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# WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

## Proposed Skateboard Park Within Valley Park, Stoney Creek.

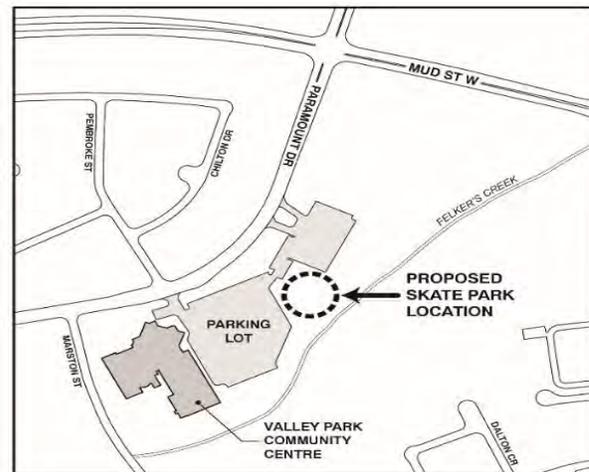
Dear Resident:

In the summer of 2018, city staff began working on a project within the Upper Stoney Creek community that may be of interest to you. Staff want to provide an opportunity for you to comment on the proposed project, as well as, provide a brief update on the progress to date.

The project is to create a new skateboard park within Valley Park in Stoney Creek. The proposed skate park is planned to be a concrete facility designed to accommodate BMX riders, in-line skaters, scooter riders, quad skaters, skateboarders and other wheeled sports.

The current scope of work is for conceptual and detailed design of the new facility. The city is seeking your feedback on the proposed project and its location within the Stoney Creek community. You can share your thoughts or concerns directly to the undersigned, the Ward 9 Councilor office or by completing the online survey noted below. Survey closes Friday April 12, 2019.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ValleySkatePark2019>



Valley Park – 970 Paramount Drive, Stoney Creek.

### **Why Valley Park?**

In 2017, the City of Hamilton completed a Skateboard Park Study ([www.hamilton.ca/parks-recreation/creating-new-parks/skateboard-park-study](http://www.hamilton.ca/parks-recreation/creating-new-parks/skateboard-park-study)) that identified a shortage of skate parks throughout the city. The study recommended the development of 3 additional community scale skateboard amenities by 2021 and another two by 2031. The study included a city-wide site evaluation and Valley Park was one of the top 5 scoring sites. A follow up investigation into Valley Park supported its selection for the City's next community skateboard park because of its location, on a bus route, distance to other skateboard parks, and population.

### **What Has Been Done So Far?**

On February 22, 2018, city staff hosted a public meeting at Valley Park, to introduce the proposed Valley Skate Park project to the community and kick-off the project planning stage.

On October 25, 2018, staff hosted the first of two design workshops at Valley Park Community Centre, where the riding community and public were invited to share their ideas on the proposed skate park. This design workshop was rider focused with most discussions and exercises being specific to the design in terms of layout and features. At the time of the workshop, staff released an online rider survey to the participants of the workshop and the public through social media, as

well as, directly to the 400+ community stakeholder contacts that were collected through the Skateboard Park Study in 2017. A summary of the online survey and workshop can be found on the project website at [www.hamilton.ca/valleyskatepark](http://www.hamilton.ca/valleyskatepark).

On January 17, 2019, staff hosted the second design workshop at Valley Park Community Centre where three design concepts of the proposed skate park were presented. These concepts used the feedback collected from Design Workshop #1 and the Fall 2018 online survey.

#### **What's Next?**

City staff will summarize the feedback received on the (3) design concepts in the coming weeks and prepare a single preferred concept that will be presented at a second public meeting proposed for June 2019 within the Stoney Creek Community. Details to follow.

#### **Project Funding**

In 2018, this project received \$100,000.00 from the Newalta Reserve to begin the conceptual design and initial public consultation stage of the project. This budget allowed for the project design workshops, public meetings, studies, and consulting services for the preparation of the conceptual designs.

In 2019, a Capital budget was approved for \$127,000.00 for the detailed design phase of the project.

Funding for construction has not been approved, but is proposed for 2020, with a budget request of \$2 million dollars. The projects funding will not have any impact to local taxes with the vast majority of funding coming from community contributions.

#### **We Want to Hear from You!**

Staff are looking for feedback from the Stoney Creek community on the proposed project and thoughts on incorporating it within Valley Park itself. You may provide your feedback directly to the undersigned, through the Ward 9 Councilor office or by completing an online survey available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ValleySkatePark2019>. (Survey closes April 12, 2019)

To review the design concepts and take part in the rider survey, please go to the project website at [www.hamilton.ca/valleyskatepark](http://www.hamilton.ca/valleyskatepark). You will also be able to review the history of the project including all presentations and summaries of feedback we have received to date.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully



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