

Town to respond April 28 to online petitions on Acton skateboard park

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After online petitions have been started calling for the Town not to demolish The Three Musketeers Skatepark and instead develop other plans to expand Acton Arena, Mayor Rick Bonnette has asked Town staff to prepare a presentation on the issue for the next council meeting (April 28).

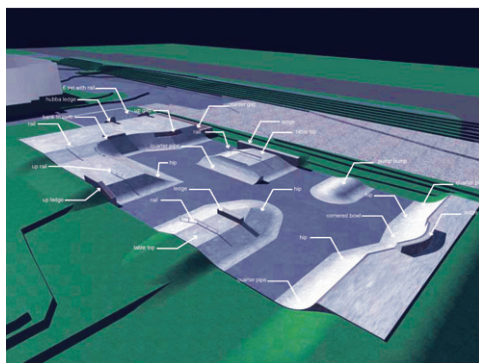
Wellington County resident Sheila Clarkson, whose son uses the park frequently, had planned to attend Monday's Council meeting to protest the demolition and temporary closure of the Skatepark to add a second ice pad to Acton Arena and was urging all other concerned parents and skateboarders to attend as well.

But at Monday's meeting, Bonnette said, "staff are still in the process of receiving information from people interested in commenting on the plan."

"While we want to encourage people to express their views regarding items of importance to them, we also have an obligation to inform all residents in a timely manner as to the items coming forward to a particular council meeting," said Bonnette.

"This way we can ensure that our residents are informed of what Council plans to discuss and we will hear delegations on the topic at that date," said Bonnette.

The Town is planning to close the skatepark next month to make way for the Acton arena expansion. The



The design of the existing Three Musketeers Skatepark.

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skatepark is to be moved to a new location, behind the new addition, with completion slated for Sept. 2015. The Town is planning to open a temporary skatepark on the arena property this summer.

Bonnette asked staff to prepare a presentation on the skatepark "to ensure our residents are informed of what Council plans to discuss and we will hear delegations on the topic."

Bonnette said a few teens had shown up at the Civic Centre for Monday's meeting to discuss the issue, but were informed it wasn't on the agenda that night.

"They were very polite, but they were informed that we were going to have more information come forward two weeks from now."

Anyone interested in appearing as a delegation at the meeting is asked to call the Town Clerk's office at 905-873-2601 ext. 2333 or complete the online delegation request form on the Town's website at www.halton-hills.ca/forms/delegation.php.

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