

Poor turnout for Acton skateboard meeting

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Disappointingly poor turnout at an Acton skateboard park planning meeting last week didn't deter a small group of community volunteers and Town staff who've offered their time and talents to the project.

With just eight people, four parents and four boarders, at what was scheduled as the first formal meeting of the skateboard steering committee, facilitated by the Town, it was decided to hold another meeting on May 1.

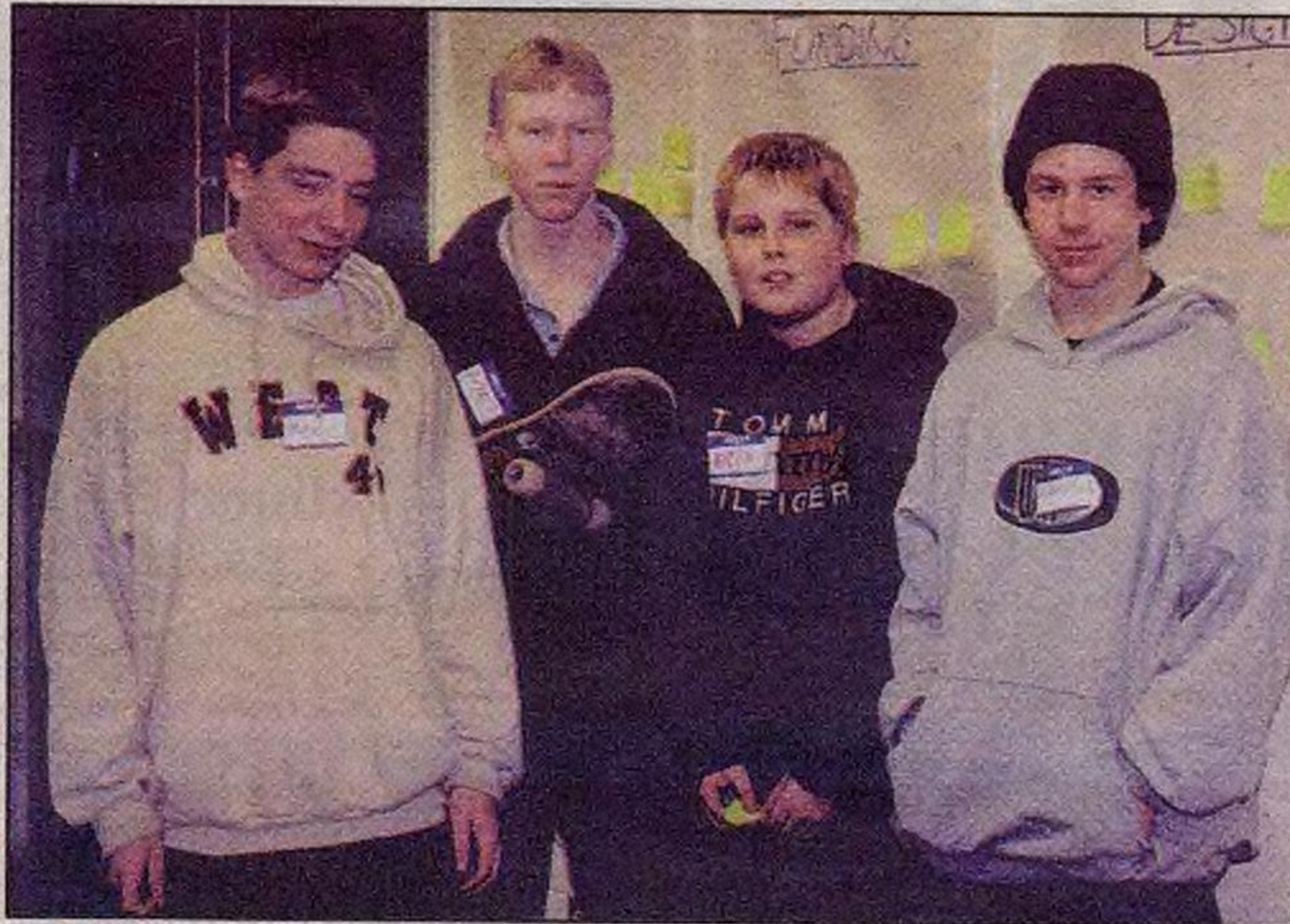
Town staff will contact the 28 people invited to last week's meeting, all of whom had volunteered to sit on the committee at a community forum last fall, to invite them again to be part of the process of developing a park for Acton.

Asked if the poor turnout was a red flag to Town staff that Acton isn't interested in developing and then sustaining a skateboard facility, the Town's recreation supervisor, Aaron Matthews, said "It doesn't mean we're not going to try this process again," at the May 1st meeting, suggesting the March Break scheduling might have contributed to the low attendance.

"I hope people don't - maybe some people think it was a waste of their time tonight, but at least we've come together and we have got some of this information down now, so we're one step further ahead than we were," Matthews said, adding the project will take a committed Acton community.

The group was to have decided how the steering committee will work, core objectives and programs to design, market and fundraise, all items moved to the next meeting.

In a brief discussion about those issues last week, the boarders on the committee all opted for a park near their



BOARD BOYS: These Acton skateboarders, from left: Mike Gerrow, Matt Dayman, Matt Williams and Gavin Williams, sit on a community steering committee developing plans for a skateboard park for Acton. Poor turnout at last week's meeting led the committee to schedule another meeting for May 1. - Frances Niblock photo

Bovis subdivision homes, between Churchill Road and Wallace Street, north of Queen Street.

At the community forum, locations near the arena and Prospect Park were heavily favoured; at last week's meeting the focus was on the Acton East area.

All committee members said corporate sponsorship would be crucial to fundraising and Acton and Regional Councillor Rick Bonnette, citing fundraising for the Georgetown skateboard park, suggested the community should try to raise between 15 and 20 per cent of the total cost.

The Town's capital forecast, not written in stone, but with Council's approval-in-principle, includes \$120,000 in 2004 for an Acton facility.

After the meeting, Bonnette said he hopes people who showed a "real keen interest" in the project last fall will "take some ownership."

"...But, if there isn't a

good turnout for the next meeting then, I think we'll have to take a good look at it,

"Bonnette said on Monday when asked how the apparent lack of interest affects the

skateboard park initiative.

Bonnette said he was somewhat disappointed with the poor attendance, especially since none of the committee volunteers notified the Town that they couldn't attend the meeting, as requested.

Before the meeting, John Dunn, Town's supervisor of

parks and cemeteries, joked that since he's the one that will have to clean the facility, he doesn't want any graffiti.

He said in Tottenham, the municipality fenced its skateboard park and uses flags to signal if it's open or closed because of misuse, like graffiti or other problems.



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