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**Peterborough**

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**To:** Members of the General Committee

**From:** Ken Doherty, Director of Community Services

**Meeting Date:** February 26, 2018

**Subject:** Report CSRS18-004  
West 49 Skateboard Park Overview

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## **Purpose**

A report to provide an overview of the West 49 Skateboard Park history and its usage.

## **Recommendation**

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report CSRS18-004 dated February 26, 2018, of the Director of Community Services, as follows:

That report CSRS18-004 be received for information.

## **Budget and Financial Implication**

There is no budget or financial implication resulting from the approval of the recommendation of report CSRS18-004.

## **Background**

During the 2015 budget deliberations, Council requested Staff to provide an information report on the West 49 Skateboard Park, at some point in the future.

## **History of the West 49 Skateboard Park**

City Council first dealt with the issue of developing a skateboard park in 1997, when it committed to providing a site for a volunteer community group looking to establish a community skateboard park. The community group's intent was to provide a safe environment for youth to skateboard, while reducing the impact of skateboarding in the downtown core. The original group was unsuccessful in their efforts. However, with continuing community interest in a skateboard facility and the establishment of a skateboard committee, a skateboard park was eventually constructed in the parking lot of Bonnerworth Park in 2001.

The skateboard park was initially intended to be constructed in two phases, due to the cost of the total project exceeding the available budget. The approved budget for phase one was \$288,900. Phase two was estimated to cost \$85,000. During the planning and construction stages of phase one, the Skateboard Committee continued its efforts to secure alternate funding to support phase two. As phase one was nearing completion, West 49 made an offer to donate the \$85,000 required to complete phase two. West 49 is a private company, who at the time operated 29 stores across Canada, and was positioned to open an additional 20 outlets in the following year. The conditions of the donation included naming rights for the skateboard park and a tax receipt acknowledging their donation. There is no agreement on file defining the length of time for which the naming rights are applicable.

## **Skateboard Park Usage**

The skateboard park is unsupervised, and made available for casual community use. The City does not track the number of individual users or their day-to-day attendance at the skateboard park. Through observation, Staff is aware that the skateboard park is used regularly from the time the snow melts in the spring until it is snow covered in the fall/early winter. When the seasonal Special Event Monitors visit the facility from May through August each year, they typically witness 20 – 30 users at any given time.

## **Skateboard Park Maintenance**

Over time, the concrete structure has shown signs of wear and tear, requiring maintenance. The facility is inspected annually by City Staff. In the fall of 2015, significant cracks were repaired, and the concrete pad that runs along the west side of the facility was replaced, at a cost of just under \$5,000. The current ten-year capital budget forecast proposes an allocation of \$150,000 in 2020, for works that will ensure the facility remains in good repair for use by future generations. That figure may be adjusted, based on an evaluation of the facility's condition at the time the 2020 budget is prepared. That capital project will provide an opportunity to revisit options for sponsorship and naming rights.

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