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Skateboard park named in honor of Acton trio

cton's future skateboard park has been named in I memory of three local boys who were killed five years ago in a train/car collision.

On Monday, the Acton Sports Action Park (ASAP) Committee announced the planned park will be called 3 Musketears Skateboard Park in honour of Acton boys Mark Everson, Rory Dick and Travis Toth. The three friends were killed in 2000 when the car they were in was hit by a train at a Fourth Line level crossing.

"The name 3 Musketears and its unique spelling symbolizes the bond these youth had for each other and the memory held by their families and community," said Gayle McIntosh, chair of the 3 Musketears Committee.

That committee has been holding annual golf tournaments to raise money in memory of the boys and has pledged \$30,000 to the construction of the skateboard park.

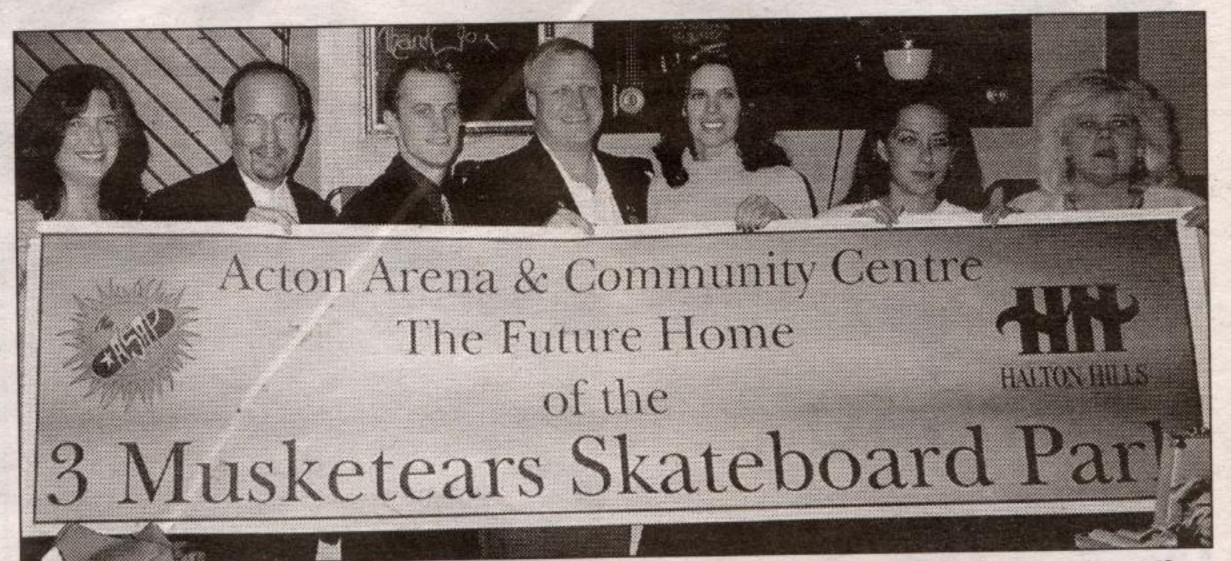
"The 3 Musketears Committee thought the pledge to the park was a great fit since skateboarding was an activity loved by the boys and we thought it appropriate that their interest in the sport be recognized this way, while at the same time preserving their memory."

As a result of that generous donation, and many others, Clark Somerville, a member of the ASAP fund-raising committee said they have already raised approximately \$70,000 of the \$100,000 ASAP was hoping to raise to build the park. The Town has included \$104,000 for the park, which has been in the works for five years, in its 2006 budget.

"We've had phenomenal support," said Somerville.

Deb Fendley, chair of ASAP, said, "the more money we have, the bigger the park will be."

The long-awaited skateboard park, to be located at the northwest corner of the Acton Arena & Community Centre, is expected to be approximately 10,000 sq ft., twice the size of the 5,000 sq. ft.



Acton Sports Action Park (ASAP) Committee members proudly display a banner emblazoned with the name of Acton's future skateboard park at a recent fund-raiser. The park is named 3 Musketears Skateboard Park in memory of three Acton boys- Travis Toth, Mark Everson and Rory Dick- who were killed in 2000 when the car they were in was hit by a train at a Fourth Line level crossing. Holding the banner from left are; Julia Roehrig, Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette, John Eddolls, Councillor Clark Somerville, Monica Galway, Aimie Fendley and Deb Fendley (chair of ASAP).

Submitted photo next year, with it up and running by next fall.

Fendley said volunteers are needed to help with special fundraising events.

"Any student is certainly welcome and they can get community service hours at the same time," she said. "The youth have a big role to play in this."

She said those who donate will be recognized for their contribution through the park's recognition pro-

"The Town is managing all our funds and a tax receipt (for donations over \$10) will be issued by the Town," said Fendley.

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Anyone interested in participating or making a donation to the skateboard park can call Fendley at 519-853-2880 or send a cheque to ASAP c/o Acton Sports Action Park, 14 Duby Rd., Acton, ON, L7J 2P1.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

"Our goal is to give them as much as we can of what they're looking for," said Fendley. Rakesh Mistry, the Town's parks

Georgetown park on Guelph St.

Reformed Church.

In the meantime, Fendley said

Acton youths have been skateboard-

ing anywhere they can in town

including a portable park that has

been set up at the Christian

"The youth have made sugges-

tions on what they would like to

see," said Aaron Matthews, recre-

ation supervisor with the Town.

They have provided their thoughts

on the layout of the park and which

obstacles they would like included.

design construction coordinator, said top items requested by youths to be included in the park are a hex ramp, grind rail, pyramid with a flat tail and a midi quarter pipe.

He said the park planned for Acton will be different from the skateboard park in Georgetown, which is based on a central hub design.

"This one will be more linear so there is a circuit system to it," said

Matthews said they would like to start construction of the park by

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