

COMMITTEE AGENDA

Consolidated as of December 6, 2013



TO **Community & Social Services Committee**

DATE December 10, 2013

LOCATION Council Chambers, Guelph City Hall, 1 Carden Street

TIME 5:00 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES- November 13, 2013 open meeting minutes

PRESENTATIONS (Items with no accompanying report)

- a) A Place to Call Home, A 10-year Housing & Homeless Plan for Guelph Wellington – Eden Grodzinski
- b) Best Practices in Volunteer Screening Program Update – **Christine Oldfield**, Volunteer Centre

CONSENT AGENDA

The following resolutions have been prepared to facilitate the Committee's consideration of the various matters and are suggested for consideration. If the Committee wishes to address a specific report in isolation of the Consent Agenda, please identify the item. The item will be extracted and dealt with separately. The balance of the Community & Social Services Committee Consent Agenda will be approved in one resolution.

ITEM	CITY PRESENTATION	DELEGATIONS	TO BE EXTRACTED
CSS-2013.34 Accessibility Advisory Committee Annual Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jennifer Popkey Bergen and Brad Howcroft members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee		√
CSS-2013.35 Guelph Sports Hall of Fame Annual Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Andy Behnan, Chair• Larry Townsend, Co-Chair		√

CSS-2013.36 Cultural Advisory Committee Annual Report	• Greg Pinks, Chair		√
CSS-2013.37 Guelph Skatepark: Preferred Design, Location and Budget Estimate Recommendations	• Bill Gurney, Newline Skateparks	• Eric Pool • Selena Barre • Markus King • Hugh Whiteley	√
CSS-2013.38 Report Card Coalition – Youth Charter Endorsement	• Auburn LaRose, Wellington- Dufferin-Guelph Public Health		√

Resolution to adopt the balance of the Community & Social Services Committee Consent Agenda.

ITEMS EXTRACTED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Once extracted items are identified, they will be dealt with in the following order:

- 1) delegations (may include presentations)
- 2) staff presentations only
- 3) all others.

CLOSED MEETING

THAT the Community & Social Services Committee now hold a meeting that is closed to the public with respect to:

CSS-C-2013.3 Citizen Appointments to Various Committees

S. 239 (2) (b) of the *Municipal Act* – personal matters about identifiable individuals

STAFF UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN

NEXT MEETING: February 11, 2014

To: Community and Social Services Committee

From: H.R. Whiteley

December 10 2013

RE: CSS -2013.37 That the conceptual design, location and preliminary budget estimate of the proposed permanent Skate park Facility be approved.

The proposed permanent Skate Park Facility should not be approved. Instead staff should be directed to engage the community in the search for a suitable location for a skatepark, seeking a prominent location that will highlight the park as an attractive asset to the downtown core.

There are several reasons why the proposed Skatepark must not be approved.

- 1. The site proposed is not available as it has already been allocated to being a restored naturalized river corridor, a use that prohibits development (construction of structure such as a skate park) within 30 m of the river bank. The naturalization is particularly important since the site is the trailhead for the Speed River Trail, which celebrated its 40th anniversary this year; Parks and Recreation is completing the design of a major upgrade of the first 2.7 km of this trail to fulfill the community-developed mandate to provide a connected parks and trails system that inspires an awe of nature.**
- 2. There has been no consultation with the River Systems Advisory Committee on the site selection. This is an essential consultation since the City has given RSAC the mandate to provide the City with advice and assistance on the monitoring, implementation and updating of the River Systems Management Study and its Masterplan, a document adopted by City Council to provide guidance on city activities and developments in the river corridors and a document implemented by insertion of Masterplan recommendations in the Official plan.**
- 3. There has been no public consultation on the site selection for a skateboard park. Responding to the November 2009 directive from City Council to study relocation of the skateboard area**

staff developed a planning process. The public was informed in an October 2010 press release that the process would include: *conducting a City-wide public consultation on the finalized list of sites for a skateboard park before planning of a facility for the selected site.* This was a very wise and indeed essential condition for a proper selection to be made. It is important not only to provide opportunity to see that appropriate locational requirements are used for the selection but also to build community support for a skatepark and an opportunity to show the potential of a skatepark as a featured asset of the City.

4. The financing of the skatepark from the tax-supported budget is not appropriate in times of very scarce dollars for City projects since this is the type of project that can attract community support outside of the City Budget.

I attach two examples of successful planning of a skatepark. The key features of these processes were: (1) Initiative-taking by the skateboard youth, a process which heightened community spirit and pride and rewarded the entrepreneurship of youth in the skateboard and in-line skating community (2) informed approval of the whole community for site selection (3) financing of the facility by community fundraising.

The first example is Sturgeon Bay Wisconsin Population 9700

In February 2011 a recently-formed group, Sturgeon Bay Skatepark Initiative, met with the City of Sturgeon Bay Parks and Recreation Superintendent to ask that the City allocate City land to a skateboard park with the group to finance construction. In May 2011 the Parks and Recreation Committee approved a site and after public consultation City Council ratified the selection of site and approved the project. The site selected is on the main highway into the downtown (Business 42/57) and occupies a gateway location five blocks from the main intersection of the Westside business district.

Since approval of the project, and the site, Sturgeon Bay Skatepark Initiative have engaged Grindline Design, a top U.S. skatepark designer, to prepare a skatepark design and done public consultation on the design and a refinement in the location selected. SBSI has engaged in many community-based fundraising activities and as of last week SBSI had raised all but \$40,000 of the \$405,000 cost of the park construction. With a final fundraising blitz planned for the

next few months they anticipate opening the park by midsummer 2014.

The second example is Ludington Michigan Population 8000

Ludington provides another example of community-led initiative. In the mid 1990's a skateboard group asked the City of Ludington for an allocation of land on which to construct some plywood structures. The City provided the group with access to an abandoned, fenced set of tennis courts in an isolated suburban park. The group built a number of plywood structures. After several years of operation the site had become a major source of complaints about the unsightly structures, poor control of trash, and frequent occurrence of noisy late-night parties and illegal consumption of alcohol, and other drugs. As a result of continuing complaints the site was closed by the City.

Upon this closure, and acting on expressed support in the City for an appropriate skatepark, the Mayor and the Chief of Police formed a community-support committee with the objective of creating an attractive skatepark in a prominent location to be a major attraction for Ludington, with its important summer-vacation economic base. The location chosen was the very prominent gateway to Stearns Park, the main focal point of Ludington, a location four blocks away from the Ludington commercial district.

The new Ludington SkatePlaza opened in July 2008. The \$350,000 needed to construct the park was raised by the community with no taxpayer funds involved. The skateboard community had a large part to play in the fundraising. The Plaza has become a major draw for visitors to Ludington. The motel across the street from the Plaza advertises the proximity of the Plaza as an inducement for families to stay at the motel and, as the City's website notes, the Plaza is a popular venue not just for skateboarders but also for spectators.

Ludington Michigan Population 8000

Construction cost of skate park \$350,000

Ludington's Skate Plaza



The Ludington Skate Plaza, which opened in 2008 during the July 4th weekend, is just another example of how the Ludington community bands together for a worthy cause.

Located at [Stearns Park](#) right next to the Jaycees Mini Golf, the Skate Plaza was made possible by corporate, state, and private donations. It's impressive by its size plus its combination of bowls, rails, quarter pipes, and ramps. It's proven to be a very popular venue for kids with skateboards and in-line skates, but the number of people who come to watch is just as large. It's a whole new form of entertainment for people of all ages.

Stearns Park has become the focal point of Ludington. The beautiful, clean beach, wide breakwall and North Breakwater Light have always been a big attraction, but now there's so much more. You can play a game of volleyball, mini golf, or shuffleboard, with food concessions and restrooms at the north and south ends of the beach. Kids enjoy the adjacent playground, and the grassy, shady area with grills makes a nice picnic spot. Now with the addition of the Skate Plaza, Stearns Park is definitely the place to be during our glorious summer months.

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Sturgeon Bay Wisconsin Population 9250

[Sturgeon Bay Skatepark Initiative Invites the Public to an Open House, Feb 16](#)

Posted on 13. Feb, 2012 by [Staff Reporter](#) in [Quiet Sports](#)

The Sturgeon Bay Skatepark Initiative (SBSI) invites the public to City Hall this Thursday, February 16 at 7 pm to attend a presentation and feedback session with [Grindline Skatepark Design and Construction](#)'s lead designer, Micah Shapiro.



Micah Shapiro

SBSI is a group of skaters, parents and businesses working in conjunction with the **Sturgeon Bay Park and Recreation Department** to create a safe public place for skateboarders of all levels to recreate. SBSI has contracted with **Grindline Design**, a national design firm, of Seattle, WA, to draft design plans for a skatepark.

Grindline Design has been working with communities across the country and globe since 1990 and has created over 130 poured concrete skateparks, each individually designed to reflect the needs, desires and budget of the community. Grindline has designed and built award-winning parks from Orcas Island, WA to Okinawa, Japan and Copenhagen, Denmark.

According to SBSI co-chair, **Matt Young**, getting input from all of the stakeholders is a critical component to creating a skatepark.

“We hope that skaters will attend to give their input on what features they’d like to see incorporated into the park. They’re the ones that are going to be using it. Beyond that, however, we hope that everyone who has an interest in Sturgeon Bay, in recreational opportunities and in kids in general will also attend,” says Young. “This is an opportunity to learn about the process, ask questions and provide feedback.”

In explaining the selection of Grindline Design, Young says, “We wanted to get a nationally-known design company. We did a lot of research and were impressed with Grindline’s creativity, professionalism and integrity and with their commitment to working with all the stakeholders.”

Laurel Hauser, fellow SBSI chair, explains that the group was also impressed with the high value Grindline places on aesthetics as well as functionality. The company is able to incorporate skate-able art into its designs and to use color, texture and landscaping to improve the skatepark for the users and the surrounding community. “We live in a beautiful place that’s known for its artistic talent. We would like this park to reflect that. We would like this park to be an addition the community can be proud of and to attract visitors from all over. We hope that those with an interest in the aesthetics of the skatepark will attend Thursday’s meeting.”

In preparation for Grindline’s visit, local surveyor, **Brian Frisque**, donated his services to survey the park site. **Vander Leest Soil Testing** and **Steve Baudhuin** also donated services. The Sturgeon Bay skatepark will be located next to the west side ball field on the corner of Madison Avenue and Spruce Street and will welcome **BMX bikes** as well as skateboards.

For more information about the skatepark or the public input session, call Matt Young at **920.559.6880** or Laurel Hauser at **920.743.8990**. The Sturgeon Bay Skatepark is a fund of the Door County Community Foundation (DCCF). Tax-deductible contributions may be sent to DCCF, Skatepark Fund, P.O. Box 802, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235.

 [Sturgeon Bay Skatepark Initiative](#) on Facebook...

Skatepark Location Could Move

Posted on [April 3, 2012](#) by [Roger Levendusky](#)

If the Sturgeon Bay city council agrees, the site of the proposed city skatepark will be moving, but not very far. The council will be asked to approve the park location in the southeast corner of the westside field property, near the corner of Madison Avenue & West Spruce Street. In February of 2011, a citizens group approached park & recreation superintendent Bob Bordeau with the idea of building a skatepark in the city. On May 25th, of 2011, the park & recreation committee & board approved placing the park on the southwest corner of the property outside of the softball field. But since then, the skate park initiative has asked for a change in location. The group has already engaged a firm to develop plans & oversee construction of the place for skaters & others to enjoy. A fundraising campaign is also in the plans.

- See more at: <http://www.wdor.com/news/skatepark-location-could-move/#sthash.gb1RN1wY.dpuf>