

November 17, 2005

Toronto Police Services
40 College Street
Toronto, ON M5G 2J3

Dear Sirs:

We are writing to seek clarification of the Toronto Police Services position on a proposed skateboard facility at Colonel Samuel Smith Park. This park is located in south Etobicoke at Kipling Avenue and Lakeshore Boulevard.

Our understanding is that skateboard facilities benefit greatly from proximity to adjoining neighbourhoods and street views of such recreational facilities. Given that this park is isolated from the surrounding community we were surprised to learn from Councillor Mark Grimes that Toronto Police Services have endorsed Colonel Samuel Smith Park over three other parks, even though these other parks are more in keeping with active recreation.

We would like to know if any conditions were placed on your support, particularly the need for staffing during all hours of operation. Without such staffing our concern is that it will fall to the police to supervise this facility.

We would appreciate a copy of the Toronto Police Services correspondence on this project. We look forward to working with you on constructive suggestions regarding the location of the skateboard facility and development of conditions that will ensure its safe use by everyone.

I am available during the day at 416 288 3060, extension 5450 and in the evenings at 416 253 9811.

Thank you.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Brian Bailey', written in a cursive style.

Brian Bailey
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