

**Jennifer Patterson - Fwd: Re:**

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**From:** Ken Doherty  
**To:** Jennifer Patterson  
**Date:** 4/2/2012 4:47 PM  
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>>> Lesley Parnell 3/20/2012 9:33 PM >>>

Hi Chopsy. I agree. We need to update this by-law. By way of cc I am copying our legal department and director. It will take some research and time but it needs to be done. Thank you for writing, Lesley.

>>> zack houston <[REDACTED]> 3/19/2012 2:31:58 PM >>>

Hi I speak for the longboarders of this town. I wanted to bring to attention that the skateboarding by law is very unfair to all who attempt to ride in this nice town. We are not skateboarders we are longboarders.

Yesterday we had a cop kick us off a hill we were skating at not causing any trouble at all. When we asked where we could skate he replied the skate park. We cant skate at a skate park our boards arnt ment for bowls and half pipes. We need hills with nice pavement to slide on like snowboarders need good snow. We spend good money on our boards to be able to ride them not have them sit in our rooms just to look at. This bylaw was made a long time ago and it isnt fair for anyone. We get not skating on side walks but to not be able to skate on the road is to much. Im a poor college student who cant afford a nice vehicle to get school and work! it takes an hour to walk but only 20 mins by board! its also eco friendly transportation! All we want is for the bylaw to be lifted or for longbaorders to be treated like bikes. Im tired of seeing people getting tickets they cant afford for doing what they love or hell just trying to get to work on time! Please consider reviewing this and trying to look at it from our point of view.

Chopsy

## Jennifer Patterson - Fwd: Skateboarding bylaw

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**Subject:** Fwd: Skateboarding bylaw

>>> Jennifer Sawatzky 4/2/2012 1:14 PM >>>

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>>> "--Taylor smith--" <[REDACTED]> 3/31/2012 12:17 PM >>>

The skateboarding bylaw is unjust roller skaters and bikers go on the road. We have just as much control over our boards as a roller skater or biker does their piece of equipment. We also support local businesses such as green street and thin city longboard. As you know these local businesses are crucial to the downtown core and it brings business to the core of peterborough. Basically we just want to have fun and some of us use our boards to commute to and from work we understand your standpoint but this bylaw needs some serious changes. If not you are taking money out of your local businesses pockets because who wants to buy something they have to pay 65\$ to use each time. The law is unfair and unjust because we are just looking to have fun with a sport and excel at it. Like we wear helmets and protective equipment. So we won't get hurt we longboard for the love of the sport. Not because were causing trouble. Were not trying to cause any trouble. We are just trying to stay physically active. I understand how busy you are and I would like to hear your stand point on this law. Thank you you can contact me at [REDACTED]

Thanks, taylor smith

Sent from my BlackBerry device on the Rogers Wireless Network

## Jennifer Patterson - Fwd: Skateboards on City streets

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>>> Dan Bullock <[REDACTED]> 3/31/2012 12:21 PM >>>

Sec. 9.1 must be amended! The push for green, and active transportation is immense, and yet our city is ticketing people who are trying to support just that? And I know many people have safety concerns but ask yourself how many people have been killed or seriously injured in car accidents this year? Now ask yourself that same question but replace the word car with skateboard, hmm, there's some food for thought. And everyone is saying that kids are spending too much time inside playing video games instead of being active, but if this law was amended then parents wouldn't be as afraid to send their kids out skateboarding and not worrying about them coming home with a 65 dollar ticket. Everyone says "oh they have the skateboard park" but honestly it isn't a very nice place to be, drugs...etc and when your at the skateboard park you aren't actually going anywhere accomplishing nothing. Longboards are completely different they are meant as I form of transportation more like a bicycle. Thank you for your consideration.

Daniel Bullock.

**Jennifer Patterson - Fwd: a letter of concern**

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**From:** Ken Doherty  
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>>> Keenan Kelly <[REDACTED]> 4/9/2012 12:36 PM >>>

Hello my name is Keenan Kelly I am 16 years old and attend Crest-wood Secondary School in the 11th grade.  
Please see the attached letter as it voices my concerns on the By-Law on skateboarding in Peterborough.  
Thank you for your time.

Sincerely Keenan Kelly

April 3, 2012

Dear , Members of Peterborough City Council

Hello, my name is Keenan Kelly. I am 16 years old and attend Crestwood Secondary School in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade. I am an academically oriented student and so far have been achieving high grades in all of my classes. In the winter I am a Snow Boarding Instructor at Kawartha Ski and Snowboard School and in the summer I work at Viamede Resort on Stony Lake. Recently something has been brought to my attention that I find very disturbing. Section 9 in the Peterborough By-Law for the Regulation of Traffic states:

9.1 No person upon roller skates, skateboards or similar devices or riding on sleighs, toboggans, toy carts or express wagons or similar devices shall go upon any highway.

9.2 No person upon roller skates, skateboards or similar devices shall go upon any sidewalk.

This means that to skateboard on the streets of Peterborough is against the law. There are many reasons that I believe section 9.1 of this Bylaw should be amended to allow skateboarding and similar methods of transportation on Peterborough's roadways.

The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines a skateboard as "a short board mounted on small wheels that is used for coasting and for performing athletic stunts". This means that a skateboard has more than one use. Partly it is for simple enjoyment, much like hockey or golf. Partly it is an environmentally friendly way of getting from point A to point B, much like cycling and using public transportation. Partly it is a means for exercise, much like swimming and running. But, unlike hockey, skateboarding does not require an Ice Rink that costs money and energy to run. Unlike golf, skateboarding does not require huge amounts of space or the gasoline it takes to maintain that space. Unlike cycling, skateboards do not require steel and rubber to be manufactured and can be made from more environmentally friendly materials like Canadian Maple. Unlike Public Transportation, skateboards are 100% powered by the rider. Unlike swimming, skateboarding can be done anywhere, not just at pools or lakes. And finally unlike running, skateboarding is illegal on the streets of Peterborough.

In a time when a major global concern is the state of our environment, and the impact humans have upon it and in a time when the Peterborough area has recently experienced March temperatures that are significantly higher than the average high of 5 degrees Celsius, one would think that the City Council would approve of and even recommend the use of environmentally friendly transportation. About 13% of Canada's Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions come from passenger cars and light trucks. Imagine if even of a fraction of the people who drove those vehicles instead chose to use an environmentally friendly method of transportation.

Peterborough has very well organized public transit system and many people save money, and the environment by taking a bus. Sometimes though the bus is not suitable for a person such as when they don't have change with them or a bus pass, or if the bus is not coming at the right time. So instead many people find bicycles to be a good solution, but there are still problems with bikes. First is the concern that if you are going anywhere with a bike you need a lock and somewhere to lock it. Secondly, for a decent, used adult bike people are looking at spending usually around \$200.00, and more if they want something that is of higher quality. Many people cannot afford this, especially if they already have a car and are just wanting something more

environmentally friendly. A new name brand skateboard, complete set up, can be purchased for \$100.00 and less if you do not care about the name. Even the much faster longboards, can be purchased for around \$150.00 new. Unlike a bus you can leave at anytime with a skateboard, and unlike a bike you can carry a skateboard with you.

Earlier this fall I had a two credit co-op through my school at a business downtown. I found that I actually got to my co-op earlier if I rode my longboard from Crestwood to downtown than if I took the bus. So not only was I where I needed to be sooner, but I was also being more eco friendly. There is also one other reason that I believe it was better for me to skateboard than take the bus. According to The Childhood Obesity Foundation approximately 59% of Canada's adult population and 26% of Canada's children are either overweight or obese. Imagine if all of these people chose to skateboard instead of taking a bus or a car. Skateboarding is a great way to stay active and fit, and although it is still possible to skateboard at the Peterborough Skate Park, it is not a particularly active way to skateboard. Often at skate parks people are prone to sitting and watching other skateboarders, and even if they are skating they still have to wait for periods of time until it is their turn to hit a feature. On a road however, skateboarders are constantly working to keep themselves going. This promotes much more active activity than just hanging out at a skate park.

Also there is more than just one form of skateboarding and not all of these can be done at a skate park. This leads me to my next point. Skateboarding is, above all, a sport. Much the same as hockey, lacrosse, golf, squash, tennis, skiing and countless others. All of these sports require expensive equipment, a place to do them and money to use the necessary facilities. Skateboarding on the other hand, only requires the equipment (a skateboard and helmet) and a road, which in most places is already available. What is the difference between skateboarding and these sports? One difference is that skateboarding uses the same roads as cars, and the other is that skateboarders are stereotyped as drug using punks who care about nothing but skateboarding. On the topic of using the roads it is clear that this could not be the reason of the bylaw because cyclists use the roads as well, for the same purpose. So it must then be, because of the stereotypes surrounding skateboarders.

In today's society aren't we learning that there is no value in stereotypes? That although they may be true for one member of a group they certainly are not true for all of the members. By writing this letter alone I hope that I prove myself to not fit this stereotype. My high academic achievements do not support the stereotypical skateboarder either. If I myself don't prove this wrong, I would like to mention my brother Kyle Kelly. Kyle all throughout highschool and still today skateboards as a means of transportation. He uses it daily to get around his college campus in Toronto. Skateboarding did not stop him from receiving the Canada wide Garfield Weston Scholarship, and from being highly successful in his program.

Finally, I would like to mention the actual financial value of skateboarding as a method of transportation. Even assuming that cars and car insurance were not horribly expensive, the money that a family could save on gas, if even just their kids skateboarded to school, and friends' houses, would accumulate immensely. Let alone if a young adult in college or university chose to skateboard to their classes instead of drive. Let's look at the cost difference. Let's assume that said student bought a used car for \$1600.00. And let's say that insurance cost them \$1500.00 a year and the price of gas is \$1.29/L... It is clear how much these costs add up. All of these can be replaced for \$150.00 (the cost of a decent longboard).

But let's take into account the other benefits of our student using a skateboard as

transportation. Skateboarding would help them not only financially, but it will help them be more environmentally friendly, help promote an active lifestyle and it will provide an activity that they can enjoy. It is for these reasons that I believe section 9.1 should be changed so that skateboarding is allowed on the highways of Peterborough following all of the same rules as cycling.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I would like to mention that all statistics and numbers are based on facts, and any used prices were actual prices that I found in the Peterborough area that I thought best represented the situation. I would also strongly encourage any readers interested to go to this link on youtube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tM8LZdDzs-8>

It provides a video created by Nike that compares societies' view on skateboarding with running instead. I find it to be very thought provoking and I hope that it will help emphasize my point on the laws against skateboarding. If you have any question please don't hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at:

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Sincerely,



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