

December 14, 2005

Brian Bailey, President
Citizens Concerned About the Future of the Etobicoke Waterfront (CCFEW)
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Dear Mr. Bailey:

Thank you for your letter with respect to the selection of a location for a skateboard facility in South Etobicoke. I apologize for the delay in responding to your letter, however, it appears your original letter was not received by our division. We appreciate you resending it to us later in October.

We understand your interest in the selection of a site for the proposed skateboard facility. At this point, we are completing our review of the identified and suggested sites. This includes public input from the open house and public meeting in June and input received since then. We expect to complete this work in January, 2006.

The following is in response to the questions in your letter.

1. *Can our organization have a copy of the Terms of Reference for the hiring of the biologist?*

See attached scope of work.

2. *Will the biologist's review consider the cumulative environmental impact of the skateboard facility, Father John Redmond Secondary School (under construction) and the proposed Catholic elementary school?*

The biologist was retained to review the Colonel Sam Smith Park site as a proposed location for the skateboard facility. The review does not address the secondary school under construction or the potential elementary school.

3. *The park has become recognized as an important local staging area for many species of migratory birds. Will the biologist examine the impact of the proposed location within the park in terms of habitat fragmentation and its effect on bird migration?*

The biologist's report reviews the proposed facility location within the context of the park and its habitat role.

4. *Will the report examine the impact of stormwater on the adjacent creek and wetlands?*

The biologist's report considers the watercourse and the created wetland to the east of the proposed facility location and the potential for impact on these features. It should also be noted

that drainage and stormwater management would be addressed in detail as part of facility design.

5. *Will the review comment on fencing and lighting?*

The biologist's report considers lighting of the proposed facilities. The report assumes that the proposed skateboard facility would not be illuminated for use after dark, and that the proposed pleasure skating facility would be illuminated for evening use. The report does not address fencing the facilities, however, managing and directing access within and around the proposed facilities with respect to surrounding features is considered.

6. *Will the biologist be provided with noise data from similar facilities?*

Noise data from similar skateboard facilities (concrete skateboard parks) has been provided to the biologist.

7. *May we have the name and contact information of the biologist?*

The biologist is Jeff Warren, Senior Project Manager/Biologist, Planning and Environmental Design, Marshall Macklin Monaghan, email is warrenj@mmm.ca.

8. *Will the review by the biologist be public in advance of the writing of the Staff Report on the skateboard facility and its preferred location?*

We are currently reviewing the biologist's revised draft report. We will provide the completed report to CCFEW in early 2006.

9. *Will the Staff Report and review by the biologist be made public before a decision is made with respect to location?*

Staff are reviewing the information on the proposed sites and input from the community, including the comments from the open house and public meeting. We are preparing a summary document of the key information and site selection factors which we will share with CCFEW and other interested parties early in 2006.

10. *Will there be a community meeting, after release of the Staff Report, in order that we can verify the contents of the report in terms of our position and to comment on its conclusions?*

We are not planning another community meeting, however, we would be happy to consider any comments from CCFEW or meet with CCFEW representatives to discuss.

11. *What group or individual will be making the final decision on the location of the skateboard facility?*

As indicated in previous discussion with CCFEW, the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division will make the decision based on a review of potential locations, including community and stakeholder input.

12. What process was followed to determine the projects to be funded by the Monarch development funds?

Community amenities and benefits secured through Section 37 Agreements follow the policies and guidelines set out in the City's Official Plan for the use of this provision of the Planning Act. Community benefits are identified through the planning process, and our division is consulted as part of that process. Community benefits associated with the Monarch Waterview development include a number of public improvements to parks and public spaces in the Humber Bay Shores area as well as other communities in the area.

13. Will the skateboard facility, regardless of location, be designed to be completed with the funds already designated by council? If additional funding is required for the facility, its services or amenities, what effect will this have on spending for other local services and facilities?

The skateboard facility will be constructed in line with approved capital funds for the project.

14. When will the City of Toronto be establishing the long promised Planning Committee for Colonel Sam Smith Park with adjacent landowners and community representatives?

Although not specific to the park, the "Master Design and Implementation Plan" (MDIP) for the overall Lakeshore Grounds was completed in 1996. The MDIP was intended to help coordinate a number of design and development concerns for the overall site, as the former hospital lands were undergoing transition to a broader range of public and institutional uses. Among other things, the MDIP recommended the establishment of a Design and Management Committee. Based on that approach, a working committee was convened by the City in 1998, with representatives of the City, the school board, Humber College, various agencies/service providers, and community groups. At present, a Lakeshore Grounds stakeholder group meets occasionally and we did meet with this group in May, 2005 to discuss the Power House as a skateboard facility location.

Staff in our division would be happy to meet with you early in 2006 to discuss this project.

Thank you very much.



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Attachment

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