

NOTICE OF MOTION**Proposed Skateboard Park Location in Ward 6 Etobicoke - Lakeshore****Moved by: Councillor Saundercook** _____**SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this Motion is to request Council's authority for the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation to explore the possibility of a joint venture indoor skateboard facility in Ward 6 Etobicoke – Lakeshore.

Parks, Forestry and Recreation has recommended Capital funds of \$500,000 in the 2009 Capital budget that are slated to be used for the construction of a skateboard park. Ward 6 Etobicoke – Lakeshore is the first priority for this initiative and is undertaking the development of such a park. There have been public consultations on an appropriate location for such a skateboard facility but a suitable location has yet to be determined.

Councillor Mark Grimes has been approached by C.J. Skateboard Park and School, a not for profit corporation, on the potential of a joint venture skateboard facility to be constructed on lands owned by C.J. Skateboard Park and School.

The joint venture proposal offers an opportunity to investigate the option of a skateboard park in the Ward without using parkland. An indoor facility would be available year round for the community to use.

The viability of such a venture depends upon the needs of the community and all parties involved. The Ward Councillor would concurrently continue to have public consultation on the location of a skateboard park and continue to establish a committee to review and recommend to the community on an appropriate location for a skateboard park, one of which may be the joint venture proposed.

Substantial additional details will be required prior to the ability of the City to offer a recommendation on the merits of the joint venture proposal.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, in conjunction with other appropriate City Divisions, be authorized to explore the possibility of a joint venture indoor skateboard facility in Ward 6 Etobicoke – Lakeshore with C.J Skateboard Park and School Inc.