

Help Town design a new Acton skate park

Evolving provincial planning legislation - the Greenbelt Plan - is blamed, in part, by the Town for forcing the demolition of the existing 3 Musketeers skate park, opened in 2007 at a cost of \$385,000. The facility will be rebuilt - a cost of at least \$500,000 - as part of the Acton arena/community centre campus expansion project which includes twinning of the ice pad, and renovations to the Acton Seniors Centre.

The Town could not proceed with its initial side-by-side layout plan to twin the new ice pad, but was forced, because of the Greenbelt legislation, to go with a T-shape layout to the existing arena, necessitating relocation of the existing skate park.

Warren Harris, the Town's Manger of Parks and Open Spaces, detailed the findings from two open houses, and an on-line survey, at to councillors on Monday night. He also outlined the Town's on-going process to design the new facility, and provide temporary facilities during construction.

Harris also said discussions continue on a proposed multi-purpose outdoor court for basketball and outdoor ice rink, although there is no money in the budget for

the project.

Acton resident Pam Parkin, representing the community near the 3 Musketeers facility and local youth, said an "unfortunate lack of foresight" led to the need to demolish the existing facility, only to rebuild a new one not 20-metres away. She asked for, and received assurances, that the park will be rebuilt.



Jamie Adams - Frances Learment photos



Gayle McIntosh and Jenn Everson

Gayle McIntosh and Jenn Everson, members of the 3 Musketeers Committee, raised money for the existing park with an annual golf tournament, and vow to raise money for the new one, again named in memory of three Acton teens - the 3 Musketeers - killed in a train/car accident in 2000. "Moving, not removing, the Acton skatepark removes many issues," McIntosh said, adding the Town has gone "above and beyond" what is required to provide a temporary skate park during construction of the new facility.

Acton resident Jamie Adams was unhappy with the location and functionality of the proposed facility. She asked the Town to consider a second temporary

skatepark - possibly in Prospect Park - to handle all of the users. "Some residents...can see that taxpayers' money may have been unnecessarily spent, or will be spent..." she said, adding, "the money could have been better spent with proper planning..." instead of "repeating the same project twice." She was assured that Town staff will daily check the safety at the temporary skate park, which will be set up in the parking lot to the east of the existing arena.

Harris said the temporary facility - about 60 per cent of the existing space - will not be a destination park, but will offer 13 features for local users. It will cost approximately \$50,000 and the features will be reusable. The Town will have an on-site ambassador at the temporary site, and during construction will offer four free bus trips to an indoor Guelph facility.

To register for the May 15 skate park design workshop at the Acton Town Hall Centre, call Kevin at 905-873-2601, ext. 2280, or email kevin@haltonhills.ca

Following that workshop, the design will be refined over the summer, with a final report to Council in August, and construction in 2015.



Pam Parkin



Halton Hills Hydro Board of Directors

The Town of Halton Hills is inviting applications for appointment of two (2) new members to the Board of Directors for Halton Hills Hydro.

Persons interested in being a Director on the Halton Hills Hydro Board must reside in and have a good knowledge of Halton Hills and, a reputation for personal integrity and honesty. Candidates will be appointed based on the following criteria:

- Experience in energy policy;
- Experience in management and operation of regulated assets, such as electricity distribution and generation;
- Experience in dealing with government and regulatory agencies;
- Experience in corporate finance and accounting;
- Experience in human resource management; and
- Experience in corporate structuring.

In order to express your interest in a position on the Board of Directors for Halton Hills Hydro, please submit your confidential Letter of Interest with background and qualifications by May 23, 2014 to:

Renée Brown
Council and Committee Services Coordinator (Deputy Clerk)
Town of Halton Hills
1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, ON L7G 5G2
Or
renee@haltonhills.ca

Applicants must ensure that no conflict of interest will exist with this appointment

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Input requested on the 2013-2014 Long-Term Accommodation Plan

Parents & community members are invited to review and give feedback on the Halton District School Board's 2013-2014 Long-Term Accommodation Plan. This plan addresses the existing and projected accommodation needs of students in elementary and secondary schools and identifies new capital project initiatives, such as the need for new schools.

Powerpoint Presentations outlining the Long-Term Accommodation Plan for **Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton, and Oakville** are available online at www.hdsb.ca

The *Long-Term Accommodation Plan* is posted on the Board's website. Follow the link from the main page under "Program and Accommodation".

Please provide your input by **May 16, 2014** by contacting the Planning Department:

- Telephone: (905) 335-3663
- E-mail: plan@hdsb.ca (subject line: LTAP 2013-2014)
- Mail: PO Box 5005 STN LCD 1, Burlington, ON L7R 3Z2

Once the feedback is collected, staff will report back to the Board in June, 2014