus stop, lines 01, 05 and 51.		
	Foot and bike access	Are there bike paths, sidewalks or trail system connections ?	1 min. Bike to designated bike lane. Sidewalks on Macklin St N.		
	Parking Lot	Is there existing parking ?	Yes, is part of the site		
Drive-by surveillance	Does the site have easy access for car surveillance?	Partial. Access to cul-de-sac			
AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE	Access to Amenities	Restrooms	Yes, arena and pool	4.5	
		Drinking Water	Does the site have enough infrastructure and amenities to improve the experience of skaters?		Yes, arena and pool
		Shade or Shelter	Partial, trees		
		Food	Arena canteen. 5 minute walk to groceries store		
TOTALS (AVERAGE)					4.5


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SKATEPARK COMPARISON MATRIX OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATE SITES						
SESSION 3 - SITE E			COMMUNITY SKATEPARK			
LOCATION	Location (Address)	Edwards Memorial Park (55 Mercer Street, Dundas)				
	Active Link (Google Earth)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/f8GAizw3bGB2">https://goo.gl/maps/f8GAizw3bGB2</a>				
LOCATION	Aerial Photo of Candidate Site					
CITY	General Comments	Is there any reason not to pursue this location?	•Very tight - Constrained area •Diamonds are being well used			
	Masterplan	Does this site have a Masterplan?	No			
	DC Eligible / 10 year park improvement/development capital budget, neighbourhood action plan alignment	Is the site DC eligible?	TBD.			
SITE CRITERIA	CATEGORY	CLARIFICATIONS	COMMENTS	RATING 1-5	AVERAGE	
SITE CONDITIONS	Development availability	Would the skatepark have the ability to integrate with existing programmed space in the park area?	Some ability to integrate with the baseball diamonds	3.5	3.3	
	Opportunity to expand	Would the skatepark have the opportunity to expand in the future if needed?	Limited, but could remove an asset	3.5		
	Achievable skatepark area	Is the site big enough for a skatepark of the scale proposed?	No, unless removing an asset	1		
	Biophysical	Topography	Would the topography inhibit grading/excavation for construction?	Area is flat		4
		Trees	Would the skatepark have any impact on existing trees?	Limited, trees are on the edge		4
Planting	Does the planting on the site provide wind protection?	Limited	3.5			
ACCESS & SURROUNDINGS	Proximity to residential	Is this site appropriately setback from residential areas?	No, located in residential neighbourhood	3	2.9	
	Proximity to public building	Is the site close to a staffed public building?	No	1		
	Proximity to Park or green areas	Is the site close to any other park, playground or green areas?	Located in a park, close to Spencer Creek	3.5		
	Proximity to school	Is the site close to any schools?	No	1		
	Transit Access	Is the site or the area well connected to public transport?	~6 min walking distance to (05 Bus at Head at MacNab)	3.5		
	Foot and bike access	Are there bike paths, sidewalks or trail system connections?	No.	1		
	Parking Lot	Is there existing parking ?	Small Lot on site	5		
AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE	Drive-by surveillance	Does the site have easy access for car surveillance?	Yes	5	3.1	
	Access to Amenities	Restrooms	Yes	5		
		Drinking Water	Does the site have enough infrastructure and amenities to improve the experience of skaters?	Yes located in restrooms		4
		Shade or Shelter	Limited from trees	2.5		
		Food	No Access	1		
					3.1	


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SKATEPARK COMPARISON MATRIX OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATE SITES								
SESSION 3 - SITE F			COMMUNITY SKATEPARK					
LOCATION	Location (Address)	Morgan Firestone Arena - Ancaster Community Centre (385 Jerseyville Road West by Martin Road, Ancaster)						
	Active Link (Google Earth)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/t5xQ457idc62">https://goo.gl/maps/t5xQ457idc62</a>						
LOCATION	Aerial Photo of Candidate Site							
CITY	General Comments	Is there any reason not to pursue this location?	No •A lot of opportunity •Due to existing programs, site has high activity.					
	Masterplan	Does this site have a Masterplan?	No					
	DC Eligible / 10 year park improvement/development capital budget, neighbourhood action plan alignment	Is the site DC eligible?	TBD.					
SITE CRITERIA	CATEGORY	CLARIFICATIONS	COMMENTS	RATING				
SITE CONDITIONS	Development availability	Would the skatepark have the ability to integrate with existing programmed space in the park area?	Yes, skatepark could integrate with the other activities in the park and green area	5				
	Opportunity to expand	Would the skatepark have the opportunity to expand in the future if needed?	Yes, depending on location					
	Achievable skatepark area	Is the site big enough for a skatepark of the scale proposed?	Yes					
	Biophysical issues	Topography	Would the topography inhibit grading/excavation for construction?			No. Slight topography. Mainly Flat in the open space		
		Trees	Would the skatepark have any impact on existing trees?			No mature trees on the site. Mature trees located around the perimeter.		
Planting	Does the planting on the site provide wind protection?	Yes, planting wind protection on 3 sides. (Trees on the perimeter)						
ACCESS & SURROUNDINGS	Proximity to residential	Is this site appropriately setback from residential areas?	Yes. No surrounding residential.	4.5				
	Proximity to public building	Is the site close to a staffed public building?	Yes. Ancaster Community Center on site.					
	Proximity to Park or green areas	Is the site close to any other park, playground or green areas?	Yes, located in a park with many sports fields, including a lit hardball field, a lit softball field, and a lit regulation-sized soccer field. Also contains a half basketball court, an accessible play structure, swings and natural area which offer opportunities for the park users to explore or be introduced to new activities like skateboarding.					
	Proximity to school	Is the site close to any schools?	Yes. Ancaster High School 3 minutes walk					
	Transit Access	Is the site or the area well connected to public transport?	3 min walk inside the park to Jerseyville at Martin. Bus stop line 16					
	Foot and bike access	Are there bike paths, sidewalks or trail system connections ?	Yes. Park on the green belt route. Cautionary Un-signed bike route and sidewalks on Jerseyville Rd.					
	Parking Lot	Is there existing parking ?	Yes. Lots of parking space					
	Drive-by surveillance	Does the site have easy access for car surveillance?	Yes, cars can access the inner park.					
	AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE	Access to Amenities	Restrooms			Yes. There are washrooms in the centre of the park	4.5	
			Drinking Water			Does the site have enough infrastructure and amenities to improve the experience of skaters?		
Shade or Shelter			Limited, trees inside the park are still very young					
Food			Yes, community centre.					
TOTALS (AVERAGE)						4.7		


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SKATEPARK COMPARISON MATRIX OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATE SITES					
SESSION 3 - SITE G		NEIGHBOURHOOD SKATEPARK			
LOCATION	Location (Address)	Powell Park (53 Birch Avenue at Harvey Street)			
	Active Link (Google Earth)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/bbGK9BpGZR2">https://goo.gl/maps/bbGK9BpGZR2</a>			
CITY	Aerial Photo of Candidate Site				
	General Comments	Is there any reason not to pursue this location?	No • It would be advantageous to the area. • Difficult neighbourhood, kids don't have a lot of opportunities to go to other skateparks in the City. • Small with lots of potential.		
CITY	Masterplan	Does this site have a Masterplan?	No		
	DC Eligible / 10 year park improvement/development capital budget, neighbourhood action plan alignment	Is the site DC eligible?	TBD, South Sherman Neighbourhood Action Plan and Gibson & Landsdale Area Neighbourhood Action Plan		
	SITE CRITERIA CATEGORY		CLARIFICATIONS	COMMENTS	RATING
SITE CONDITIONS	Development availability	Would the skatepark have the ability to integrate with existing programmed space in the park area?	Yes, skatepark could integrate with the other activities in the park and green area	4.5	
	Opportunity to expand	Would the skatepark have the opportunity to expand in the future if needed?	No. Very limited		
	Achievable skatepark area	Is the site big enough for a skatepark of the scale proposed?	Yes		
	Biophysical Issues	Topography	Would the topography inhibit grading/excavation for construction?		No, flat
		Trees	Would the skatepark have any impact on existing trees?		Mature trees are on the edge of the area or in small clusters not interfering with the possible location (lawn)
Planting		Does the planting on the site provide wind protection?	Partial		
ACCESS & SURROUNDINGS	Proximity to residential	Is this site appropriately setback from residential areas?	Yes, if not located at the edges of the park	5	
	Proximity to public building	Is the site close to a staffed public building?	Yes. 3 min walk to Norman Pinky Lewis Recreation Centre. 4 min walk to Hamilton Public Library - Barton Branch		
	Proximity to Park or green areas	Is the site close to any other park, playground or green areas?	Yes, located in a park with two multi-purpose courts (one court has basketball), an accessible play structure, a wading pool and spray pad which offers opportunities for the park users to explore or be introduced to new activities such as skateboarding.		
	Proximity to school	Is the site close to any schools?	7 min. Walk to Cathy Wever School. 8 min walk to St. Ann (Hamilton) Catholic Elementary School. 10 min walk to Cathedral High School		
	Transit Access	Is the site or the area well connected to public transport?	2 min walk to Cannon at Birch bus stop; line 03. 3 min walk to Barton at Birch bus stop; line 02.		
	Foot and bike access	Are there bike paths, sidewalks or trail system connections ?	1 min. biking to Cannon St E with designated bike lane.		
	Parking Lot	Is there existing parking ?	Yes, informal parking area across the street. (Harvey St)		
	Drive-by surveillance	Does the site have easy access for car surveillance?	Yes		
AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE	Restrooms	Does the site have enough infrastructure and amenities to improve the experience of skaters?	Yes. Building with washroom facilities.	4.5	
	Drinking Water	Unknown if a drinking fountain is in the washroom.	Partial, trees		
	Shade or Shelter				
	Food		3 minute walk to convenience store (Cannon St)		
TOTALS (AVERAGE)				4.7	

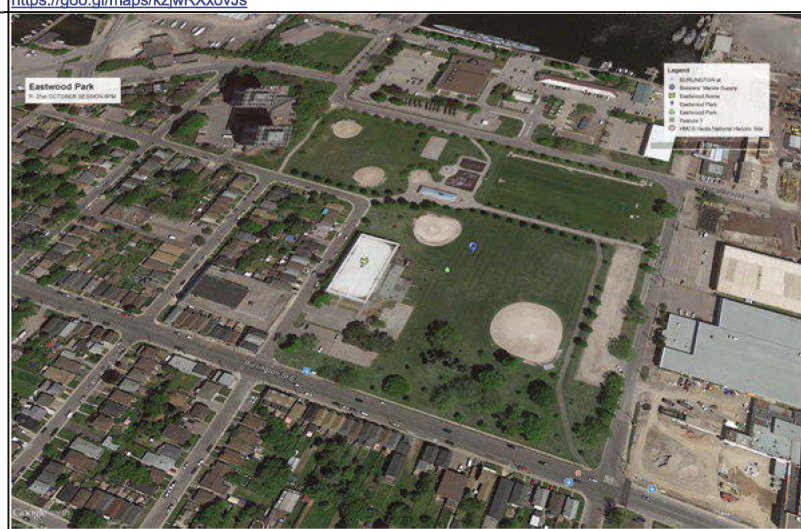
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SESSION 3 - SITE I		COMMUNITY SKATEPARK			
LOCATION	Location (Address)	Veterans Park (105 Huntingwood Avenue, Dundas)			
	Active Link (Google Earth)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/rcc57Tosnyq">https://goo.gl/maps/rcc57Tosnyq</a>			
CITY	Aerial Photo of Candidate Site				
	General Comments	Is there any reason not to pursue this location?	No • Diamond is not well used, could be a potential site • A lot of youth in this area, schools nearby • Good candidate site		
CITY	Masterplan	Does this site have a Masterplan?	Unknown		
	DC Eligible / 10 year park improvement/development capital budget, neighbourhood action plan alignment	Is the site DC eligible?	TBD.		
	SITE CRITERIA CATEGORY		CLARIFICATIONS	COMMENTS	RATING
SITE CONDITIONS	Development availability	Would the skatepark have the ability to integrate with existing programmed space in the park area?	Yes, skatepark could integrate with the other activities in the park and green area	4.5	
	Opportunity to expand	Would the skatepark have the opportunity to expand in the future if needed?	Limited		
	Achievable skatepark area	Is the site big enough for a skatepark of the scale proposed?	Yes. Between the soccer fields and the parking area or removal of a baseball diamond.		
	Biophysical Issues	Topography	Would the topography inhibit grading/excavation for construction?		Possibly. Grade varies between the soccer fields and the parking area
		Trees	Would the skatepark have any impact on existing trees?		Mature trees are located at the edges of the area.
Planting		Does the planting on the site provide wind protection?	Limited		
ACCESS & SURROUNDINGS	Proximity to residential	Is this site appropriately setback from residential areas?	Yes, if not located at the edge of the park	4.5	
	Proximity to public building	Is the site close to a staffed public building?	YMCA Child Care Centre 5 minute walk. 3 schools nearby		
	Proximity to Park or green areas	Is the site close to any other park, playground or green areas?	Yes, located in a park with softball fields, play equipment, natural areas and several walkways which offers opportunities for the park users to explore or be introduced to new activities such as skateboarding.		
	Proximity to school	Is the site close to any schools?	Yes, 3 schools. 6 min walk to Sir William Osler Elementary School, 7 min walk to Dundas Valley Secondary School, 10 min walk to St. Bernadette Catholic Elementary School.		
	Transit Access	Is the site or the area well connected to public transport?	4 min walk to Governors opposite Moss bus stop, line 05.		
	Foot and bike access	Are there bike paths, sidewalks or trail system connections ?	Sidewalks along the perimeter of the park and a walking or hiking trail inside of the park. Site connects to a cautionary un-signed bike route.		
	Parking Lot	Is there existing parking ?	Yes, parking inside of the park		
	Drive-by surveillance	Does the site have easy access for car surveillance?	Yes		
AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE	Restrooms	Does the site have enough infrastructure and amenities to improve the experience of skaters?	Yes, washroom building	4.5	
	Drinking Water		Washroom building running water		
	Shade or Shelter		Trees, limited		
	Food		5 minute walk to convenience store. Big bear food mart.		
TOTALS (AVERAGE)				4.5	





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SKATEPARK COMPARISON MATRIX OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATE SITES						
SESSION 3 - SITE J			COMMUNITY SKATEPARK			
LOCATION	Location (Address)	Reservoir - Highland Gardens Park				
	Active Link (Google Earth)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/n5hUivymoG52">https://goo.gl/maps/n5hUivymoG52</a>				
	Aerial Photo of Candidate Site					
CITY	General Comments	Is there any reason not to pursue this location?	Very remote			
	Masterplan	Does this site have a Masterplan?	Unknown			
	DC Eligible / 10 year park improvement/development capital budget, neighbourhood action plan alignment	Is the site DC eligible?	TBD.			
SITE CRITERIA	CATEGORY	CLARIFICATIONS	COMMENTS	RATING 1-5	AVERAGE	
SITE CONDITIONS	Development availability	Would the skatepark have the ability to integrate with existing programmed space in the park area?	possibly	2.5	2.5	
	Opportunity to expand	Would the skatepark have the opportunity to expand in the future if needed?	no	1		
	Achievable skatepark area	Is the site big enough for a skatepark of the scale proposed?	no	1		
	Biophysical	Topography	Would the topography inhibit grading/excavation for construction?	no		4
		Trees	Would the skatepark have any impact on existing trees?	possibly		2.5
		Planting	Does the planting on the site provide wind protection?	Yes		4
ACCESS & SURROUNDINGS	Proximity to residential	Is this site appropriately setback from residential areas?	possibly	2.5	2.2	
	Proximity to public building	Is the site close to a staffed public building?	no	1		
	Proximity to Park or green areas	Is the site close to any other park, playground or green areas?	yes	4		
	Proximity to school	Is the site close to any schools?	no	1		
	Transit Access	Is the site or the area well connected to public transport?	yes, Route 7	4		
	Foot and bike access	Are there bike paths, sidewalks or trail system connections?	bruce trail	3		
	Parking Lot	Is there existing parking ?	no	1		
	Drive-by surveillance	Does the site have easy access for car surveillance?	no	1		
AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE	Access to Amenities	Restrooms	no	1	1.5	
		Drinking Water	Does the site have enough infrastructure and amenities to improve the experience of skaters?	no		1
		Shade or Shelter	trees provide shade	3		
		Food	no	1		
					2.1	


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SKATEPARK COMPARISON MATRIX OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATE SITES							
SESSION 3 - SITE L			NEIGHBOURHOOD SKATEPARK				
LOCATION	Location (Address)	Corman / Glendale Park (255 Rainbow Dr)					
	Active Link (Google Earth)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/HdSBu6MnCVp2">https://goo.gl/maps/HdSBu6MnCVp2</a>					
	Aerial Photo of Candidate Site						
CITY	General Comments	Is there any reason not to pursue this location?	May not have enough space to accommodate. close to residences.				
	Masterplan	Does this site have a Masterplan?	No future or current plans				
	DC Eligible / 10 year park improvement/development capital budget, neighbourhood action plan alignment	Is the site DC eligible?	TBD.				
SITE CRITERIA	CATEGORY	CLARIFICATIONS	COMMENTS	RATING 1-5	AVERAGE		
SITE CONDITIONS	Development availability	Would the skatepark have the ability to integrate with existing programmed space in the park area?	Yes, skatepark participants would also have access to a baseball diamond, basketball courts and a play structure	4	3.8		
	Opportunity to expand	Would the skatepark have the opportunity to expand in the future if needed?	Limited	3.5			
	Achievable skatepark area	Is the site big enough for a skatepark of the scale proposed?	Yes	5			
	Biophysical	Topography	Would the topography inhibit grading/excavation for construction?	Topography is relatively flat		4	
		Trees	Would the skatepark have any impact on existing trees?	No		5	
		Planting	Does the planting on the site provide wind protection?	No wind protection		1	
ACCESS & SURROUNDINGS	Proximity to residential	Is this site appropriately setback from residential areas?	Road provides a limited buffer, no planting surrounding site	3	3.4		
	Proximity to public building	Is the site close to a staffed public building?	No ~20 min walk to Sir Wilfried Laurier Rec Centre	1			
	Proximity to Park or green areas	Is the site close to any other park, playground or green areas?	Yes, located within a park	4.5			
	Proximity to school	Is the site close to any schools?	Yes, shared access with Glendale Secondary School and Glen Echo Jr School	5			
	Transit Access	Is the site or the area well connected to public transport?	Closest bus is available at Nash Road (04) OR on King St East (05)	3.5			
	Foot and bike access	Are there bike paths, sidewalks or trail system connections?	Designated Bike Lane along King St E	3.5			
	Parking Lot	Is there existing parking ?	Parking available at the schools	3			
	Drive-by surveillance	Does the site have easy access for car surveillance?	Yes	4			
	AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE	Access to Amenities	Restrooms	None		1	1.6
			Drinking Water	None		1	
Shade or Shelter			Very Limited	1			
Food			Food available on Queenston Rd (~15 min walking distance)	3.5			
					2.9		


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SKATEPARK COMPARISON MATRIX OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATE SITES					
SESSION 3 - SITE O				COMMUNITY SKATEPARK	
LOCATION	Location (Address)	Mark Anthony Graham Memorial Olympic Park			
	Active Link (Google Earth)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/UiBnCGeFEWU2">https://goo.gl/maps/UiBnCGeFEWU2</a>			
	Aerial Photo of Candidate Site				
CITY	General Comments	Is there any reason not to pursue this location?	•Landfill, very remote and no sidewalks.		
	Masterplan	Does this site have a Masterplan?	No future or current plans here		
	DC Eligible / 10 year park improvement/development capital budget, neighbourhood action plan alignment	Is the site DC eligible?	TBD.		
SITE CRITERIA	CATEGORY	CLARIFICATIONS	COMMENTS	RATING 1-5	AVERAGE
SITE CONDITIONS	Development availability	Would the skatepark have the ability to integrate with existing programmed space in the park area?	Yes, sports fields and baseball diamonds	3	3.2
	Opportunity to expand	Would the skatepark have the opportunity to expand in the future if needed?	Limited, unless an amenity is removed	3.5	
	Achievable skatepark area	Is the site big enough for a skatepark of the scale proposed?	No, unless an amenity is removed	2	
	Topography	Would the topography inhibit grading/excavation for construction?	topography is relatively flat	4	
	Trees	Would the skatepark have any impact on existing trees?	No	4	
ACCESS & SURROUNDINGS	Planting	Does the planting on the site provide wind protection?	Limited wind protection	2.5	3.6
	Proximity to residential	Is this site appropriately setback from residential areas?	Yes	5	
	Proximity to public building	Is the site close to a staffed public building?	Olympic Arena	5	
	Proximity to Park or green areas	Is the site close to any other park, playground or green areas?	Volunteer Field is located close	4	
	Proximity to school	Is the site close to any schools?	No	1	
	Transit Access	Is the site or the area well connected to public transport?	No	1	
	Foot and bike access	Are there bike paths, sidewalks or trail system connections?	Paved shoulder and Paved Multi Use Trail	4	
AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE	Parking Lot	Is there existing parking ?	Parking available at the arena	5	3.0
	Drive-by surveillance	Does the site have easy access for car surveillance?	Yes	4	
	Restrooms	Does the site have enough infrastructure and amenities to improve the experience of skaters?	Yes	5	
	Drinking Water		Located in the restrooms	4	
Shade or Shelter	Extremely limited		2		
Food	No	1			
					3.3

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SKATEPARK COMPARISON MATRIX OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATE SITES					
SESSION 3 - SITE P				NEIGHBOURHOOD SKATEPARK	
LOCATION	Location (Address)	Eastwood Park			
	Active Link (Google Earth)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/kziwRXxovJs">https://goo.gl/maps/kziwRXxovJs</a>			
	Aerial Photo of Candidate Site				
CITY	General Comments	Is there any reason not to pursue this location?	No •Arena may be closed in the future. •Possibility of mixed indoor-outdoor with structure re-use •High rate of poverty in the area •Opportunity as a free recreation space.		
	Masterplan	Does this site have a Masterplan?	No future or current plans here		
	DC Eligible / 10 year park improvement/development capital budget, neighbourhood action plan alignment	Is the site DC eligible?	TBD, Jamesville Neighbourhood Action Plan		
SITE CRITERIA	CATEGORY	CLARIFICATIONS	COMMENTS	RATING	
SITE CONDITIONS	Development availability	Would the skatepark have the ability to integrate with existing programmed space in the park area?	Yes, skatepark could integrate with the other activities in the park and green area. Skatepark could integrate and re-use the arena when permanently closed	4.5	
	Opportunity to expand	Would the skatepark have the opportunity to expand in the future if needed?	Limited		
	Achievable skatepark area	Is the site big enough for a skatepark of the scale proposed?	Yes		
	Topography	Would the topography inhibit grading/excavation for construction?	No. Flat		
	Trees	Would the skatepark have any impact on existing trees?	No		
ACCESS & SURROUNDINGS	Planting	Does the planting on the site provide wind protection?	Partial. If the skatepark uses the old arena for indoor purposes it would have 100% wind protection.	4	
	Proximity to residential	Is this site appropriately setback from residential areas?	Yes, if not located at the edges of the park outdoor part of the skatepark.		
	Proximity to public building	Is the site close to a staffed public building?	No. Closest Bennetto Community Centre 8 min. Walk. Currently the arena is in the park, however may not always be.		
	Proximity to Park or green areas	Is the site close to any other park, playground or green areas?	Yes, located in a park with softball and soccer fields, a basketball court, multi-purpose court, an accessible creative play structure, spray pad, asphalt pathways etc which offers opportunities for the park users to explore or be introduced to new activities like skateboarding.		
	Proximity to school	Is the site close to any schools?	4 min. Walk to St. Lawrence Catholic Elementary School		
	Transit Access	Is the site or the area well connected to public transport?	Less than 1 min walk to Burlington at Mary bus stop; line 04. 6 min walk to James at Burlington bus stop; line 20		
	Foot and bike access	Are there bike paths, sidewalks or trail system connections ?	Designated bike lane on the north side of the park that connects to a paved multi-use trail, signed on-street bike route on the east side of the park. Sidewalks on the south side (Burlington St.E).		
AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE	Parking Lot	Is there existing parking ?	Yes. Different parking areas on the park.	5	
	Drive-by surveillance	Does the site have easy access for car surveillance?	Yes		
	Restrooms	Does the site have enough infrastructure and amenities to improve the experience of skaters?	Yes, washroom and change room building.		
	Drinking Water		Washroom building running water		
Shade or Shelter	Shelter area close to the playground				
Food	No	Convenience store 1 minute away from the park.			
TOTALS (AVERAGE)					4.5

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SKATEPARK COMPARISON MATRIX OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATE SITES						
SESSION 3 - SITE Q			COMMUNITY SKATEPARK			
LOCATION	Location (Address)	Pier 8 (57 Discovery Dr)				
	Active Link (Google Earth)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/kziwRXxovJs">https://goo.gl/maps/kziwRXxovJs</a>				
	Aerial Photo of Candidate Site					
CITY	General Comments	Is there any reason not to pursue this location?	•Safety			
	Masterplan	Does this site have a Masterplan?	Yes, an urban design study and masterplan			
	DC Eligible / 10 year park improvement/development capital budget, neighbourhood action plan alignment	Is the site DC eligible?	TBD. Jamesville Neighbourhood Action Plan			
SITE CRITERIA	CATEGORY	CLARIFICATIONS	COMMENTS	RATING 1-5	AVERAGE	
SITE CONDITIONS	Development availability	Would the skatepark have the ability to integrate with existing programmed space in the park area?	no	1	1.8	
	Opportunity to expand	Would the skatepark have the opportunity to expand in the future if needed?	no	1		
	Achievable skatepark area	Is the site big enough for a skatepark of the scale proposed?	no	1		
	Biophysical	Topography	Would the topography inhibit grading/excavation for construction?	possibly		2.5
		Trees	Would the skatepark have any impact on existing trees?	no		4
		Planting	Does the planting on the site provide wind protection?	no		1
ACCESS & SURROUNDINGS	Proximity to residential	Is this site appropriately setback from residential areas?	possibly	2.5	3.5	
	Proximity to public building	Is the site close to a staffed public building?	possibly	2.5		
	Proximity to Park or green areas	Is the site close to any other park, playground or green areas?	yes	5		
	Proximity to school	Is the site close to any schools?	no	1		
	Transit Access	Is the site or the area well connected to public transport?	yes, Routes 20 and 99	4		
	Foot and bike access	Are there bike paths, sidewalks or trail system connections?	yes	5		
	Parking Lot	Is there existing parking ?	yes	5		
Drive-by surveillance	Does the site have easy access for car surveillance?	somewhat	3			
AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE	Access to Amenities	Restrooms	yes	5	3.8	
		Drinking Water	Does the site have enough infrastructure and amenities to improve the experience of skaters?	williams restaurant		2.5
		Shade or Shelter	yes	5		
		Food	williams restauramt	2.5		
					3.0	

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SKATEPARK COMPARISON MATRIX OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATE SITES								
SESSION 3 - SITE R			NEIGHBOURHOOD SKATEPARK					
LOCATION	Location (Address)	Durand Park. (250 Park St S)						
	Active Link (Google Earth)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/Ep8yHzTThnv">https://goo.gl/maps/Ep8yHzTThnv</a>						
	Aerial Photo of Candidate Site							
CITY	General Comments	Is there any reason not to pursue this location?	No •Opportunity for skate dots along the trail •Transit in every corner of the site					
	Masterplan	Does this site have a Masterplan?	Yes. New Concept plan.					
	DC Eligible / 10 year park improvement/development capital budget, neighbourhood action plan alignment	Is the site DC eligible?	TBD					
SITE CRITERIA	CATEGORY	CLARIFICATIONS	COMMENTS	RATING				
SITE CONDITIONS	Development availability	Would the skatepark have the ability to integrate with existing programmed space in the park area?	Yes, skatepark could integrate with the other activities in the park and green area.	4.5				
	Opportunity to expand	Would the skatepark have the opportunity to expand in the future if needed?	No. Very limited space					
	Achievable skatepark area	Is the site big enough for a skatepark of the scale proposed?	Yes for a very small scale skatepark					
	Biophysical	Topography	Would the topography inhibit grading/excavation for construction?			No, lawn area flat. Slight topography in some areas.		
		Trees	Would the skatepark have any impact on existing trees?			The site is surrounded by trees. Open lawn without trees offers space for small scale skatepark.		
		Planting	Does the planting on the site provide wind protection?			Yes, partial wind protection		
ACCESS & SURROUNDINGS	Proximity to residential	Is this site appropriately setback from residential areas?	Yes, if not located at the edge of the park	4				
	Proximity to public building	Is the site close to a staffed public building?	3 min walk to St. Joseph's Healthcare Foundation. 9 min walk to Hamilton Downtown Family YMCA					
	Proximity to Park or green areas	Is the site close to any other park, playground or green areas?	Yes, located in a park with open space in the south, a shaded playground with two play structures and swings which offers opportunities for the park users to explore or be introduced to new activities like skateboarding.					
	Proximity to school	Is the site close to any schools?	5 min walk to Central Public School. 7 min. Walk to Ryerson Middle School. 7 min. Walk to Metropolitan College.					
	Transit Access	Is the site or the area well connected to public transport?	Yes. 4 bus stops one on each corner of the park. 1 min. Walk to Park at Charlton bus stop: line 06. 1 min walk to Herkimer at Park bus stop: line 06. 1 min. Walk to Herkimer at Bay bus stop: line 06. 1 min walk to Charlton at Bay bus stop: line 06.					
	Foot and bike access	Are there bike paths, sidewalks or trail system connections ?	Signed on-street bike route north and south sides of the park. 1 minute bike from a designated bike lane. Sidewalks all around the park.					
	Parking Lot	Is there existing parking ?	No, however the park is well connected with transit.					
	Drive-by surveillance	Does the site have easy access for car surveillance?	Yes					
	AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE	Access to Amenities	Restrooms			Unknown	4	
			Drinking Water			Does the site have enough infrastructure and amenities to improve the experience of skaters?		
Shade or Shelter			Trees offer significant shade. New Concept design shows a proposed shade structure.					
Food			Convenience store 3 minutes walk from the park					
TOTALS (AVERAGE)					4.2			

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SKATEPARK COMPARISON MATRIX OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATE SITES					
SESSION 3 - SITE S			COMMUNITY/ NEIGHBOURHOOD SKATEPARK		
LOCATION	Location (Address)	Victoria Park (516 King Street West)			
	Active Link (Google Earth)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/t33bohd1vhP2">https://goo.gl/maps/t33bohd1vhP2</a>			
Aerial Photo of Candidate Site					
CITY	General Comments	Is there any reason not to pursue this location?	No	• A lot of people rely on this park as it is geographically significant. • It is constrained. Potential for dots or neighbourhood skateparks along trail.	
	Masterplan	Does this site have a Masterplan?	Yes		
	DC Eligible / 10 year park improvement/development capital budget, neighbourhood action plan alignment	Is the site DC eligible?	TBD.		
SITE CRITERIA	CATEGORY	CLARIFICATIONS	COMMENTS	RATING	
SITE CONDITIONS	Development availability	Would the skatepark have the ability to integrate with existing programmed space in the park area?	Yes, skatepark could integrate with the other activities in the park and green area even though the park is constrained. Should be a small scale skatepark.	4	
	Opportunity to expand	Would the skatepark have the opportunity to expand in the future if needed?	No. Limited space		
	Achievable skatepark area	Is the site big enough for a skatepark of the scale proposed?	Yes for a very small scale skatepark		
	Biophysical issues	Topography	Would the topography inhibit grading/excavation for construction?		No, flat lawn area
		Trees	Would the skatepark have any impact on existing trees?		Trees located at the edges of the park. Open lawn without trees offers space for small scale skatepark.
		Planting	Does the planting on the site provide wind protection?		Limited wind protection
ACCESS & SURROUNDINGS	Proximity to residential	Is this site appropriately setback from residential areas?	Yes, if not located at the edges of the park	4	
	Proximity to public building	Is the site close to a staffed public building?	Pool Building (Seasonal staff) inside of the building.		
	Proximity to Park or green areas	Is the site close to any other park, playground or green areas?	Yes, located in a park with a variety of activities including a playground, a large hardball diamond, swimming and wading pools, tennis and multi-purpose courts and a Community Garden which offers opportunities for the park users to explore or be introduced to new activities like skateboarding.		
	Proximity to school	Is the site close to any schools?	1 minute walk to Strathcona School. 9 min. Walk to Hess Street Junior Public School.		
	Transit Access	Is the site or the area well connected to public transport?	Yes. 1 min walk to Strathcona Loop bus stop line: 08 3 min. Walk to King at Strathcona bus stop: Lines 01, 05, 16, 18, 40, 47, 51 3 min. Walk to York at Locke bus stop: Lines 1, 1X, 08, 09.		
	Foot and bike access	Are there bike paths, sidewalks or trail system connections ?	Walking or Hiking Trail inside of the park. Cautionary un-signed bike route on the west side of the park. Designated bike lane on the south of the site.		
	Parking Lot	Is there existing parking ?	Parking area is part of the park		
	Drive-by surveillance	Does the site have easy access for car surveillance?	Yes if located close to the perimeter		
AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE	Access to Amenities	Restrooms	Possibly seasonal in the pool building. May be Private. Unknown building on the south site of the park.	4	
		Drinking Water	Public and schedule unknown		
		Shade or Shelter	Trees offer partial shade		
		Food	Convenience store on one side of the park. 2 min. Walk		
TOTALS (AVERAGE)				4.0	

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SKATEPARK COMPARISON MATRIX OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATE SITES					
SITE RECEIVED BY EMAIL B			COMMUNITY SKATEPARK		
LOCATION	Location (Address)	Mohawk Sports Park - Bernie Arbour Stadium (1100 Mohawk Road East)			
	Active Link (Google Earth)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/avtqYGsYLN2">https://goo.gl/maps/avtqYGsYLN2</a>			
Aerial Photo of Candidate Site					
CITY	General Comments	Is there any reason not to pursue this location?	No	• Mohawk Half pipe is currently on this site • Facility improvements planned for 2017	
	Masterplan	Does this site have a Masterplan?	No		
	DC Eligible / 10 year park improvement/development capital budget, neighbourhood action plan alignment	Is the site DC eligible?	TBD.		
SITE CRITERIA	CATEGORY	CLARIFICATIONS	COMMENTS	RATING	
SITE CONDITIONS	Development availability	Would the skatepark have the ability to integrate with existing programmed space in the park area?	Yes, skatepark could integrate with the other activities in the park and green area.	5	
	Opportunity to expand	Would the skatepark have the opportunity to expand in the future if needed?	Yes		
	Achievable skatepark area	Is the site big enough for a skatepark of the scale proposed?	Yes		
	Biophysical issues	Topography	Would the topography inhibit grading/excavation for construction?		No. Flat
		Trees	Would the skatepark have any impact on existing trees?		Trees located at the edges of the park or in big clusters creating buffer spaces. Open lawn without trees offer space for skatepark.
		Planting	Does the planting on the site provide wind protection?		Yes, wind protection in some areas.
ACCESS & SURROUNDINGS	Proximity to residential	Is this site appropriately setback from residential areas?	Yes, if not located at the edges of the park.	4	
	Proximity to public building	Is the site close to a staffed public building?	Mohawk 4 Ice Centre - Arena Building right beside the park.		
	Proximity to Park or green areas	Is the site close to any other park, playground or green areas?	Yes, located in a park with baseball diamonds, soccer and football fields, a running track and a playground with a play structure, swings, and spring toys. The east side is a large natural area. A portion of the Escarpment Rail Trail runs through the park.		
	Proximity to school	Is the site close to any schools?	12 minute walk to St. Anthony Daniel Catholic Elementary School.		
	Transit Access	Is the site or the area well connected to public transport?	Yes. 2 min walk to Upper Kenilworth at Landron bus stop, line 21		
	Foot and bike access	Are there bike paths, sidewalks or trail system connections ?	Paved multi-use trail and walking or hiking trail inside of the park. Signed on-street bike route on the east side of the park.		
	Parking Lot	Is there existing parking ?	Yes, parking areas inside of the park.		
	Drive-by surveillance	Does the site have easy access for car surveillance?	Large park, depending on where the skatepark would be located.		
AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE	Access to Amenities	Restrooms	Arena nearby	3.5	
		Drinking Water	In arena		
		Shade or Shelter	Trees offer partial shade		
		Food	Canteen in Mohawk 4 Ice Centre.		
TOTALS (AVERAGE)				4.2	

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SKATEPARK COMPARISON MATRIX OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATE SITES					
SITE RECEIVED BY EMAIL E			COMMUNITY SKATEPARK		
LOCATION	Location (Address)	Sir Wilfred Laurier Recreation Centre			
	Active Link (Google Earth)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/MRFnkefZh82">https://goo.gl/maps/MRFnkefZh82</a>			
	Aerial Photo of Candidate Site				
CITY	General Comments	Is there any reason not to pursue this location?	No • Depending on site location, may not be visible from the street. • Private development occurring at the corner of Albright Rd. and Quigley Rd. • School is gone as the city brought the site (6 acres) • Potential site close to renovated recreation center		
	Masterplan	Does this site have a Masterplan?	No		
	DC Eligible / 10 year park improvement/development capital budget, neighbourhood action plan alignment	Is the site DC eligible?	TBD, Davis Creek Neighbourhood Action Plan		
SITE CRITERIA	CATEGORY	CLARIFICATIONS	COMMENTS	RATING	
SITE CONDITIONS	Development availability	Would the skatepark have the ability to integrate with existing programmed space in the park area?	Yes, skatepark could integrate with the other areas in the park and green area.	4.5	
	Opportunity to expand	Would the skatepark have the opportunity to expand in the future if needed?	Yes		
	Achievable skatepark area	Is the site big enough for a skatepark of the scale proposed?	Yes		
	Biophysical Issues	Topography	Would the topography inhibit grading/excavation for construction?		No, flat
		Trees	Would the skatepark have any impact on existing trees?		Trees located at the edges of the park. Open lawn without trees offers space for skatepark.
	Planting	Does the planting on the site provide wind protection?	Yes, wind protection on some areas.		
ACCESS & SURROUNDINGS	Proximity to residential	Is this site appropriately setback from residential areas?	Yes	4.5	
	Proximity to public building	Is the site close to a staffed public building?	Yes. Sir Wilfrid Laurier Recreation Centre is part of the park.		
	Proximity to Park or green areas	Is the site close to any other park, playground or green areas?	Yes, located in a park with baseball diamonds, and green areas.		
	Proximity to school	Is the site close to any schools?	Yes. Sir Wilfrid Laurier School on site. 15 min walk to Glendale School.		
	Transit Access	Is the site or the area well connected to public transport?	Yes. 2 min walk to Quigley opposite Albright bus stop lines: 04, 05. 5 min walk to Mount Albion at Albright bus stop line: 11		
	Foot and bike access	Are there bike paths, sidewalks or trail system connections ?	2 min. Biking to Designated bike lane.		
	Parking Lot	Is there existing parking ?	Yes, on site		
Drive-by surveillance	Does the site have easy access for car surveillance?	Depending on where the skatepark would be located.			
AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE	Access to Amenities	Restrooms	In recreation center building	5	
		Drinking Water	In recreation center building		
		Shade or Shelter	Trees offer partial shade		
		Food	3 minute walk to convenience store		
<b>TOTALS (AVERAGE)</b>				<b>4.7</b>	



# 2 ADDRESSING THE VARIETY OF USERS

A park activity that was very clearly voiced at the user feedback sessions was a strong desire from BMX bikers to be allowed to use skateparks. Scooters are another fairly new user-group of skateparks to be considered in addition to skateboarders. The variety of users can be broken down by skill level. The following are possible approaches to creatively serving all users at skateparks.

## 2.1 COLOR CODING FOR SKILL LEVELS

The concept of visually coding the skatepark to demonstrate levels of difficulty has not been adopted by many municipal skateparks. A lack of a standardized rating system and the difficulty of rating features accurately could be a reason for this. Otherwise it may open Municipalities to liability issues if an element could be inaccurately rated. Further, if the park areas were marked on the concrete surfaces (i.e. with paint), it's possible that they would get graffiti'd over, or they would just wear off. Marking would require additional inspection and maintenance. Instead of or in addition to marking the concrete surface, a drawing of the skatepark on a sign-board could be marked with levels of difficulty, much like a ski area. City legal counsel would be strongly advised before executing such a program. The City of Brampton has successfully created a skate element coding system for their users and skateboarding instruction classes.

## 2.2 SCHEDULED TIMES FOR DIFFERENT WHEELED SPORT

The concept of allowing only certain wheeled sports in the park on a schedule has not been adopted by many municipal skateparks due to the difficulty in enforcing the rules. It is conceivable that unless the facility was completely fenced, it would be very hard for Municipal Staff to stop

anyone from riding the park at any time. Any kind of reasonably aesthetically pleasing fencing is very expensive, as is the cost of staffing the facility. Further, it is possible for liability to increase when staff are on-site, due to their ability to supervise which then shifts the responsibility on the City to supervise and manage the users.

A schedule of times has been used by municipalities and cities for outdoor shinny and skating for many years and while it is not always easy to enforce, it does give an individual user type the opportunity to have uninterrupted free play without the worry of colliding or being interrupted by a less compatible user. There may also be the opportunity to allow third party companies to facilitate lessons and demonstrations that could influence the use of a park for a specific period of time. This could be manifested in a number of ways and there could be initial possibilities in mirroring the way city fields are leased at various times during the spring, summer and fall.

## 2.3 SCHEDULED TIMES FOR DIFFERENT USER ABILITY LEVELS

If scheduling is being divided up by sport type, it may also be logical to divide it up by ability level, however this can become very complex unless we are dealing with a massive 60,000 sq. ft. skatepark with predetermined zones. An inexperienced skateboarder can pose risk to an experienced one, so this idea would be worth exploring as well, should a scheduled program for skateparks be pursued.

## 2.4 SEPARATE PARKS FOR SEPARATE SPORTS

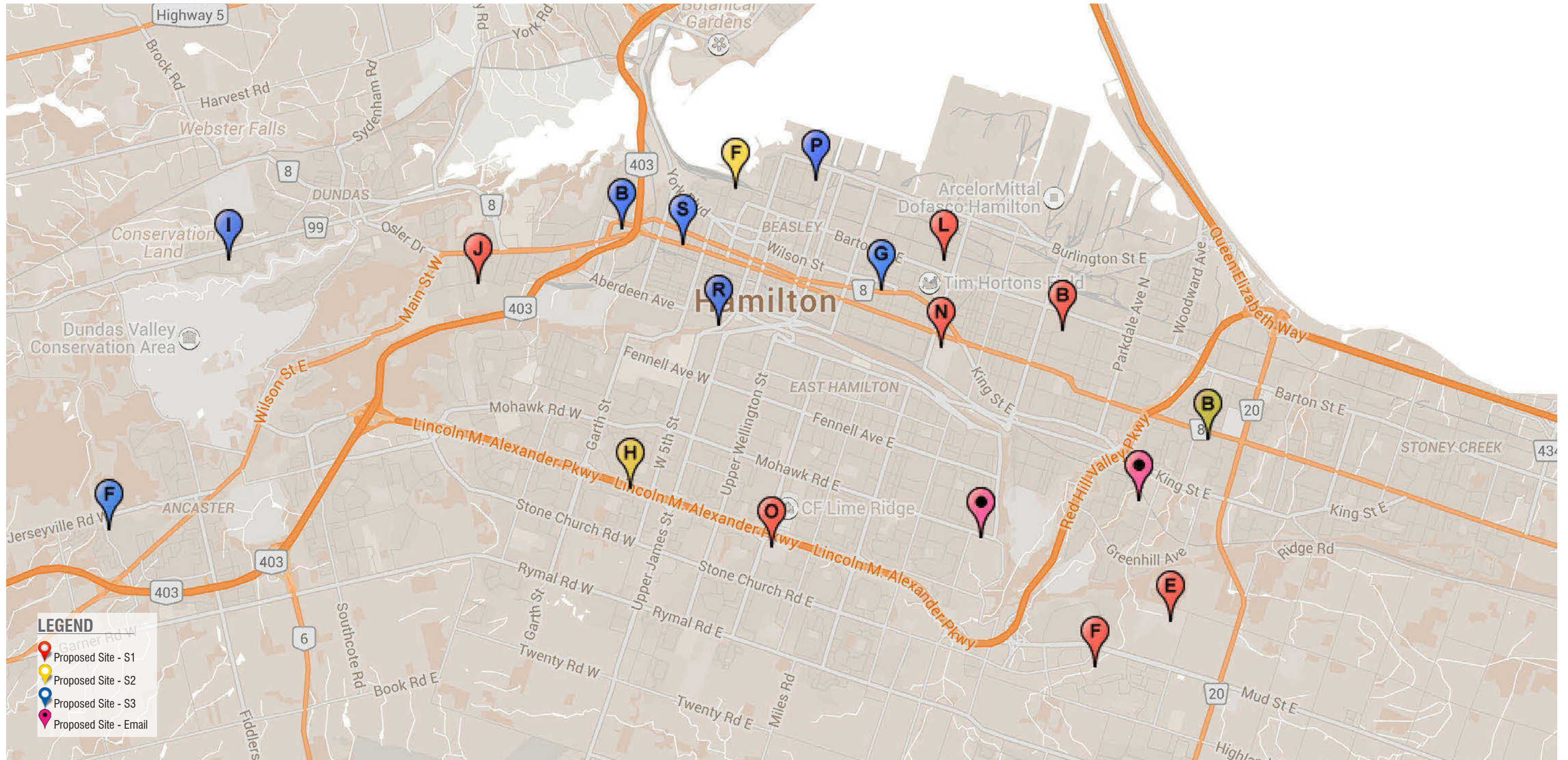
It is possible to build separate parks for separate sports such as a "skatepark" built exclusively for the use of bikes. The challenge with this approach is of course the cost, as well as again the enforcement issue. It is easier for a BMXer to use a skatepark than a skater to use a BMX park because of the dimensioning of elements for a BMX park may not be sufficient for a skatepark user.

## 3.5 CLOSING

It appears that the vast majority of skateparks, except in the State of California, allow all wheels and all abilities, all the time, probably due to the costs associated with fencing, maintenance and staffing. It is likely cost prohibitive and not practical to segregate park users via scheduling or constructing different facilities. However, it is important for the City to understand that this will happen regardless of park signage and add design criteria that will accommodate the strength required in various materials in the park (i.e., Steel on coping needs to be stronger to avoid pegs from bikes from damaging coping and rails). The same concern for concrete and other materials should be considered)

# 3

## LIST AND MAPPING OF CANDIDATE SITES FOR COMMUNITY LEVEL SKATE PARKS CITY LEVEL SKATEBOARD STUDY





**COMPLETE LIST, HIGH TO LOW RATING**

SUMMARY CHART PROPOSED LOCATIONS FOR SKATEBOARD PARK - HAMILTON						
#	Session	Code	Category	Type	Site Name	Final Rating
6	1	F	Studied Site	Community	Valley Park (970 Paramount Drive, Stoney Creek)	4.8
30	3	F	Studied Site	Community	Morgan Firestone Arena - Ancaster Community Centre (385 Jerseyville Road West)	4.7
31	3	G	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Powell Park (53 Birch Avenue at Harvey Street)	4.7
50	EMAIL	B	Studied Site	Community	Sir Wilfred Laurier Recreation Centre	4.7
10	1	J	Studied Site	Community	Alexander Park (201 Whitney Avenue by Rifle Range Road)	4.5
40	3	P	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Eastwood Park	4.5
26	3	B	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Coronation Arena (80 Macklin St N, Hamilton)	4.5
33	3	I	Studied Site	Community	Veterans Park (105 Huntingwood Avenue, Dundas)	4.5
14	1	N	Studied Site	Neighbourhood / Community	Gage Park (1000 Main Street East)	4.3
18	2	B	Studied Site	Neighbourhood / Community	Sam Manson Park (80 Nash Road North)	4.2
15	1	O	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	TB McQuesten Community Park (1199 Upper Wentworth Street)	4.2
47	EMAIL	A	Studied Site	Community	Mohawk Sports Park - Bernie Arbour Stadium (1100 Mohawk Road East)	4.2
24	2	H	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Captain Cornelius (180 Limeridge Road West)	4.2
42	3	R	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Durand Park (250 Park St S)	4.2
43	3	S	Studied Site	Neighbourhood / Community	Victoria Park (516 King Street West)	4.0
2	1	B	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Andrew Warburton Memorial Park (199 Tragina Avenue North by Britannia Avenue)	4.0
22	2	F	Studied Site	Community	Bayfront Park (200 Harbour Front Drive by Bay Street)	4.0
4	1	D	Studied Site	Community	Green Acres Park (880 Queenston Road (50 Randall Ave) Stoney Creek)	3.8
17	2	A	Studied Site	Neighbourhood / Community	Buchanan Park School (111 Columbia Drive by Stacey and Laurier Avenues)	3.8
5	1	E	Studied Site	Community	Heritage Green Sports Park (355 First Road West)	3.8
19	2	C	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Bruce Park (145 Brucedale Avenue East at Queensdale Avenue East)	3.8
23	2	G	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Sam Lawrence (255 Concession Street)	3.8
7	1	G	Studied Site	Community	Dundas Driving Park (71 Cross Street, Dundas)	3.8
3	1	C	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Riverdale East Park (135 Vittorito Avenue)	3.5
16	1	P	Studied Site	Community	Trail Near Lime Ridge Mall (Limeridge Rd E)	3.5
25	3	A	Studied Site	Community	Churchill Park (199 Glen Rd, by Parkside Dr)	3.4
12	1	L	Studied Site	Community	Stadium Precinct Park (Gage Ave N At Lloyd)	3.3
39	3	O	Studied Site	Community	Mark Anthony Graham Memorial Olympic Park (948 Mohawk Rd W)	3.3
29	3	E	Studied Site	Community	Edwards Memorial Park (55 Mercer Street, Dundas)	3.1
41	3	Q	Studied Site	Community	Pier 8 (57 Discovery Dr)	3.0
1	1	A	Studied Site	Community	Between Fruitland Rd and Jones Rd., North of Hwy 8, South of Barton St.	3.0
36	3	L	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Corman - Glendale Park (255 Rainbow Dr)	2.9
34	3	J	Studied Site	Community	Reservoir - Highland Gardens Park	2.1

*Evaluated locations under the out of scope and repeat sites categories have been removed from the above list.*

As described in more detail in Section 6, there are number of factors that determine if a Neighborhood, Community or City skatepark are considered suitable for a specific site. The following relative sizes directly affect suitability to various sites.

**NEIGHBORHOOD SKATEPARK/ SKATE SPOT: (1000sq ft to 5000sq ft - 1 km service radius)**

Normally attracts users from the community where it is located. Neighborhood skate spots should be within walking distance of their catchment area and should have trash bins, seating areas and water fountains nearby.

**COMMUNITY SKATEPARK: (5000sq ft to 12000sq ft - 2 km service radius)**

Community skateparks are typically in a location that is central to a particular community within a City, so as to serve primarily that community. These skateparks should also include parking areas and public restrooms within walking distance.

**CITY SKATEPARK: (12000sq ft to 25000sq ft - 5 km service radius)**

Typically planned to serve a large segment of a large City, in Canada, these parks range in size from 6000 sq.ft. to 15,000 sq.ft., and in Central location is required since normally city skateparks attracts users from across the City with different levels of experience. Other than trash bins, seating areas, restrooms, water fountains and a large parking area on site, City skateparks should be well connected to the public transport system or arterial roadways.

Therefore the charts and ranking are based site and planning criteria and this does not include city review of legal or financial considerations. It is possible for more than one type of skatepark to be suitable on a site. For Example, a larger city park with attributes that allow for a city or community level skatepark will also have the same site attributes for a smaller neighborhood park. The decision to allocate a neighbourhood park instead of a larger community park may be in consideration of the proximity of other skateparks in the area or a strong demographic with strong preferences in other sports. There may be other legal and financial considerations that change over time that will need to be considered during the time of a skatepark application and during the City's detailed scoped review.

**SEPARATED COMMUNITY SKATEPARKS, HIGH TO LOW RATING**

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10	1	J	Studied Site	Community	Alexander Park (201 Whitney Avenue by Rifle Range Road)	4.5
33	3	I	Studied Site	Community	Veterans Park (105 Huntingwood Avenue, Dundas)	4.5
14	1	N	Studied Site	Neighbourhood / Community	Gage Park (1000 Main Street East)	4.3
18	2	B	Studied Site	Neighbourhood / Community	Sam Manson Park (80 Nash Road North)	4.2
47	EMAIL	A	Studied Site	Community	Mohawk Sports Park - Bernie Arbour Stadium (1100 Mohawk Road East)	4.2
43	3	S	Studied Site	Neighbourhood / Community	Victoria Park (516 King Street West)	4.0
22	2	F	Studied Site	Community	Bayfront Park (200 Harbour Front Drive by Bay Street)	4.0
4	1	D	Studied Site	Community	Green Acres Park (880 Queenston Road (50 Randall Ave) Stoney Creek)	3.8
17	2	A	Studied Site	Neighbourhood / Community	Buchanan Park School (111 Columbia Drive by Stacey and Laurier Avenues)	3.8
5	1	E	Studied Site	Community	Heritage Green Sports Park (355 First Road West)	3.8
7	1	G	Studied Site	Community	Dundas Driving Park (71 Cross Street, Dundas)	3.8
16	1	P	Studied Site	Community	Trail Near Lime Ridge Mall (Limeridge Rd E)	3.5
25	3	A	Studied Site	Community	Churchill Park (199 Glen Rd, by Parkside Dr)	3.4
12	1	L	Studied Site	Community	Stadium Precinct Park (Gage Ave N At Lloyd)	3.3
39	3	O	Studied Site	Community	Mark Anthony Graham Memorial Olympic Park (948 Mohawk Rd W)	3.3
29	3	E	Studied Site	Community	Edwards Memorial Park (55 Mercer Street, Dundas)	3.1
41	3	Q	Studied Site	Community	Pier 8 (57 Discovery Dr)	3.0
1	1	A	Studied Site	Community	Between Fruitland Rd and Jones Rd., North of Hwy 8, South of Barton St.	3.0
34	3	J	Studied Site	Community	Reservoir - Highland Gardens Park	2.1

**SEPARATED NEIGHBOURHOOD SKATEPARKS, HIGH TO LOW RATING**

SUMMARY CHART PROPOSED LOCATIONS FOR SKATEBOARD PARK - HAMILTON						
#	Session	Code	Category	Type	Site Name	Final Rating
31	3	G	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Powell Park (53 Birch Avenue at Harvey Street)	4.7
40	3	P	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Eastwood Park	4.5
26	3	B	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Coronation Arena (80 Macklin St N, Hamilton)	4.5
14	1	N	Studied Site	Neighbourhood / Community	Gage Park (1000 Main Street East)	4.3
18	2	B	Studied Site	Neighbourhood / Community	Sam Manson Park (80 Nash Road North)	4.2
15	1	O	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	TB McQuesten Community Park (1199 Upper Wentworth Street)	4.2
24	2	H	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Captain Cornelius (180 Limeridge Road West)	4.2
42	3	R	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Durand Park (250 Park St S)	4.2
43	3	S	Studied Site	Neighbourhood / Community	Victoria Park (516 King Street West)	4.0
2	1	B	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Andrew Warburton Memorial Park (199 Tragina Avenue North by Britannia Avenue)	4.0
17	2	A	Studied Site	Neighbourhood / Community	Buchanan Park School (111 Columbia Drive by Stacey and Laurier Avenues)	3.8
19	2	C	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Bruce Park (145 Brucedale Avenue East at Queensdale Avenue East)	3.8
23	2	G	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Sam Lawrence (255 Concession Street)	3.8
3	1	C	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Riverdale East Park (135 Vittorito Avenue)	3.5
36	3	L	Studied Site	Neighbourhood	Corman - Glendale Park (255 Rainbow Dr)	2.9

# 4 OPERATION POLICIES SKATE FACILITY INCORPORATION OF BMX, INLINE SKATING, SCOOTERS AND OTHER WHEELED ACTIVITIES

While skateparks often turn out to be ideal BMX and bike terrain, there are user safety issues associated with conflicting use patterns and damage to the facility in allowing this “mixed use” of skateparks without proper precautions. Chapter 6 of the Phase 2 Report identifies a number of safety issues, incongruent use issues and physical skatepark damage issues that need to be fully understood before moving forward with this policy recommendation.

Aside from all the reasons why multi-sport users in skateparks are not recommended (i.e. Safety regarding collisions with varying speeds and equipment / protruding metal of bikes and with other users, physical facility damage from instruments of users other than skateparks, multi-sport users will continue to use skateparks regardless of posted rules or regulations that are not common in most parks. To anticipate and accommodate multi-sport use of skateparks, policies and/or guidelines should be established for multi-use facilities. The recommendations below respond to operational use and revised construction standards necessary to accommodate skateboarders, BMXers, scooters and inline skaters.

## Operational Use

It is often not feasible to regularly monitor facilities, however a set of scheduled user times for skateboarder and inline skaters vs. BMX and scooters or a combination of the above can be created to give priority to users during certain times of the day. If there is a critical density of people at the skate facility at any one time, these rules will make it easier for users to negotiate which user has priority.

There are similar types of policies that regulate times from outdoor hockey rinks to give priority to pleasure skating over shinny at some times or kid shinny over adult shinny other times as mentioned in Chapter 2 of this report. Similarly, skateboarding and BMX times can vary from one park to the next allowing for someone to refer to a schedule to find a park for their sport at any given time. The rules become important when there are scheduled users that would like a conflict free time in the skatepark. Very often multiple sport users could co-exist if there is a mutual understanding, if there are few users in a given section or if there are users using different parts of the park (i.e. how a skatepark is designed). However, the schedule takes precedence when there are any issues or conflicts. Currently, there seems to be a culture of sharing a skatepark facility between age groups of a similar sport and initially it is not necessary to differentiate user age groups or gender groups to avoid over complicating the scheduling.

A pilot scheduling project can be easily implemented and posted at the skatepark and on the City website. Skatepark signage must also reflect the mixed-use policy with safety guidelines that demonstrate an understanding of how various user groups use the park, to make users aware of other users, for users to be courteous and to give priority to the user schedule. Combining this with the introduction of a skatepark host at critical usage times could be beneficial. A skatepark host is a municipally hired expert that offers help, guidance and sets an example for users.

## Modified Construction Standards

Skateparks built to allow BMX, scooter and inline skating need to be developed with higher material strength and specifications that withstand the impact by hard steel parts of other wheeled sport instruments including BMX bike pegs and scooter track steel. Therefore the coping on steps, walls, bowl edges, etc. need to be enhanced to be able to withstand 4130 chromoly – the typical bike peg material. Currently this steel is many times harder than the typical mild steel skatepark bowl coping that was widely adopted because it is stronger than the skateboard trucks (axles) that are made of aircraft aluminum that is about ten times softer than mild steel. The use of stainless steel coping with Pentra-Sil 244+ hardener used on the concrete directly adjacent to the coping and throughout the park, will significantly reduce the damage caused by bikes. Further investigation is required to test bike pegs and other hardened steel accessories on various coping materials. This could become part of the terms of reference for the next skatepark construction project or a separate study all together.

If this recommendation is not considered then the following will result:

With skateboard use, the trucks are gouged and worn away, not the skateboard park coping; whereas bikes actually grind away the coping. At best, the damage caused by bikes grinding their pegs on the pipe, pounding down on it from the air in a trick called “peg stalls”, grinding and slamming pegs into the coping results in a very rough coping. The rough coping, scored with fine lines from the bikes, no longer functions for the skateboarders. Rough coping becomes sticky, not smooth, causing skateboards to catch, potentially pitching the rider. In some cases coping has been ground away so much that a truck won’t “lock” onto it as it should, rendering it useless for skateboarders, creating a potentially dangerous feature.

Policy recommendations: It is essential for these guidelines to be incorporated for the recommendation of a mixed-use skatepark facility to be fully feasible and enjoyable for users. The complexity of user issues will be dependent on the eventual number of skate parks in the city and any potential decisions to implement specifically designed BMX courses that may draw BMX users away from Skateparks.



# 5 RECOMMENDATIONS SKATEBOARD PARK EDUCATION & PROGRAMMING

## 5.1 SIGNAGE

A skatepark education program begins with the safety and operational signage appearing at the skatepark. In addition to the more formal legal signage, a secondary sign noting something along the lines of “The Rider’s Code” is an option.

Example:

The Rider’s Code – Real Riders:

- *Stick together and support each other. Our sports are tough, we’ve got to stick together to make it!*
- *Don’t drop in on each other, we watch out for each other and wait until our line is clear before hitting it*
- *Are cool to the general public, we want them to be stoked on our skills and sports!*
- *Wear protection, especially a helmet. To be at the peak of our game, we need all body parts including our brains to be functioning at their highest capacity*
- *Respect the park, using trash cans. We worked hard to get this skatepark built for our community, it’s our second home, so we treat it like gold*

## 5.2 – CITY WEBSITE

Municipalities typically have web pages that outline various recreation opportunities. Skateparks should be on the list. A variety of information can be posted here including Rules and Regulations, the “Rider’s Code”, events and competitions, skating programs, lessons, information on programming, etc.

## 5.3 - PROGRAMMING

### Skatepark Hosts

Skatepark Hosts hired by the Municipality are typically local riders who are talented enough at their sport so they command the respect of other users, and mature enough to handle the leadership role. The role usually includes having certain City desired behaviours that will influence other park users by always wearing a helmet, offering assistance to those in need, offering advice to those who are not following the rules or code of conduct, assisting inexperienced riders in finding an appropriate area in the park for them, etc. They may also hand out incentives (such as a coupon for a free drink) to those wearing helmets or displaying other positive behaviours, report any hazards or issues with the skatepark to the Municipality, report any serious injuries or incidents to the Municipality, and assist those with injuries in obtaining proper assistance and treatment. Skatepark hosts are typically on-site during the park’s peak periods, as determined by Municipal Staff. Skatepark hosts are typically trained by Municipal Staff.

### Skate and Bike Camps

Skate Camps typically require knowledge and experience beyond that of most talented local skateboarders, and there may be liability issues with employing an inexperienced and / or un-trained person into a coaching / teaching role. For these reasons, Municipalities typically hire an outside provider to run Skate Camps for them.

Skate Camps can run for a variety of time periods such as a 1 Day Clinic, a Weekend Camp, a Week-Long Camp, or other periods. These camps include information on equipment maintenance, safety and safety gear, skating technique, demonstrations, snacks, music, fun competitions and more.

Some providers now offer combined skate and scooter camps, bike camps are typically provided by separate providers. The number of instructors provided should dictate how many participants can be involved. To control costs and allow flexibility, some providers will offer a floating range of instructors which is only finally determined once registration is closed. For example with a ratio of one instructor for five participants, if only 10 participants register, the provider will send just two instructors; but if 20 participants sign up they can be flexible to provide four instructors.

Providers in Ontario include: Evolve Skate Camps and Skate Loft.

### Lessons

Lessons typically require knowledge and experience beyond that of most talented local skateboarders, and there may be liability issues with employing an inexperienced and / or un-trained person into a coaching / teaching role. For these reasons, Municipalities typically hire an outside provider to run Lessons for them. Lessons are typically one-off sessions lasting just a couple of hours.

### Demos

A Demo or demonstration is a spectator oriented event where skilled skaters put on a show for an audience at a Municipal skatepark. These events shine a spotlight on the skatepark, increasing awareness, while also demonstrating to aspiring riders many possibilities of what they could achieve, riding the park.

PRO DEMOS: Pro Demos tend to be fairly loose in format, with for example a top pro team from California riding the park with their announcer providing commentary and excitement, perhaps also giving away some of their team’s product and merchandise. Riders typically will not wear helmets. Pro Teams do not typically charge any fees such as appearance fees.

ORGANIZED DEMOS: Some of the same companies that provide Skate Camps also provide demos. These tend to be slightly more structured and may begin or end with a clinic or lessons. They typically provide music as well, and can also provide temporary fencing and other amenities if requested. Riders will wear helmets. Organized Demo Teams will typically charge a fee.

### Contests / Competitions

While competitions are not completely in line with the free spirited, surfing and punk rock roots of skateboarding, they have definitely become a part of the sport today. Competitions are an excellent opportunity to distribute educational information, information promoting upcoming camps or events, while also demonstrating to users the many different ways the park can be used as displayed by the wide variety of skaters at the event.

Contests and competitions can take many forms including:

“Best” Events: riders compete in various categories, typically in a jam\* format. Categories can include element – based options such as “best trick in the bowl”, “best trick on the large hubba”, “best trick on the manual pad”, etc. All riders jam on the noted feature for a period of time determined in part by how many riders are in the jam (i.e. all riders must have enough time for many tries). The time limit is typically 10-15 minutes per element. Categories can also include more broad based options such as “best trick”, “best slam”, “best attitude”, “most creative trick”, “best old-school trick” and more.

Standard Competitions: standard competitions are typically based around a timed run. The time required depends in part on the size of the area being ridden, a larger area requires more time for the rider to have the opportunity to hit most of the park elements. Times are typically not less than 60 seconds and not more than 90 seconds. A “small jam” format (i.e. multiple riders at the same time) typically 3-4, reduces the pressure on a single rider, making it more fun and approachable, while also increasing the “stoke” for the riders as they ride the course with their friends rather than alone, thus often producing a better performance. In a small jam format, the length of time could be increased. In larger jam format events, jams sometimes run 5-10 minutes.

Timed Events / Races: fun events that can help open riders up to different ways of riding (i.e. less trick-based and more basic-skills based) include races. A course that flows well is set around the park with competitors going one at a time to see who can negotiate the course the fastest. An issue with these events is that the timing, usually relying on the hand-eye coordination of a person, is inaccurate. If a proper timing system is available, these events can be more accurate. Regardless, riders continue to have fun and build their skills, learning different riding techniques than they normally focus on.

\* “jam format” - a number of skaters riding at the same time.



# 6 RESIDENT INITIATED PROCESS & REQUEST FORM NEIGHBOURHOOD OR COMMUNITY SKATE PARK

## SKATEPARK REQUEST FORM:

The form below helps to formalize the process for City planning and design staff to initiate an investigation into the feasibility of a new skatepark. By creating a common process, the City ensures that the prospective community group interested in a skatepark has been informed of the background information required. This includes, studies, surveys, suitability of the site, evaluations and the preferences of other community participants. This will save the City time and help to create an efficient proposal with an informed group. See Skatepark Request Form below:

## PROCESS STEPS:

1. Contact the City to know if there is a skate committee or skate association in their area
2. Familiarize themselves with the report
3. Complete the request form
4. Staff Review and recommendation
5. Council Review
6. Fundraising if necessary
7. Analysis of the site
8. Procurement Process
9. Select Skatepark Team
10. Geotechnical Information & survey
11. Community Consultation re.) features of skatepark
12. Design Process
13. City Staff to present to Council

NOTE: INCLUDE WITH THIS FORM A MAP OF ALL SKATE FACILITIES IN HAMILTON, so applicants are aware of the nearest facility to them. If they see the map, they may realize there's a park near to them and thus not need to make the request. INCLUDE SKATEPARK HIERARCHIES INFORMATION, so applicants understand the different skatepark scales.

## SKATEPARK REQUEST FORM

### Personal Information

Name	
Address	
Phone Number	
E-mail Address	

### Request Information

Ward Name					
Name of the nearest skate facility to you?					
What skatepark scale are you requesting? (check one)	Skate Dot	Skate Spot	Community Skatepark	City Skatepark	Regional Skatepark
Do you have a suggested location for the skate spot / park you're requesting?	Yes		No	If so, where?	
Is this proposed site included in the Skateboard Park Study (2016)? * (City to Add link here once is published online)	Yes		No	If so, what's the site number?	
Is there a skate committee or a non profit organization initiating this request?	Yes		No	If so, which one?	
Are you willing to fundraise?	Yes		No	Maybe	
Any information City Staff should be aware of with respect to this location?					
Other Comments					

\*If the site is not included in the Skateboard Study, a site evaluation should be completed and attached as an addendum to the request.

## HIERARCHIES OF SKATEPARKS:

### a) SKATE DOTS: (200sq ft to 1000sq ft – 0.5 km service radius)

Are a single skate element usually along or off an existing path system or paved area. Skate dots serve users one at a time. Skate Dots can be accommodated almost anywhere given design criteria.

### b) NEIGHBORHOOD SKATEPARK/ SKATE SPOT: (1000sq ft to 5000sq ft - 1 km service radius)

Include two or more features. Their size range varies. In Canada, typically a Skate Spot would be in the 1,500 sq.ft. size range, while in the US they are typically defined as 2,500 to 5,000 sq.ft. Normally attracts users from the community where it is located. Neighborhood skate spots should be within walking distance of their catchment area and should have trash bins, seating areas and water fountains nearby.

### c) COMMUNITY SKATEPARK: (5000sq ft to 12000sq ft - 2 km service radius)

These and the park hierarchies listed below are defined less by quantity of features and more by location and size. Community skateparks are typically in a location that is central to a particular neighborhood within a City, so as to serve primarily that neighborhood. Should include elements for different skills levels and in addition to the services described for the spot skatepark, community skateparks should also include parking areas and public restrooms within walking distance.

### d) CITY SKATEPARK: (12000sq ft to 25000sq ft - 5 km service radius)

Typically planned to serve a large segment of a large City, in Canada, these parks range in size from 6000 sq.ft. to 15,000 sq.ft., and in the US from 15,000 sq.ft. to 30,000 sq.ft. At these sizes, at least two of the main skatepark typologies (plaza, bowl, organic flow, high-flow street) should be represented to allow well-rounded skateboarding and a higher safe carrying capacity. Central location is required since normally city skateparks attracts users from across the City with different levels of experience. Other than trash bins, seating areas, restrooms, water fountains and a large parking area on site, City skateparks should be well connected to the public transport system.

### e) REGIONAL OR DESTINATION SKATEPARK: (25000sq ft to 60000sq ft)

Typically planned to serve the entire City as well as outlying areas and skate-tourists, sizes in Canada tend to be 20,000 sq.ft. and up, and in the US and abroad they tend to be 30,000 sq.ft. and up, all the way to the 120,000 sq.ft. Skatepark in Shanghai, China. These parks may be in significant city / destination park and may require services generally required at theme parks.

# 7 POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES & PARTNERSHIPS

FUNDRAISING PROFESSIONALS					
	Company	Contact	Description	Grant Amount	Website
	Metasoft Systems Inc.		"The Source for Funding Information". Paid service, helps Canadian non-profits + charities raise money with 'BIG Online and Foundation Search'. CDN + US, for org's that write to Fdn's, Corp's, and Gov't for \$. 1- ID potential funders. 2- Who and how to contact. 3- Submitting at right time. 4- Amount most likely approved. 5- Avoiding pitfalls. 6- Writing effective proposals."	N/A	<a href="http://www.foundationsearch.ca">www.foundationsearch.ca</a> and <a href="http://www.bigdatabase.ca">www.bigdatabase.ca</a>
CANADA-WIDE GRANTS					
	Grant Name	Organization	Description	Grant Amount	Website
NATIONAL GRANTS	Go Fund Me	Go Fund Me	This is not a grant but a powerful online fundraising / crowd-funding tool. It allows ANYONE at all to set up a fundraiser for ANYTHING at all. They take 5% of each donation for their service. For this and other crowd-funding platforms to yield any results, a specialist in promoting crowd-funding is almost a prerequisite. Promotion via Facebook is just the beginning, the key is massive online promotion. Their website has tips on how to do it, but do not assume this is guaranteed easy money. You'd likely file under "Sports, Teams & Clubs" or "Communities and Neighbours".	varies	<a href="http://www.gofundme.com">http://www.gofundme.com</a>
	The Canadian Adaptation & Rural Development Fund	Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada	The Canadian Adaptation and Rural Development Fund (CARD), a \$60 million program designed to help the agriculture industry adapt to new business challenges. The fund is also used for developing rural communities and could be applicable in more rural areas of Hamilton.	N/A	<a href="http://www.agr.gc.ca/card-fcadr/index_e.phtml">http://www.agr.gc.ca/card-fcadr/index_e.phtml</a>
	List of Grants recommended by Funds Net Services	Funds Net Services	Short list of highly recommended funds and links. Also contains informative advice on fundraising.	N/A	<a href="http://www.fundsnetservices.com/comm01.htm">www.fundsnetservices.com/comm01.htm</a>
	The Mounted Police Fund	The Mounted Police Foundation	The RCMP Foundation (formerly known as the Mounted Police Foundation) is a registered charitable organization. Since its introduction in 1994 the RCMP Foundation has donated over \$9 million dollars directly to Canadian community groups to support hundreds of initiatives for the benefit of youth at risk.	Up to \$10,000 per project	<a href="http://www.rcmp-f.ca/">http://www.rcmp-f.ca/</a>
	The United Way		Find your local United Way. Most recently, the United Way of Kingston, ON donated to a new skatepark project there via their "One-Time Priority Needs Grant" (design phase of skatepark) and their "Priority Needs and Collaborative Grant (\$20K for splashpad). The grant name may have recently changed to a "Community Investment Grant", which is based on the concept that the if Municipality kicks in money, so might the United Way. Also check their "Impact Grants".	N/A	<a href="http://www.unitedway.ca/splash/index.htm">http://www.unitedway.ca/splash/index.htm</a>
	Community Foundations of Canada		Find your local Community Foundation that will have community grants available via this website.	N/A	<a href="http://www.cfc-fcc.ca">http://www.cfc-fcc.ca</a>
	The McLean Foundation Grant	The McLean Foundation	Grants made by the Foundation are restricted to organizations which are recognized by Canada Revenue Agency as "charitable organizations" and which are able to provide a registration number. Municipalities are recognized under the Act. They endeavor to maintain a flexible policy, with particular emphasis on projects showing promise of general social benefit but which may initially lack broad public appeal. They have given to Municipalities for other park projects.	Appears to range from \$2,000 to \$70,000	<a href="http://mcleanfoundation.ca/">http://mcleanfoundation.ca/</a>
	Kids 'N Motion Grants Program	BMO FINANCIAL GROUP	BMO Fountain of Hope is a non-profit charitable organization, established and maintained by the employees of the BMO Financial Group, for the purpose of collecting and distributing employee donations to charity. These contributions are not related to any corporate donations made by the Bank. In 2004 BMO Fountain of Hope introduced Kids 'n Motion, a funding program dedicated to addressing the health risks associated with childhood obesity and physical inactivity among children and youth. Working together with Community Foundations of Canada, the Kids 'n Motion program supports charities across Canada that focus on keeping children healthy and active. This new program is BMO Fountain of Hope's first permanent endowment fund. They have funded playground etc. in the past, which are one time capital expenditures just like skateparks.	appears to range from \$500 to \$5,000	<a href="http://www.bmo.com/charity/en/">http://www.bmo.com/charity/en/</a>
	FCC AgriSpirit Fund	Farm Credit Canada	The FCC AgriSpirit Fund is about making life better for people in rural communities. Successful projects receive between \$5,000 and \$25,000 for community improvements such as emergency services equipment, playgrounds, food banks and recreation centres.	\$5,000-\$25,000	<a href="http://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/AboutUs/Responsibility/agrispiritfund_e.asp">http://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/AboutUs/Responsibility/agrispiritfund_e.asp</a>

CANADA-WIDE GRANTS					
	Grant Name	Organization	Description	Grant Amount	Website
	<b>Community Futures Development Corporation / CFDC (Pan Canadian Community Futures Network)</b>		Community Futures is a national program funded by the Western Economic Diversification Fund. They have 268 Community Economic Development offices across Canada which you can find via the website. The individual local outlets are known as Community Futures Development Corporations, and can direct you to local funding sources.	N/A	<a href="http://www.communityfutures.ca">www.communityfutures.ca</a>
		<b>Charity Village Foundation</b>	This is not a grant, it's a compilation of around 250 local, national, and international grants. Requires research to evaluate all grants.		<a href="http://www.charityvillage.com/cv/nonpr/nonpr17.asp">http://www.charityvillage.com/cv/nonpr/nonpr17.asp</a>
		<b>Laidlaw Foundation</b>	May be relevant for youth-driven, sustainable skateparks. "Uses its human and financial resources in innovative ways to strengthen the environment for children, youth, and families, to enhance the opportunities for human development and creativity, and to sustain healthy communities and ecosystems. The Foundation is concentrating resources in three areas: youth engagement, performing arts, and environment." It appears that a key to a successful application is strong youth involvement in the skatepark process / fundraising etc.		<a href="http://www.laidlawfdn.org/">http://www.laidlawfdn.org/</a>
	<b>Community Grants Program</b>	Home Depot	This grant would only be appropriate for a small skate spot costing \$5,000 or less. The project must be completed for the \$5,000 from Home Depot, they will not allow their funds to be combined with other fundraising sources. Community Grants program is designed to provide grants of up to \$5,000 to support sustainable elements of community projects like community gardens, community gathering spaces and affordable housing refurbishments. The project owner must be a charity registered with Canada Revenue Agency and the project must get underway in the year it was funded. The Home Depot Canada Foundation is dedicated to the development of affordable, environmentally sustainable housing and the creation of vibrant, environmentally responsible communities for Canadians. As such, we support sustainable housing initiatives and local neighbourhood improvement projects that incorporate environmentally responsible practices.  A note from their office: "We would certainly welcome reviewing a proposal from a registered charitable organization that is creating a skateboard park. Like all of the projects we fund, however, it would have to incorporate sustainable materials and/or practices. Please note that we do not support capital campaigns and projects that involve our local store associates are preferred."	\$5,000	<a href="http://www.homedepot.ca/foundation">www.homedepot.ca/foundation</a>
PROVINCIAL GRANTS					
ON	Grant Name	Organization	Description	Grant Amount	Website
	<b>The Toronto Raptors Basketball Club</b>	Raptors Foundation	The Raptors Foundation is the charitable arm of the The Toronto Raptors Basketball Club, and is dedicated to assisting registered charities in Ontario that support programs and sports initiatives for at-risk children and youth.	not to exceed \$5,000	<a href="http://www.nba.com/raptors/community/foundation.html">http://www.nba.com/raptors/community/foundation.html</a>
	<b>Ontario Trillium Foundation</b>	Ontario Trillium Foundation	As one of Canada's leading charitable grant-making foundations, the Ontario Trillium Foundation works with others to make strategic investments to build healthy, caring and economically strong Ontario communities. They have funded many skateparks across Ontario.	\$50,000 - \$100,000	<a href="http://www.trilliumfoundation.org">http://www.trilliumfoundation.org</a>
	<b>Ontario Matching Endowment for Children and Youth in Recreation - Hamilton Community Foundation</b>	Government of Ontario	Recreation grants through this community foundation - administering funds from the Ontario Endowment for Children & Youth in Recreation Fund	N/A	<a href="http://hamiltoncommunityfoundation.ca/grants/grant/ontario-endowment-children-youth-recreation-fund/">http://hamiltoncommunityfoundation.ca/grants/grant/ontario-endowment-children-youth-recreation-fund/</a>
	<b>R.E.D. - Rural Economic Development Program</b>	Government of Ontario	The Rural Economic Development (RED) program assists with the costs of projects that use the power of partnership to create change. Why? Because we know that people work better when they work together. The partners might be individuals, businesses, organizations, or municipal governments. They share a common goal: to breathe new life into rural communities, make more opportunities to develop skills, and improve access to health care. This could be applicable to the rural areas of Hamilton.	N/A	<a href="http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/rural/red/">http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/rural/red/</a>
	<b>PowerPlay</b>	Hydro One Inc.	PowerPlay is a grant program to support and enhance children's sports and recreation facilities in Ontario communities served by Hydro One. Grants of up to \$25,000 are available for capital projects for community centres, indoor or outdoor ice rinks, playgrounds, splash pads, sports fields — facilities where the primary purpose is to support children's community sports and active play. Applications for new facilities and the renovation of existing facilities will be considered. Additional funding may be available where energy efficiency measures are incorporated into the project.	up to \$25,000	<a href="http://www.hydroone.com/ourcommitment/community/pages/powerplay.aspx">http://www.hydroone.com/ourcommitment/community/pages/powerplay.aspx</a>





# 8 RECOMMENDATIONS BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

As this study revolves around assessing the opportunities for community level skateparks within the City of Hamilton, the following chart identifies how the various skatepark design typology options can impact budget allocation. All skatepark typology elements described below (plaza, flow, bowl etc.) can be applied to the same community size skatepark and should be selected through community consultation during the design stage to determine local skateboarder preferences.

Refer to Phase 2, section 5.2 for further information on skatepark design typologies.

**Community Skatepark Design Typology Options**

	<b>Street / Plaza with Flat Skate Area</b>	<b>Street / Plaza (75%) with Transition / Ramps (25%)</b>	<b>Flow (65%) with Street / Plaza (35%)</b>	<b>Flow or Bowl (100%)</b>
<b>2010</b>	\$31 - 35\$/ sq ft	\$35 - \$40/ sq ft	\$40 - \$45/ sq ft	\$45 - \$50/ sq ft
<b>2016</b>	\$35 - \$40/ sq ft	\$40 - \$45/ sq ft	\$45 - \$50/ sq ft	\$50 - \$55/ sq ft
<b>2025</b>	\$40 - \$45/ sq ft	\$45 - \$50/ sq ft	\$50 - \$65/ sq ft	\$55 - \$60/ sq ft

**Community Skatepark Budget Allocation Example With Varied Typologies**

	<b>Street / Plaza with Flat Skate area</b>	<b>Street / Plaza (75%) with Transition / Ramps (25%)</b>	<b>Flow (65%) with Street / Plaza (35%)</b>	<b>Flow or Bowl (100%)</b>
<b>per sq. ft cost</b>	<b>\$37.00</b>	<b>\$42.00</b>	<b>\$47.00</b>	<b>\$52.00</b>
<b>2016 Modest Community Level Skatepark (10,000sq ft)</b>	\$ 370,000.00	\$ 420,000.00	\$ 470,000.00	\$ 520,000.00

For CONSTRUCTION ONLY prices (Not including Designer, Landscape Architect & Engineer fees, Planning, Construction drawings, Construction Supervision , etc. that range from 10 and 15% of construction budget)

Note that peripheral landscape budgets could be over and above skatepark construction budgets. It would be advantageous to include an additional 25% for landscape that would include trees, shrubs and lawn, viewing berm, benches and other furnishings, lighting, etc.

# PHASE 4 - RECOMMENDATION CONSULTANT TEAM SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

## THE STUDY AND PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The City of Hamilton Skatepark Study is a comprehensive review that was initiated with a methodology and communication plan that led to significant public engagements in skatepark master planning. It included over 1,600 participants, specialist skatepark consultants, landscape architects and professional planners, City staff from various departments and the public.

It was important to not only bring professional knowledge and experience to the planning process, however to really emphasize the engagement of the City of Hamilton public to build a solid foundation to the preferences of Hamiltonians to give the opportunity for them to help shape their public spaces. This was achieved largely due to the deployment of a thorough and engaging survey that produced approximately 1,600 respondents that shed light on the changing demographics of skateboarding in the city – a reflection of what is happening across Canada and globally with over 31 percent of skateboarder respondents being 19-30 years of age with significant participants in all other categories including up to 45 year olds. What started as a teenage phenomena has morphed in both directions. Younger children are running with the sport due to new safe accessible skatepark facilities in community parks and advanced technology of the board. The teenager skaters of the 80's are now middle aged parents with children also entering the skateboarding realm. There is a greater degree of sophistication and knowledge amongst Hamilton residents about the success of skateparks, the types of parks including details of skate elements and the general positive effect on youth. The survey also showed how the non skating community also support the sport.

## EXISTING SKATEPARKS IN HAMILTON

The list below is an inventory of Hamilton's existing skatepark assets:

- Waterdown Skatepark
- Beasley Skatepark
- Turner Skatepark
- Mohawk Sports Park (not a community level skatepark - under 5,000 sq. ft)
- Parkdale Skatepark (not a community level skatepark under 5,000 sq. ft)
- Fairgrounds Community Skatepark

A detailed overview of each park is given in Chapter 1 of the Phase 2 report. In addition to the basic inventory of the parks, there were discussions during public workshops and interviews to get a real understanding of public and user assessments of the parks. Of the four outdoor skateparks that could be considered community scale skateparks (between 5,000 and 12,000 sq. ft.) only two were considered as satisfactory based on community level skatepark criteria: Waterdown and Turner parks. While Beasley has great history and a loyal following of users who honed their skills at this park for many years, the upgrades being planned at the time of this report are much needed and the sentiment of local senior skaters is that the improvements are long over due and that their love for the park was a cultural experience, however one of reluctant acceptance.

The modular park at Fairgrounds Community Skatepark do not meet the expectations of skaters who desire the multitude of creative skating compositions that are found in a custom poured-in-place concrete skatepark.

While Turner could be considered a city scale skatepark, that leaves only one really suitable community level skatepark in the City. The encouraging reflection on the Hamilton skatepark scene by skaters and the public is that the City is moving in the right direction with the development of a well-rounded skatepark at Turner Park. This comprehensive study will assist in informing subsequent discussions of future skatepark development.

## HIERARCHY AND TYPES OF SKATEPARKS

While the main focus on the study was on the community level skatepark opportunities, it is important to understand the whole spectrum of skatepark scales all of which have a purpose and place in a city that can integrate well within all types of public park environments. The following are the recommended scales of skateparks all with their own unique features and criteria that are described in more detail in Chapter 5.2 of the Phase 2 Report:

- A) SKATE DOTS: (200sq ft to 1000sq ft – 0.5 km service radius)
- B) NEIGHBORHOOD SKATEPARK/ SKATE SPOT: (1000sq ft to 5000sq ft -1 km service radius)
- C) COMMUNITY SKATEPARK: (5000sq ft to 12000sq ft - 2 km service radius)
- D) CITY SKATEPARK: (12000sq ft to 25000sq ft - 5 km service radius)
- E) REGIONAL OR DESTINATION SKATEPARK: (25000sq ft to 60000sq ft)

## CANDIDATE SKATEPARK SITES

Due to the overwhelming success of the survey and the three public workshops that achieved a great cross section of the public across the City, the study describes the consideration of a significant number of potential candidate sites for skatepark locations. A comprehensive site suitability assessment was applied to each site with transparent rating system that will give the City a guide toward the prioritization of sites in given City neighborhoods for their next skatepark development project or potential projects over the next 15-20 years. The Study and evaluation criteria was designed to help evaluate sites for the longer term consideration and not be solely based on changing demographics. These evolving changes will be assessed separately on a case by case basis over the next decade and beyond. The evaluation of the candidate sites allows the City to ear mark sites for future potential use, for planners and the landscape architecture department to know and understand when studying or re-developing these specific properties. The study of the candidate sights is not the complete answer to the next park - there are many factors that influence location. These might include economic influences from development charge funding to adjacent properties. There may be a very driven skateboard community that has initiated fundraising and pursued community interest in a specific location. It is when these events happen that the study becomes a valuable tool to all parties.

## HOW DOES HAMILTON COMPARE?

During the “surrounding community” study in Chapter 1.2 of the Phase 2 Report, it is difficult to make a clear comparison as some communities in the Niagara region have developed much larger premier individual / destination skateparks, however do not have the number and distribution of skateparks that occur in Hamilton. One city with a similar population as Hamilton is the City of Mississauga that has eight (8) community service level Skatepark sites compared with Hamilton’s four (4) community service level skateparks. However, Toronto’s population is approximately 30 times larger and only has 13 skateparks some of which would pass as City level skateparks (12,000-25,000 sq ft.). The reason there are so many non-designated skatespots in the City of Toronto that are either on private property or unintended public places where skating exists could

be the effect of the lack of community skateparks.

The Greater Vancouver area maintains over 40 planned skateparks.

The City of Hamilton is pro-actively assessing the need and interest in skatepark and multi-wheeled recreational activities through this comprehensive study and represents one of the few Cities in Southern Ontario that have considered all the opportunities in a skateboard park study.

## OTHER WHEELED SPORT USERS IN SKATEPARKS

The risks associated with a “mixed use” park i.e. a park where BMX, skateboards and scooters ride together are real. Despite the risks, most Municipalities in Canada are allowing all three users in their parks, in some cases calling the facility a “Wheeled Sports Park” instead of a “Skatepark”. The challenges associated with enforcing a single type of users in a park are significant, as are the costs associated with building concrete facilities for each user type. Municipalities that choose to proceed with “mixed use” must ensure that their parks are engineered and detailed to withstand the extra physical abuse, as well as creating education programs for the park users and incorporating skatepark “hosts” into their summer programs or scheduling the different users similarly to how outdoor hockey rinks schedule various age groups. Skatepark “hosts” are typically Municipal Employees, typically a talented, well respected local skateboarder who can assist in creating a positive environment and sharing skatepark culture and etiquette.

Policy recommendations: Guidelines in Chapter 4 of the Phase 3 report outline the operation use and modified construction standards that may be incorporated for a mixed-use skatepark facility to be fully feasible and enjoyable for users. The complexity of user issues will be dependent on the eventual number of skate parks in the city and any potential decisions to implement specifically designed BMX courses that may draw BMX users away from Skateparks.

## PATH FOR THE CITY COUNCILLORS, PLANNERS AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

The planning and development of community skateparks, neighborhood skateparks and smaller skate spots should happen simultaneously on different fronts. While Master Planning and Recreational Planning follow certain processes, on-going park upgrades should be places where skate spots or dots can be assessed by landscape architects on a more frequent basis in every municipal park in the short-term.

Adding a skateable bench, rail or small ledge wall increases the value of a neighborhood park to the same extent as a one-off play feature found in every municipal park does for children, no matter what the size of park. These are quick wins for the skate community and help to create links to skate dots around the city. It helps keep skaters off non-intended park features and makes smaller parks more inclusive.

Any current or future new park development master plan may consider how the park relates to the skatepark candidate sites studied in this report. The park under consideration is either one of the candidate sites already identified or can relate to the preferences of a nearby candidate site by assessing the property through the criteria outlined in Chapter 1 of the Phase 3 report.

The evaluation criteria implemented here will be used as an initial tool by City staff to evaluate potential for parks to accommodate a skatepark development. The results of the evaluation criteria will provide a basis from which priorities for possible skatepark locations and appropriate size.

For example, even if a particular site is deemed to be a strong candidate for supporting a skatepark development (i.e. scores high in the evaluation criteria), additional considerations by the City may be evaluated (i.e. budget forecasts, available funding, additional public consultation, etc.) in conjunction with the evaluation criteria.

## QUICK WINS

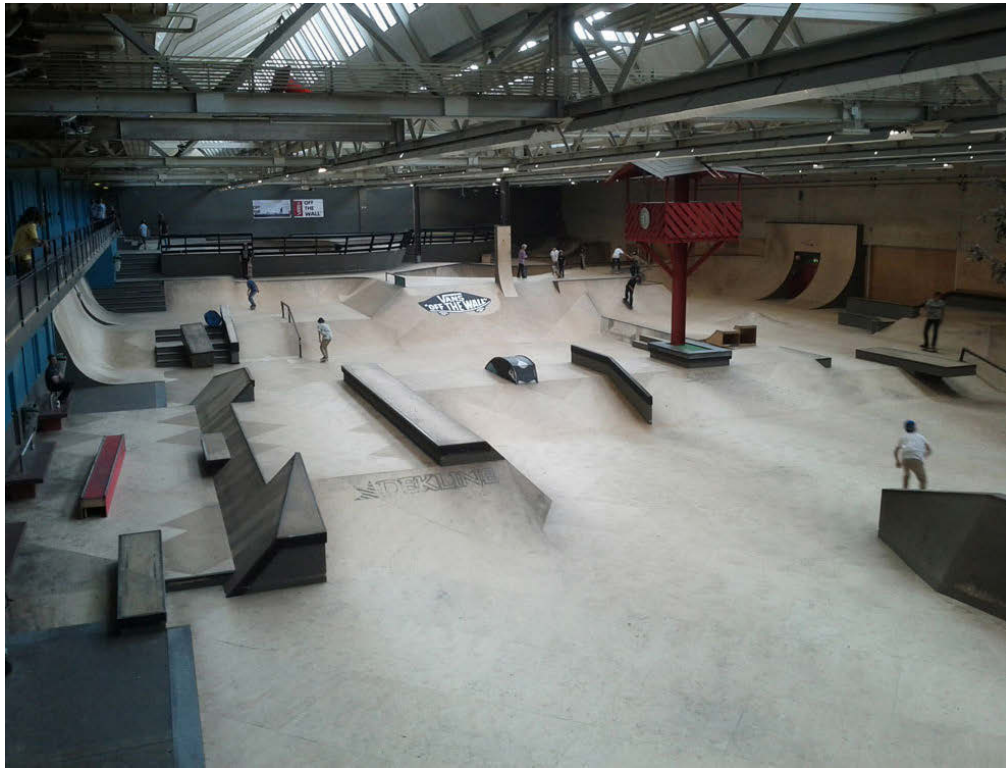
The planning and scheduling for skatepark developments must be flexible to accommodate quick wins. These could be candidate sites that come with special funding from new developments. Quick wins could also be candidate sites that are being pursued by local residents, skatepark clubs or committees that are lead by senior skaters or community skater parents. The momentum that can be built from the community is significant and encourages ownership in the developed skateparks.

While there are a number of skatepark development initiation approaches that could be considered in the short term, City recreational planners and landscape architects must assess the distribution of skateparks in the City to create a well-rounded community skatepark in every district, as a minimum goal, either defined by communities (i.e., Dundas) or geographic features - upper / lower mountain. With long term planning - there are many factors that influence the ratio of square foot of skatepark per population size with a new understanding of participant ages ranging from from 5-45 years old rather than just 10-19 years old criteria and the changing trends in various other recreational activities.

## GUIDE FOR RESIDENTS TO GET STARTED

There is information in this study that will also help community and skater enthusiasts with a process to approach the City with requests for skateparks in their community by following the “Resident Initiated Process and Request Form”. There are sections in the Phase 2 and Phase 3 report to help everyone be more knowledgeable about the opportunities and constraints including an understanding of the level of assessments that need to be made on a case by case basis. There is also information in this report that may help as a starting point to assist stakeholder groups and steering committees with programming events, sourcing fundraising partners, budget planning and more. The City will use this document to initiate preliminary policy discussions and help to make skatepark a regular part of the park development process.

# **APPENDICES: APPENDIX 01**



Area 51 Skatepark - Netherlands



Mystic Skatepark - Prague

