

# South Etobicoke Skateboard Facility

Lakeshore Grounds Stakeholders Meeting  
July 5, 2006



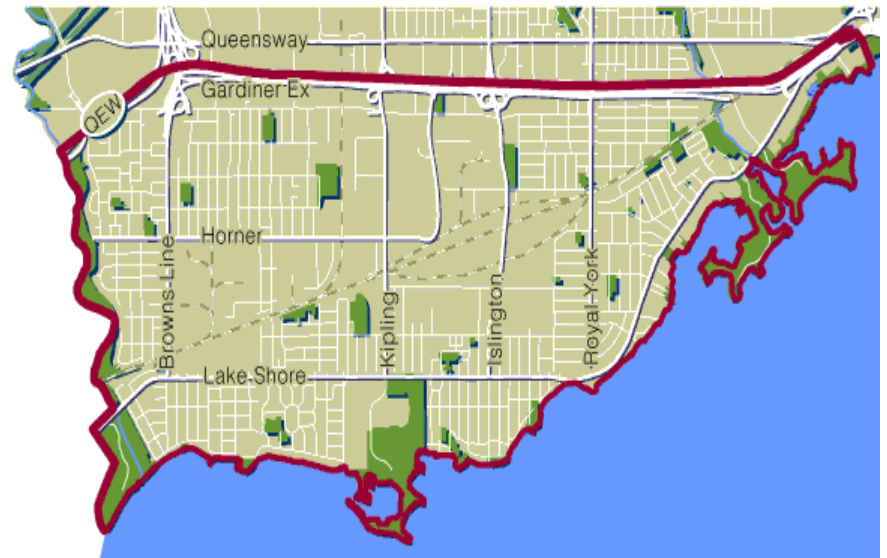
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- ❑ Review site selection work
- ❑ Facility design presentation and discussion



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- Facility proposed for several years
- Funding approved in 2005
- Site selection work in 2005
- Facility construction in 2006



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## Site Selection Process: Main Components

1. “Long list” of sites from parks in South Etobicoke
2. “Short list” of potential sites
3. Public consultation
4. Select site from short list based on site evaluation criteria and public input

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## Public Consultation and Input

- **Open house/public meeting in June, 2005**
  - **Planning/design process for skateboard facility**
  - **Present and review potential locations**
  - **Discussion and input on potential locations**
- **Met with interested groups, including Lakeshore Grounds stakeholders**
- **Input on site received through other means, including:**
  - **Petitions**
  - **Letters**
  - **Deputations at Economic Development and Parks Committee**
- **Design/development stage consultation**
  - **In progress**

## Preferred Facility Location, Open House & Public Meeting

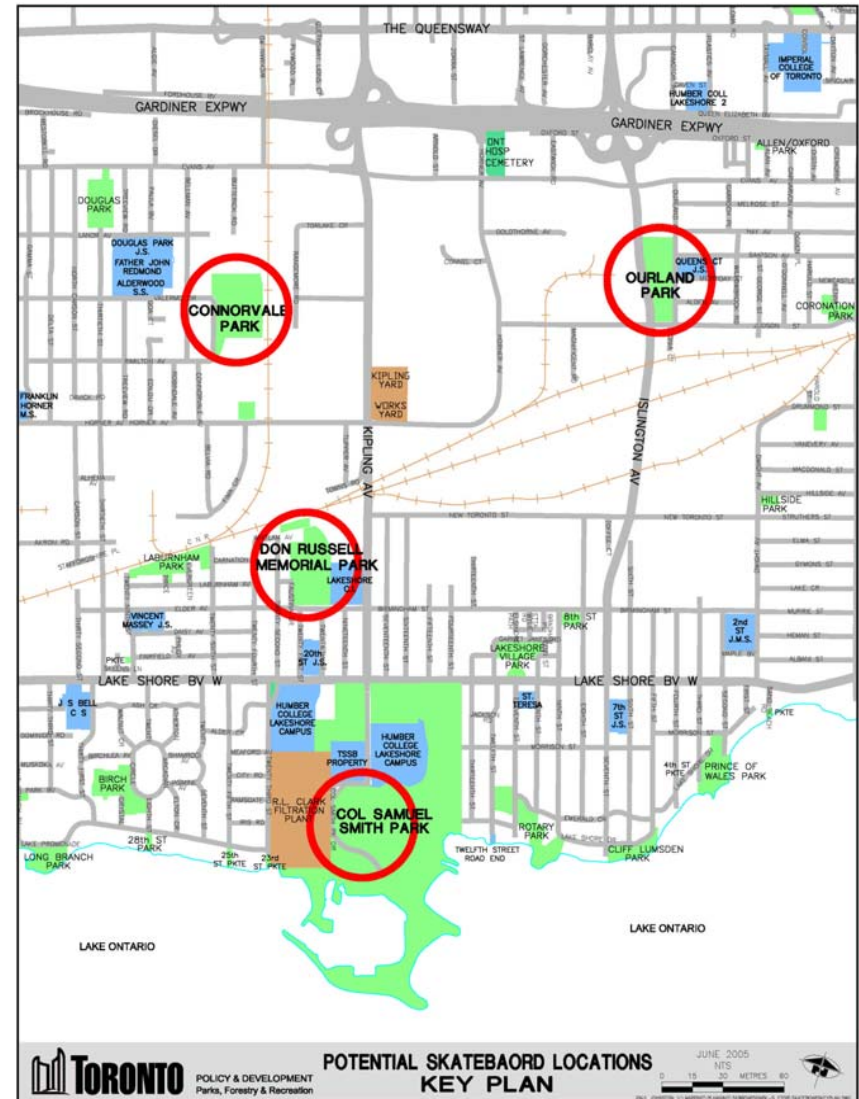
Preferred Location	Number of Responses	Reasons for Preference
Colonel Samuel Smith Park	18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- TTC</li> <li>- Good access from major arterials</li> <li>- Close to Community Centre</li> <li>- No additional traffic into residential areas.</li> <li>- No impact on residential areas (noise)</li> <li>- Lakeshore Grounds is large, allows for mix of activities and age groups</li> <li>- Close to bike path</li> <li>- Washrooms</li> <li>- Close to school and College (will be used during lunch break and after school)</li> <li>- Youth populated area</li> <li>- Good size site</li> <li>- Improve community</li> <li>- Parking</li> </ul>
<b>Not</b> Colonel Samuel Smith Park	11 (plus 7 emails and 10 phone calls received following event)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Interference with natural environment (unique habitat for birds and butterflies, nature lover citizens, very close to wetland area)</li> <li>- Area has a quiet character, is a passive natural park</li> <li>- Difficult to police</li> <li>- History of vandalism</li> <li>- No good visibility</li> <li>- It is the only naturalized park in South Etobicoke</li> </ul>

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Preferred Location	Number of Responses	Reasons for Preference
Ourland Park	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- TTC</li> <li>- Good visibility, surveillance (24hrs), safety</li> <li>- Compatibility with other facilities</li> <li>- More central</li> <li>- In-keeping with urban profile</li> <li>- Close to police station</li> <li>- No impact on local neighbourhood</li> <li>- Washrooms</li> </ul>
Connorvale Park	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- More space</li> </ul>
Don Russell Park	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Multi-use park</li> <li>- Visibility</li> <li>- Accessibility</li> <li>- No environmental impact</li> </ul>
Any of them is fine	1	

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Main Parks Screened	Parks with most Potential
Marie Curtis	
Sir Adam Beck	
Birch	
Connorvale	✓
Laburnham	
Don Russell	✓
Col. Sam Smith	✓
Lakeshore Village	
Grand	
Ourland	✓
Manchester	
Prince of Wales	



# Site Profile: Col. Sam Smith Park



## Key Points

- Large area
- Good transit access
- Links to Waterfront Trail
- Existing parking lot & drop off
- Power House is focal point of recreation activity in park
- Concerns identified with potential impact on park as habitat and impact on passive park uses
- No conflict with residential development
- Good visibility from park road and parking lot

# Site Profile: Connorvale Park



## Key Points

- Large area
- Transit access not close
- Existing parking limited
- Limited support/storage facilities
- Park has neighbourhood character
- Site could also be used for soccer or other playfields
- Residential area immediately adjacent to the west
- Good visibility from adjacent road
- Some visibility from nearby homes

# Site Profile: Don Russell Park



## Key Points

- Adequate space for facility
- Reasonable transit access
- Existing parking at arena/health club
- Some potential for additional parking
- Washrooms not readily available at site
- Compatible with other recreation uses
- Land exchange for new arena complex in progress
- Close to residential area
- No visibility from major road
- Limited visibility from nearby buildings

# Site Profile: Ourland Park



## Key points

- Limited area
- Requires elimination of tennis courts
- Close to bus routes on Islington
- Limited vehicle parking
- Washrooms available in the park (Ourland Community Centre).
- Compatible with other uses in the park
- Residential area to east of park
- Police uses to north of park
- Visibility from adjacent main roads
- Eyes on the facility from other park users (playground, pool, baseball)

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## Detailed Site Evaluation Criteria

- 22 detailed criteria used to score 4 short-listed sites
- Total scores indicate overall fit with criteria
- No one site will achieve all criteria well
- Scores need to be considered with public input and other information

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## Detailed Site Evaluation Criteria (continued)

- **Adequate Space for Facility (2 criteria)**
  - Sufficient size
  - Potential for expansion
- **Access to Site (5 criteria)**
  - Public transit
  - Trail/pathway system
  - Major road
  - Vehicle parking
  - Passenger drop-off
- **Compatibility with other park uses and facilities (5 criteria)**
  - Role of park
  - Passive use areas
  - Natural areas
  - Complements other existing/planned recreation facilities
  - Impact on other recreation facilities

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## Detailed Site Evaluation Criteria (continued)

- **Support Facilities (3 criteria)**
  - Washrooms
  - Storage
  - Program/facility staff
- **Compatibility with surrounding uses (2 criteria)**
  - Compatibility with surrounding land uses
  - Complementary surrounding uses
- **Visibility (3 criteria)**
  - Visibility of site within park
  - Visibility of site from adjacent areas
  - Visibility of site to passers-by
- **Other factors (2 criteria)**
  - Development timeframe
  - Cost

## Criteria-Based Comparison

<u>Evaluation Criteria</u>	<u>Colonel Sam Smith</u>	<u>Connorvale</u>	<u>Don Russell</u>	<u>Ourland</u>
Adequate Space for Facility	2	6	3	1
Access to Site	13	4	8	9
Compatibility with other park uses/facilities	13	12	14	12
Support Facilities	8	3	6	7
Compatibility with surrounding uses	6	2	2	5
Visibility	7	6	5	9
Other factors	5	3	4	4
<b>Total Score</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>47</b>

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Issues/concerns raised about Colonel Samuel Smith location

- From community group & community members, including:
  - impact on natural environment
  - fit with Lakeshore Grounds Master Design Plan
  - impacts on passive character/uses of park
  - potential for vandalism
- Natural environment assessment showed no significant impacts on significant habitats or species

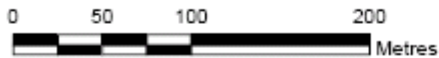


FIGURE 2

COLONEL SAMUEL SMITH PARK - PROPOSED SKATEBOARD FACILITY

NATURAL FEATURES

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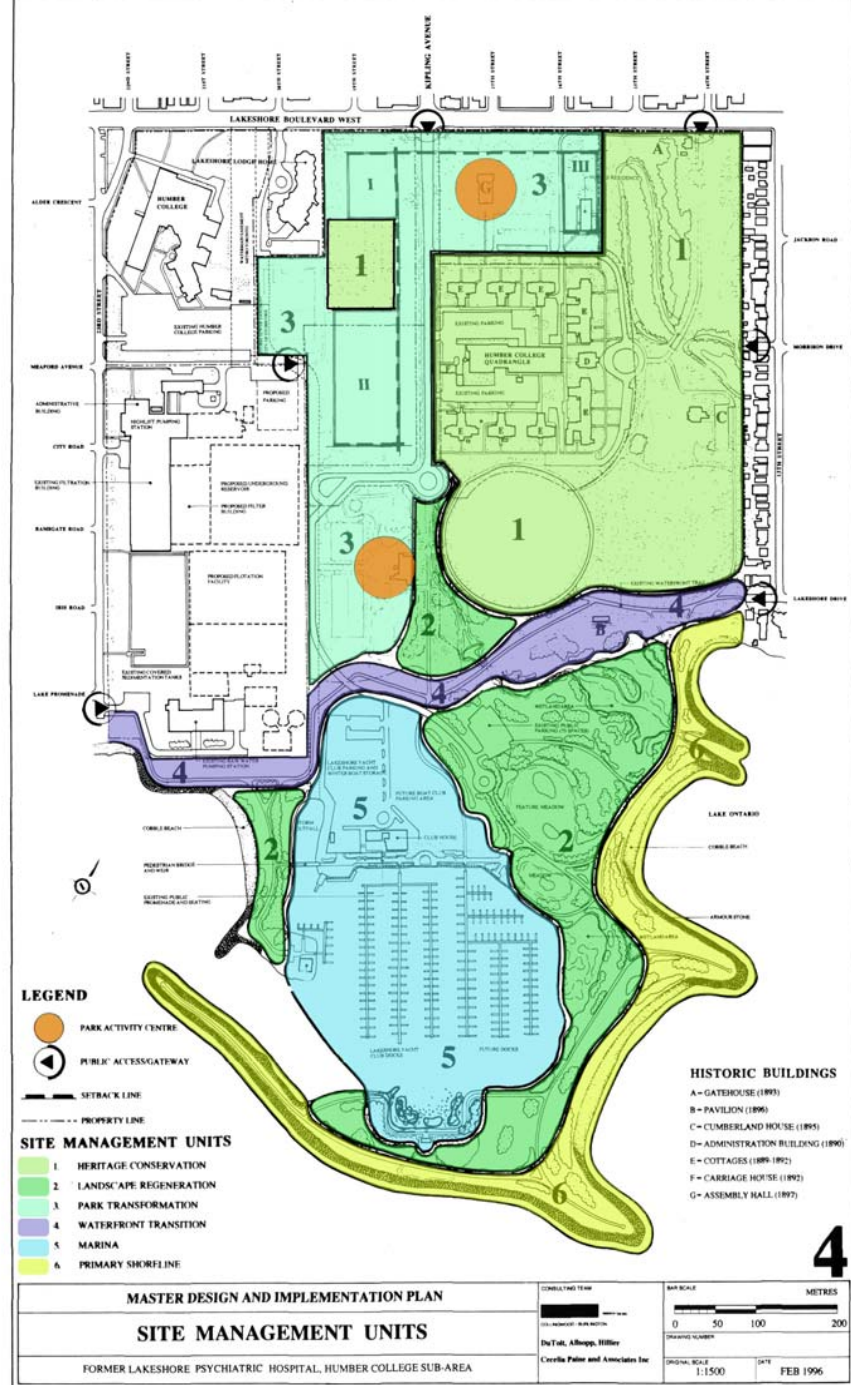


## **Lakeshore Grounds: Master Design & Implementation Plan**

- **Purpose was co-ordinate design of overall site**
- **Developed units/zones for site**
- **Recommended principles/guidelines for overall site development and management**
- **Recommended 3 park activity centres**
  - **Assembly Hall Cultural Centre**
  - **Power House Centre**
  - **Gatehouse**

# Lakeshore Grounds: Master Design & Implementation Plan

## Site Management Units



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## Overall Findings

- Detailed site evaluations show Colonel Samuel Smith Park as best overall location
- Scored highest on criteria related to
  - access
  - support facilities
  - compatibility with land uses surrounding park
- Scored second highest on criteria related to
  - compatibility with other park uses
  - visibility
- Public input on this location is diverse -- good support as well as strong opposition
- Park is suited to blend of active and passive uses/facilities, particularly at Power House location



Power House Site:  
Skateboard and Pleasure  
Skating Facility Concept

