CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY

Skate Parks
Supporting Healthy Lifestyles

www.millenniumskatepark.com
Presentation Objectives

- Leisure Master Plan
- Existing & Future Skate Parks
- Minnow Lake Skate Park Proposal:
  - Introduction of the Minnow Lake Skate Park Committee
  - Background/history of skateboarding
  - Skate park design
  - Funding/partnerships
The June 2004 Plan recommends:
- a permanent skate park in each area outside the former City of Sudbury, for a total of 6.
- 3 permanent skate parks be established in the former City of Sudbury.
## Existing Skate Parks in the City

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Minnow Lake
Skate Park Committee

- Maureen Beausoleil
- Lionel Rudd
- Annie Berthiaume
- Vince Murphy
- Loretta Lefebvre
- Kevin Joblin

- Chris Chitaroni
- Jeff Bedard
- John Lindsay
- Joel St-Marseille
- Bob Ogilvy
- Armand Jean
Minnow Lake Skate Park Committee’s Objectives

- Determine an appropriate site for a permanent skate park.
- Participation in the design process included input from BMXer’s, skateboarders and general public.
- Select a design firm.
- Recommendation to Council.
History of Skateboarding

- First skateboards were like scooters, dated back in the early 1900’s.
- Over the next five decades kids changed the look of the scooters.
- 1959 - First Roller Derby Skateboard went on sale.
- 1963 - First skateboard contest held in California.
Urethane wheels replaced clay wheels making riding a lot safer.

1976 - First outdoor park built in Florida.

1984 - Launch ramps became popular.

1995 - Skateboarding gained exposure at the ESPN 2 Extreme Games.

Each year more participants start skateboarding.
History of BMX

- 1970’s - Californian kids imitated motocross heroes on their 20” bicycles.
- Bob Haro, a skateboarder who adapted his skateboarding moves and tricks to his bike, was one of the first to start BMX free styling.
- Magazine BMX Action, started adding articles relating to freestyling.
1989 - Companies and sponsors took over the sport, eventually interest was lost.

Kids began to hold their own contests & non competitive events called Jams. They rode for the fun of the sport.

Bicycle Stunt series was an event for riders to compete for fun.

ESPN Extreme games broadcasted Freestyling, gaining more popularity.

Riders fought to keep their sport alive and do not want to lose control of it again.
STATISTICS

- Participation is up 36% since 1997.
- There are over 1 million registered riders in U.S.
- Approximately 78 skate parks in Ontario.
- 1996 - Approximately 34,000 youth between the ages of 5 to 19 in Sudbury.
TYPICAL TOP 10 CANADIAN SPORT INJURIES

HOCKEY 20%
CYCLING 17%
SOCCER 12%
SNOWBOARDING 11%
BASKETBALL 8%
BASEBALL 7%
FOOTBALL 7%
N-LINE SKATING 7%
SKATEBOARDING 5%

INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM RISK MANAGEMENT AND SKATEBOARD PARKS 2001 BY D.R. WYSEMAN.
PARTICIPANTS

- Anyone who wants to ride or skateboard can.
- Not everyone has to do the fancy tricks.
- Various tricks do require excellent skill, balance, coordination and practice.
- Excellent spectator sport.
LOCATION REQUIREMENTS

- BMX & skateboarding should be done where there is smooth, traffic free pavement/concrete.
- Most cities are building public skate parks to accommodate this sport.
Considerations for a Safe Park

- Most skate parks are unsupervised.
- Signage & Safety:
  - Signs identifying potential risk and recommended safety equipment.
  - Well designed - separate area for different skill levels, paths run parallel, fenced in area.
  - Maintenance - routine inspection of sites.
Benefits of BMX & Skateboarding

- Helps improves the cardiovascular system.
- Improves balance.
- Improves fine motor skills.
- Improves coordination.
- Increases strength of joints & stability of ligaments around the knees & ankles.
- Improves self esteem, self-concept and positive self image.
- Try a new sport and skills.
- Getting youth active.
- Inexpensive.
- Builds friendship.
- Helps youth act responsible.
Benefits for the Community and Participants

- Provides a positive outlet for youth.
- Economic benefits.
- Increases positive community image.
- People from out of town will come to ride or skate at the park, increasing tourism.
- A safe place to ride or skateboard away from traffic and pedestrians.
- Safe, clean & positive environment.
Carmichael Arena Concrete Park Project

- In progress since 2002.
- Community meetings were held.
- Community partners: Minnow Lake Lions Club, Rainbow Concrete, Minnow Lake Skate Park Committee and C.G.S.
SITE BENEFITS

- Outdoor facility
- 11,000 sq. ft.
- Accessibility, washroom facilities, distance from houses, terrain conducive to park structure.
- Existing activity site.
DESIGN  [by VanderZalm and Associates]

- Offers a fun & challenging park for all skating abilities.
- Endorsed by local skaters & BMXer’s.
- Incorporates separate area for different levels.
- Primary skate runs-design is parallel to avoid collisions.
- Transitions & spacing between obstacles are at appropriate height.
- Public observation & shade areas were incorporated into the design.
Carmichael Arena Skate Park
Project Funding

- Estimated project cost ................. $240,000.

Committed Funding/Partnerships

- 2003 capital funding $  70,000.
- Minnow Lake Lions Club $  30,000.
- Ward 6 CIP/NPP Funding [committed 2002] $  26,000.
- Rainbow Concrete Contribution $  25,000.
  - Sub Total $151,000.
  - Total $136,150.
- Balance requested from Parks Reserve Fund $103,850.
THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS