

Jan 29, 2022



## **Submission to Budget Committee**

### **RE: Parks, Forestry and Recreation - 2022-2031 10-Year Capital Plan Detail**

This letter is a response to the 2022 Parks Capital budget on behalf of the Toronto Skateboarding Committee (TSC) which represents the skateboarding community in Toronto.

In 2013, Councillor Janet Davis advised on the creation of the TSC so that the skateboarding community could advocate for the development of new skateboard parks in Toronto. Through successful community organizing and advocacy in 2014 and 2015, City Council directed the Parks Department to consult the TSC in the development of policy, operating and capital plans for the expansion of skateparks in Toronto.

Over the past 8 years, we have engaged with thousands of skateboarders and Council has adopted the Toronto Skateboard Strategy and The Parks and Recreation Facility Master Plan (FMP) which calls for the provision of 4 new Community Skateparks and 18 smaller Skate Spots throughout the city. The 2021 budget outlined allocations for 4 new Community Skateparks (\$600,000 each) and 11 Skate Spots (\$250,000 each) for the 2021-2030 timeframe. We had concerns about the adequacy of the budget allocations for Community Skateparks and a motion was passed requesting Parks, Forestry and Recreation to consult with the TSC on cost adjustments. After consulting with staff, the budget for the 4 Community Skateparks was increased by \$150,000 each (total budget for each skatepark increased to \$750,000).

During the 2021 budget process, the following motion was introduced and was passed unanimously in council. The motion was requested by us in order to address some issues we identified with budgeting, timing and maintenance of existing facilities.

#### **1. City Council request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, to:**

- a. consult with the Toronto Skateboard Committee, relevant stakeholders and local Councillors to advance the site process for the two community skateparks included in the Capital Budget and targeted for 2022-2024, while exploring any additional site identification opportunities for the remaining skateparks, and to report back through the 2022 Budget process on any cost adjustments that may be needed; and
- b. report back through the 2022 Budget process on the progress of the State of Good Repair assessment on existing City of Toronto skateparks and BMX parks, including a proposed schedule for repairs and rehabilitation of existing facilities as appropriate.

As requested through last years budget motion, we have had many discussions with staff from Parks, Forestry and Recreation throughout the year to help move us ahead. We are excited to announce the progress that has been made since last years budget.

1. The budget for Community Skateparks has been increased by \$150,000 each for a total of \$900,000 for each new skatepark. This increase reflects the continued rise in construction costs and our desire to build larger facilities to accommodate continued growth in participation rates.
2. Site selection for the 4 Community Skateparks has been accelerated and announcements about the future locations will be made in the coming months.
3. The design and construction schedule has been advanced with all 4 new skateparks scheduled to be completed by 2026.
4. A consultant has been hired and is currently assessing existing conditions and they will be preparing a State of Good Repair report for existing skateboard and BMX parks.

Skateboarding continues to be very popular, especially among kids and youth, and has seen steady growth through the pandemic. In Toronto we saw the volume of users at our skateparks increase in 2021 and we expect participation rates to continue rising. Our existing skateparks are also increasingly used by other user groups who are without their own dedicated facilities - groups including scootering, BMX biking, rollerblading and roller skating. We would like to ensure that sufficient resources are being allocated to build new skateparks of sufficient size to meet the ever-growing demand that we are experiencing.

We have been advocating for new skateparks diligently since we formed in 2013. We have had many successes and we would like to keep the momentum going. We will continue to advocate for annual increases in the Community Skatepark budget to reflect the constantly increasing cost of construction and for the improvement of existing facilities whether it be through repairs, redevelopment or the addition of support amenities such as lighting.

In closing, we would like to thank all of the great staff at Parks, Forestry and Recreation and all of the great councillors that are supporting our community. We look forward to working together to bring many more facilities to Toronto Parks for everyone to enjoy.

Sincerely,

**Migs Bartula**  
Development Manager  
Toronto Skateboarding Committee

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# Appendix A

## City Council consideration on February 18, 2021

EX21.2	ACTION	Amended		
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### 2021 Capital and Operating Budgets

#### City Council Decision

City Council on February 18, 2021, adopted the following:

*5 - Motion to Amend Item (Additional) moved by Councillor Brad Bradford (Carried)*  
Parks, Forestry and Recreation - Capital Budget

That:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, to:
  - a. consult with the Toronto Skateboard Committee, relevant stakeholders and local Councillors to advance the site process for the two community skateparks included in the Capital Budget and targeted for 2022-2024, while exploring any additional site identification opportunities for the remaining skateparks, and to report back through the 2022 Budget process on any cost adjustments that may be needed; and
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**Vote** (Amend Item (Additional))

Feb-18-2021 6:36 PM

Result: Carried	Majority Required - EX21.2 - Bradford - motion 5
Yes: 26	Paul Ainslie, Ana Bailão, Brad Bradford, Shelley Carroll, Mike Colle, Gary Crawford, Joe Cressy, John Fillion, Paula Fletcher, Michael Ford, Mark Grimes, Stephen Holyday, Cynthia Lai, Mike Layton, Nick Mantas, Josh Matlow, Jennifer McKelvie, Denzil Minnan-Wong, Frances Nunziata (Chair), James Pasternak, Gord Perks, Anthony Perruzza, Jaye Robinson, Michael Thompson, John Tory, Kristyn Wong-Tam
No: 0	
Absent: 0	

# Appendix B

## 2021 Capital Budget; 2022 - 2030 Capital Plan Including Carry Forward Funding

Project Code	(In \$000s)	2021 Budget	2022 Plan	2023 Plan	2024 Plan	2025 Plan	2026 Plan	2027 Plan	2028 Plan	2029 Plan	2030 Plan	2021 - 2030 Total	Health & Safety & Legislated
PR30	FMP-Skateboard Park (1) North District	50	700									750	
PR31	FMP-Skateboard Park (2) East District			50	700							750	
PR32	FMP-Skateboard Park (3) South District					50	700					750	
PR33	FMP-Ward 2 Skateboard Park (4)							50	700			750	
PR34	FMP-Skate Spots (2) Design & Construction		50	450								500	
PR35	FMP-Skate Spots Design & Construction Program			25	250	250	250	250	275	500	500	2,300	
PR36	FMP-Bike Park (1) Scarborough						50	700				750	
PR37	FMP-BMX Features (1)			15	235							250	
PR38	FMP-BMX Features (2)					15	235					250	

## 2021 (Last year) Capital Budget

4 Community Skateparks (\$750,000 each)

11 Skatespots (\$250,000 each)

Total Capital Budget allocation: \$5,800,000

2022 Operating Budget & 2022 - 2031 Capital Budget & Plan Parks, Forestry and Recreation

### Appendix 6 (Continued)

## 2022 Capital Budget; 2023 - 2031 Capital Plan Including Carry Forward Funding

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PR27	East Mall Park New Fitness Equipment S42		175									175			175
PR28	Eglinton Flats Park New Fitness Equipment S42		175									175			175
PR29	Marie Curtis Park - New Fitness Equipment S42	20	250									270			270
PR30	Noble Park Basketball Court S42		100									100			100
PR31	Park Lawn Track S42		45	375								420			420
PR32	FMP Basketball Full Court - Dennis Flynn Park	175										175			175
PR33	FMP Basketball Full Court - Tom Riley Park	175										175			175
PR34	FMP Basketball Full Court - Seven Oaks Park	165										165			165
PR35	FMP-Basketball Full Courts Program	34	351	332	193	332	193	350	332	193	332	2,642			2,642
PR36	FMP-Skateboard Park (1) North District	75	825									900			900
PR37	FMP-Skateboard Park (2) East District		50	850								900			900
PR38	FMP-Skateboard Park (3) South District				50	850						900			900
PR39	FMP-Ward 2 Skateboard Park (4)				50	850						900			900
PR40	FMP-Skate Spots (2) Design & Construction		50	450								500			500
PR41	FMP-Skate Spots Construction Program		25	250	250	250	250	275	500	500	500	2,800			2,800
PR42	FMP-Bike Park (1) Scarborough					50	700					750			750
PR43	FMP-BMX Features (1)		15	235								250			250
PR44	FMP-BMX Features (2)				15	235						250			250
PR45	FMP-Soccer Field (1)		35	485								520			520
PR46	FMP-Soccer Field (2)			35	485							520			520
PR47	FMP-Soccer Field (3)						35	485				520			520
PR48	FMP-Soccer Field (4)							35	485			520			520
PR49	FMP-Soccer Field (5)								35	485		520			520
PR50	FMP-Soccer Field (6)									35	485	520			520
PR51	FMP-Mini-Soccer Field (1)	5	50									55			55
PR52	FMP-Mini-Soccer Field (2)		5	50								55			55

## 2022 Capital Budget

4 Community Skateparks (\$900,000 each) (\$150,000 increase each)

13 Skatespots (\$250,000 each)

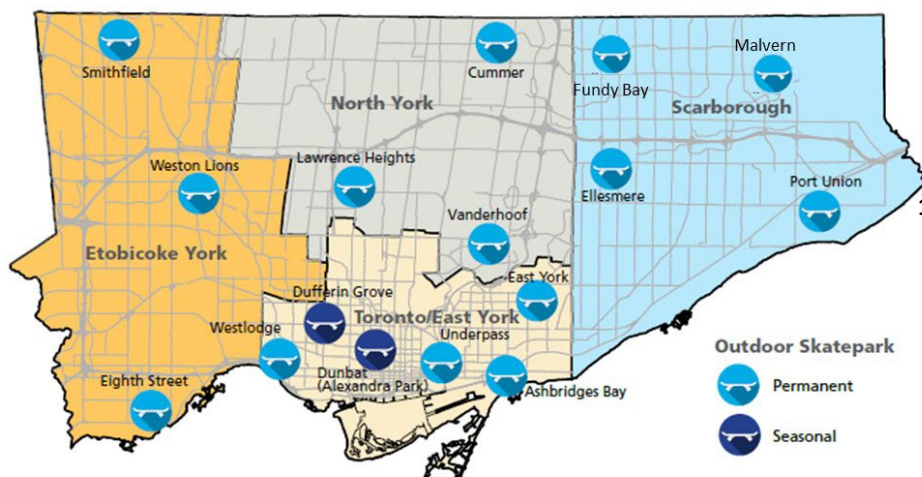
Total Capital Budget allocation: \$6,900,000

# Appendix C

## 2021 Capital Budget

4 new community skateparks  
2021-2030

## Toronto's Skatepark Network



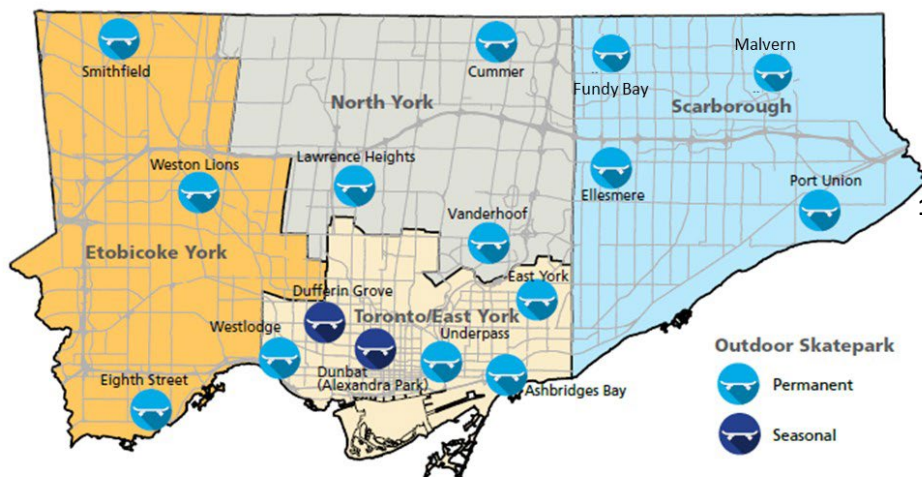
11 new skatespots 2021-2030



## 2022 Capital Budget

4 new community skateparks  
2022-2031

## Toronto's Skatepark Network



13 new skatespots 2021-2031





# Appendix D

## Toronto Skateboard Strategy



### A demonstrated need

The 2015 Skatepark Survey identified a need for more skateparks, with nearly all survey respondents expressing a desire for more skateparks and skateboarding opportunities in the city.

Although PFR has taken many positive strides in recent years to build high quality skateparks, the current provision of skateparks in Toronto lags behind that of other major Canadian cities. One way to consider facility provision is square metres of skatepark per person. Using this lens, Toronto's 12 permanent skateparks<sup>1</sup> total 13,445 square metres, with one square metre of skatepark serving 195 people, which is lower than other Canadian cities, including Calgary and Edmonton. Skatepark provision is currently being assessed through the upcoming Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan.

### Council direction

This Skateboard Strategy was developed in response to Council direction from 2014 and 2015 Capital Budget approval that requested PFR to work in consultation with the Toronto Skateboarding Committee to develop a strategy that incorporates policy, operating and capital plans to support skateboarding in Toronto. The Skateboard Strategy will inform the 20-year Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan (2017-2036) on the identification of additional skatepark facilities and associated 10-year capital plans, commencing in 2018.

The survey received a total of 1,835 responses. 87% of respondents were male. The average age of respondents was 26, and 31% were over the age of 30. 70% have been involved with skateboarding for at least six years.

### Alignment with other work

The Skateboard Strategy aligns with several other PFR plans and strategies:

- **Recreation Service Plan (2013-2017)** provides guidelines around the delivery of recreation programs and services including skateboard programs. It outlines the role that the City plays in meeting the recreation needs of Torontonians.
- **Youth Recreation Engagement Strategy** confirms youth as a priority area of service, and identifies the opportunity to use skateboarding as a tool to meaningfully engage youth and develop youth leadership.
- **Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan**, a 20-year plan to recommend and guide the creation of new facilities, including skateparks.

The Skateboard Strategy also aligns with other City strategies, including the **Toronto Youth Equity Strategy**, and the **Toronto Strong Neighbourhoods Strategy**.

**Skatepark demand:** Based on the survey and other consultations, there is a demand for skateparks and an interest in opportunities to expand the number of skateparks in Toronto. Survey respondents offered hundreds of suggested locations across the city, and indicated that locations near local parks or community centres would be a good fit. There were also suggestions to provide indoor facilities, to separate facilities for different activities such as BMX and rollerblading, and to improve existing facilities.

# Appendix E

## Skatepark Provision Levels

In 2004, Toronto paved the way with the introduction of a Citywide plan to develop new skateparks and we were at the forefront of design of modern concrete skateparks. Other municipalities soon followed our lead and by 2016, Toronto had fallen far behind other Ontario and Canadian cities in the provision of skateparks. We have the lowest provision level for a large metro area in Canada. We should address this gap by immediately investing in the design and construction of new skateparks.

Appendix

**Average Municipal Facility Provision Levels, Per Capita**

Facility Type	City of Toronto*	Large GTA Cities	Large Canadian Cities	Large U.S. Cities
Community Recreation Centres	34,000**	38,000	31,500	29,500
Gymnasiums	28,000	40,000	27,000	n/a
Indoor Pools (tanks***)	36,500 48,600 (locations)	35,000	27,000	76,500 (indoor and outdoor pools combined)
Outdoor Pools (tanks***)	43,500 48,600 (locations)	140,000	53,000	
Splash Pads	24,000	24,600	16,200	n/a
Wading Pools	28,400	628,000	28,000	n/a
Arenas (pads)	44,100	29,000	27,000	721,000 (indoor and outdoor rinks combined)
Outdoor Artificial Ice Rinks (pads)	46,300	228,000	40,000	
Curling Rinks (sheets)	131,000	418,000	127,000	n/a
Soccer and Multi-use Sports Fields	8,900	3,200	2,000	n/a
Ball Diamonds	8,400	5,100	3,300	8,500
Cricket Pitches	102,500	104,500	355,000	n/a
Tennis & Pickleball Courts	4,800	4,500	4,600	9,600
Basketball Courts	21,200	8,100	9,500	3,800 (hoops)
Bocce Courts (outdoor)	21,900	23,000	29,600	n/a
Lawn Bowling Greens	102,500	502,000	92,000	n/a
<b>Skateparks (outdoor)</b>	<b>205,000</b>	<b>86,500</b>	<b>79,500</b>	<b>275,000</b>

Note: The table includes facilities that are owned and/or permitted for public use by the municipality, including facilities that are leased or under agreement.

\* Based on a 2016 population estimate of approximately 2.87 million persons. Rates are rounded.

\*\* The City of Toronto operates 123 community recreation centres, 85 of which are large multi-component and mid-size centres.

\*\*\* Some aquatic complexes may contain more than one pool tank (e.g., lane, leisure, therapeutic, diving, etc.).

# Appendix F

## Skatepark Hierarchy (Toronto Skateboard Strategy)

The Toronto Skateboard Strategy indicates that 600 sq. m. is the absolute minimum size requirement for a community skatepark. The current budget allocated to community skateparks for design and construction is \$750,000 (increased in 2021 from \$600,000), which would barely cover the costs of building the smallest recommended size.

### *Skate spots*

Size	Less than 600 m <sup>2</sup> (less than ~6,500 ft <sup>2</sup> )
Catchment	Local users within walking distance
Skill level	All, with a focus on novice and intermediate users

Skate spots incorporate skateboarding features within neighbourhood parks.

### *Community skateparks*

Size	~600 to 2,000 m <sup>2</sup> (~6,500 to 22,000 ft <sup>2</sup> )
Catchment	Surrounding neighbourhoods
Skill level	All

Community skateparks typically have features arranged so that the skater can move from one feature to the next in a single run. Smaller skateparks may cater to a specific style of skating (e.g. bowl), whereas larger ones can accommodate different styles, and may therefore attract users from a greater distance.

### *City-wide skateparks*

Size	Over 2,000 m <sup>2</sup> (over ~22,000 ft <sup>2</sup> )
Catchment	Large geographic area - a "destination" skatepark
Skill level	All

City-wide skateparks often have zones to accommodate different styles of skateboarding. They can accommodate a greater number of users and multiple types of uses. These skateparks are appropriate for special skateboarding events and can accommodate a large number of spectators.



# Appendix G

Two very popular existing community skateparks in Toronto are large enough to offer a diversity of terrain that caters to beginner, intermediate and advanced riders. The current budget allocated to community skateparks is not sufficient to build the types of facilities



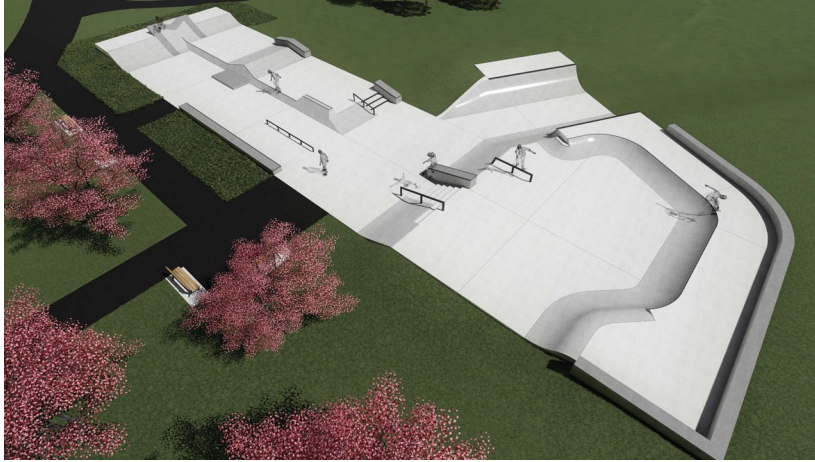
Stan Wadlow Skatepark  
East York  
930 sq. m  
Estimated construction cost in 2021  
\$1,000,000



Eighth St Skatepark  
Etobicoke  
930 sq. m  
Estimated construction cost in 2021  
\$1,000,000

# Appendix H

## Recently Built Skateparks in Toronto



### **Neilson Park BMX/Skatepark - Scarborough.**

Size: Phase 1 :499 sq. m . Construction completed fall 2018.

Phase 2: not built, approx. 100-150 sq.m

Budget (design/construction) : \$650,000 in 2018 dollars.

The park was not fully built as the construction tender went over budget.

Full build out was estimated to be around \$850,000, which includes all earthworks and additional park landscaping and amenities such as benches, asphalt pathways and tree planting.

The park was funded through an individual budget motion.



### **Fundy Bay Park Skatepark - Scarborough.**

Size: 600 sq. m / 6,456 sq. ft.. Construction completed fall 2019

Budget (design/construction) : \$500,000-\$700,000

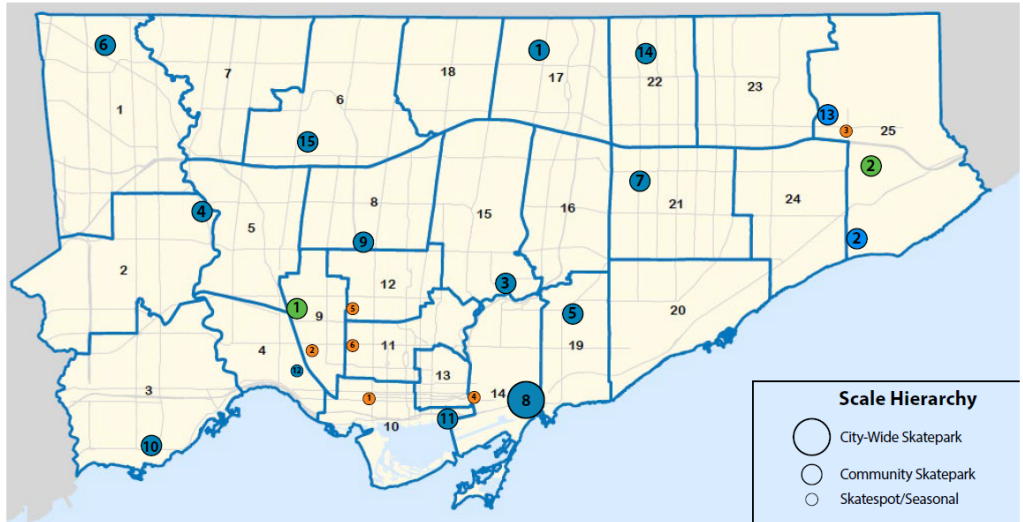
This was a feature within a larger park redevelopment with the skatepark funded through section 37 funding.

# Appendix I

## TORONTO SKATEPARK INVENTORY - 2020

### PERMANENT SKATEPARKS

- 1 **CUMMER SKATEPARK**  
Hierarchy: Community Skatepark  
Year of Construction: 2001  
Material: Cast-in-place concrete  
Style: Street, flow, bowl  
Size: 18,350 sq. ft. / 1,705 sq. m.
- 2 **PORT UNION SKATEPARK**  
Hierarchy: Community Skatepark  
Year of Construction: 2002  
Material: Cast-in-place concrete  
Style: Street, flow  
Size: 7,320 sq. ft. / 680 sq. m.
- 3 **VANDERHOOF SKATEPARK**  
Hierarchy: Community Skatepark  
Year of Construction: 2003  
Material: Cast-in-place concrete  
Style: Street, bowl  
Size: 7,285 sq. ft. / 677 sq. m.
- 4 **WESTON LIONS SKATEPARK**  
Hierarchy: Community Skatepark  
Year of Construction: 2004  
Material: Prefab steel/concrete  
Style: Street, flow  
Size: 8,180 sq. ft. / 760 sq. m.
- 5 **EAST YORK SKATEPARK**  
Hierarchy: Community Skatepark  
Year of Construction: 2006  
Material: Cast-in-Place Concrete  
Style: Street, flow, bowl  
Size: 10,620 sq. ft. / 987 sq. m.
- 6 **SMITHFIELD SKATEPARK**  
Hierarchy: Skatespot  
Year of Construction: 2003, Rebuilt 2018  
Material: Prefab steel/composite  
Style: Street, flow  
Size: 5,638 sq. ft. / 524 sq. m.
- 7 **ELLESMERE SKATEPARK**  
Hierarchy: Community Skatepark  
Year of Construction: 2007  
Material: Cast-in-place concrete  
Style: Street, flow, bowl  
Size: 19,350 sq. ft. / 1,798 sq. m.
- 8 **BEACH SKATEPARK**  
Hierarchy: City-wide Skatepark  
Year of Construction: 2009/2011  
Material: Cast-in-Place Concrete  
Style: Street, Bowl  
Size: 26,430 sq. ft. / 2,456 sq. m.
- 9 **LAWRENCE HEIGHTS SKATEPARK**  
Hierarchy: Community Skatepark  
Year of Construction: 2010  
Material: Prefabricated steel  
Style: Street, flow  
Size: 7,020 sq. ft. / 652 sq. m.
- 10 **EIGHTH STREET SKATEPARK**  
Hierarchy: Community Skatepark  
Year of Construction: 2011  
Material: Cast-in-place concrete  
Style: Street, flow, bowl  
Size: 13,300 sq. ft. / 1,236 sq. m.
- 11 **UNDERPASS SKATEPARK**  
Hierarchy: Skatespot  
Year of Construction: 2012  
Material: Prefab steel/composite  
Style: Street, flow  
Size: 6,456 sq. ft. / 600 sq. m.
- 12 **WEST LODGE SKATEPARK**  
Hierarchy: Skatespot  
Year of Construction: 2014  
Material: Cast-in-place concrete  
Style: Street, flow  
Size: 2,900 sq. ft. / 270 sq. m.
- 13 **NEILSON SKATEPARK**  
Hierarchy: Community Skatepark  
Year of Construction: 2018  
Material: Cast-in-place concrete  
Style: Street, flow  
Size: 6,900 sq. ft. / 641 sq. m.  
(Park size at full build out. Park is incomplete)
- 14 **FUNDY BAY SKATEPARK**  
Hierarchy: Skatespot  
Year of Construction: 2019  
Material: Cast-in-place concrete  
Style: Street, flow, bowl  
Size: 6,456 sq. ft. / 600 sq. m.
- 15 **STANLEY GREENE SKATEPARK**  
Hierarchy: Community Skatepark  
Year of Construction: 2020  
Material: Prefabricated steel  
Style: Street, flow  
Size: 8,390 sq. ft. / 780 sq. m. (approx.)



### SEASONAL SKATEPARKS

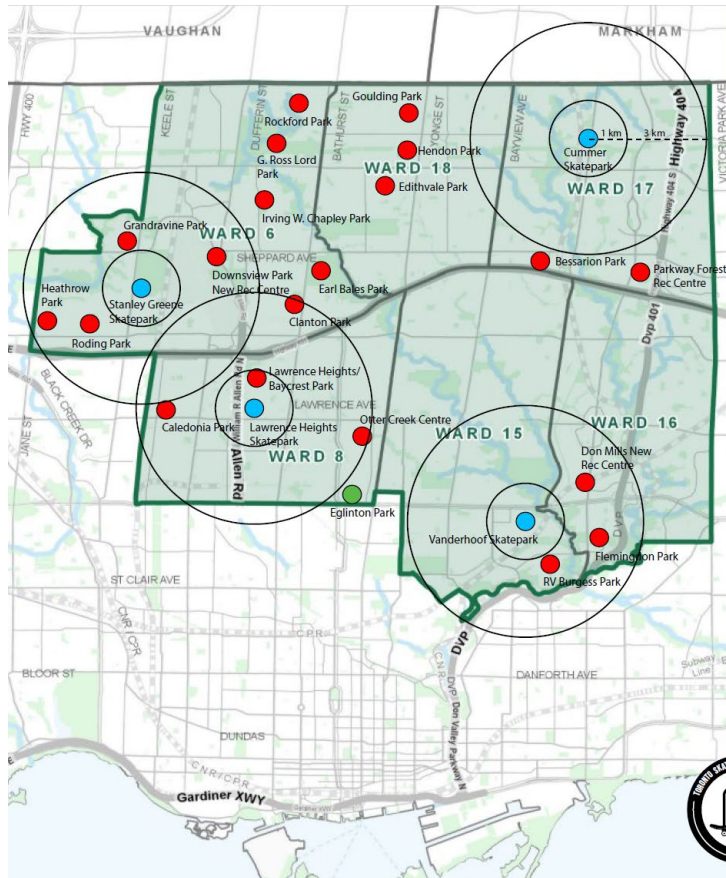
- 1 **DUNBAT SKATEPARK**  
Hierarchy: Seasonal, outdoor rink.  
Year of Construction: 2003  
Material: Wood, composite  
Style: Ramps, rails, ledges  
Size: 8,680 sq. ft. / 807 sq. m.
- 2 **DUFFERIN GROVE SKATEPARK**  
Hierarchy: Seasonal, outdoor rink.  
Year of Construction: 2005  
Material: Wood, composite.  
Style: Ramps, rails, ledges  
Size: 8,610 sq. ft. / 800 sq. m.
- 3 **MALVERN SKATEPARK**  
Hierarchy: Seasonal, indoor rink  
Year of Construction: 2013  
Material: Wood, composite  
Style: Ramps, rails, ledges  
Size: 15,000 sq. ft. / 1,400 sq. m.
- 4 **JIMMIE SIMPSON SKATEPARK**  
Hierarchy: Seasonal, indoor gym.  
Year of Construction: 2014  
Material: Wood  
Style: Ramps, rails, ledges  
Size: 9,000 sq. ft. / 840 sq. m.
- 5 **PHIL WHITE ARENA SKATEPARK**  
Hierarchy: Seasonal, indoor rink  
Year of Construction: 2018  
Material: Wood, composite  
Style: Ramps, rails, ledges  
Size: 15,000 sq. ft. / 1,400 sq. m.
- 6 **CHRISTIE PITTS SKATEPARK**  
Hierarchy: Seasonal, outdoor rink  
Year of Construction: 2017  
Material: Wood, composite  
Style: Ramps, rails, ledges  
Size: 13,455 sq. ft. / 1,250 sq. m.

### UNDER DEVELOPMENT

- 1 **WALLACE-EMERSON BMX/SKATEPARK**  
Hierarchy: Community Skatepark  
Year of Construction: 2020-2022  
Material: Cast-in-place concrete  
Portable wood, concrete  
Style: Street, bowl  
Size: 15,000 sq. ft. / 1,400 sq. m. (approx.)
- 2 **JOYCE TRIMMER PARK**  
Hierarchy: unknown  
Year of Construction: unknown  
Material: Cast-in-place concrete  
Style: Street, flow  
Size: Unknown



# Appendix J



## POTENTIAL SITES NORTH YORK DISTRICT

**North York District**  
(Wards 6, 8, 15, 16, 17, 18)

**Existing Skateparks in North York District**  
Stanley Green Park - Ward 6 (completed July 2020)  
Lawrence Heights - Ward 8 (Requires condition assessment)  
Vanderhoof Skatepark- Ward 15  
Cummer Skatepark - Ward 17 (Requires condition assessment)

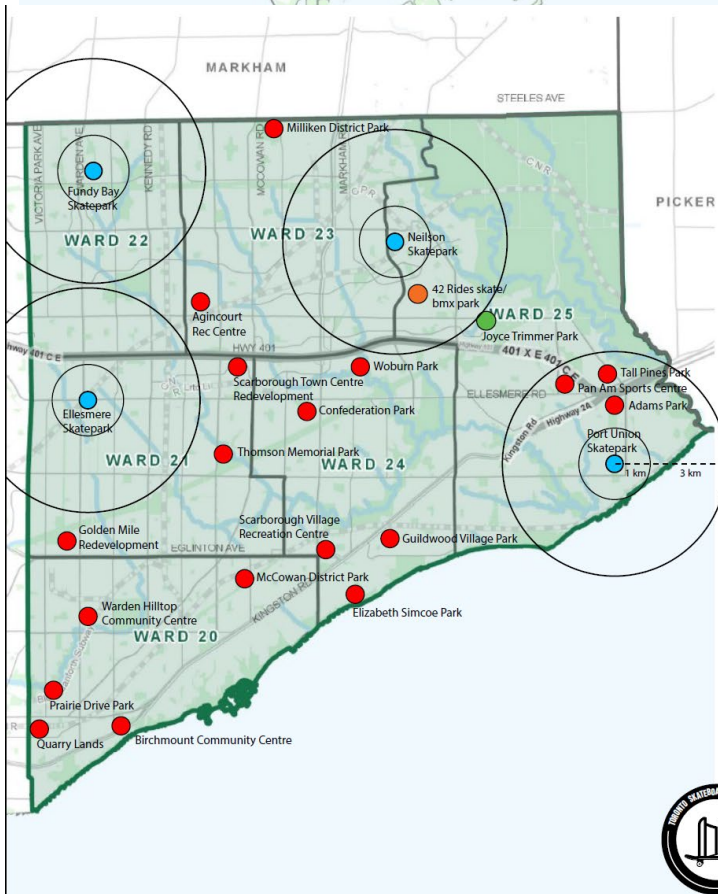
**Masterplan Priorities 2021-2028 in North York District**  
1 Community Skatepark (Ward 6/18 Priority, 2022)  
2-3 Skatespots (District Wide)

- Permanent Skateparks
- Potential Sites
- Currently in design/ concept stage



Notes: The city is currently undertaking a master plan for Eglinton Park. The preferred concept includes a skatespot.

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## POTENTIAL SITES SCARBOROUGH DISTRICT

**Scarborough District**  
(Wards 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25)

**Existing Skateparks in Scarborough District**  
Ellesmere Skatepark - Ward 21  
Fundy Bay Skatepark - Ward 22 (completed november 2019)  
Malvern Skatepark- Ward 23  
port Union Skatepark - Ward 25 (Requires condition assessment)

**Masterplan Priorities 2021-2028 in Scarborough District**  
1 Community Skatepark (Ward 20/24 Priority, 2024)  
2-3 Skatespots (District Wide)

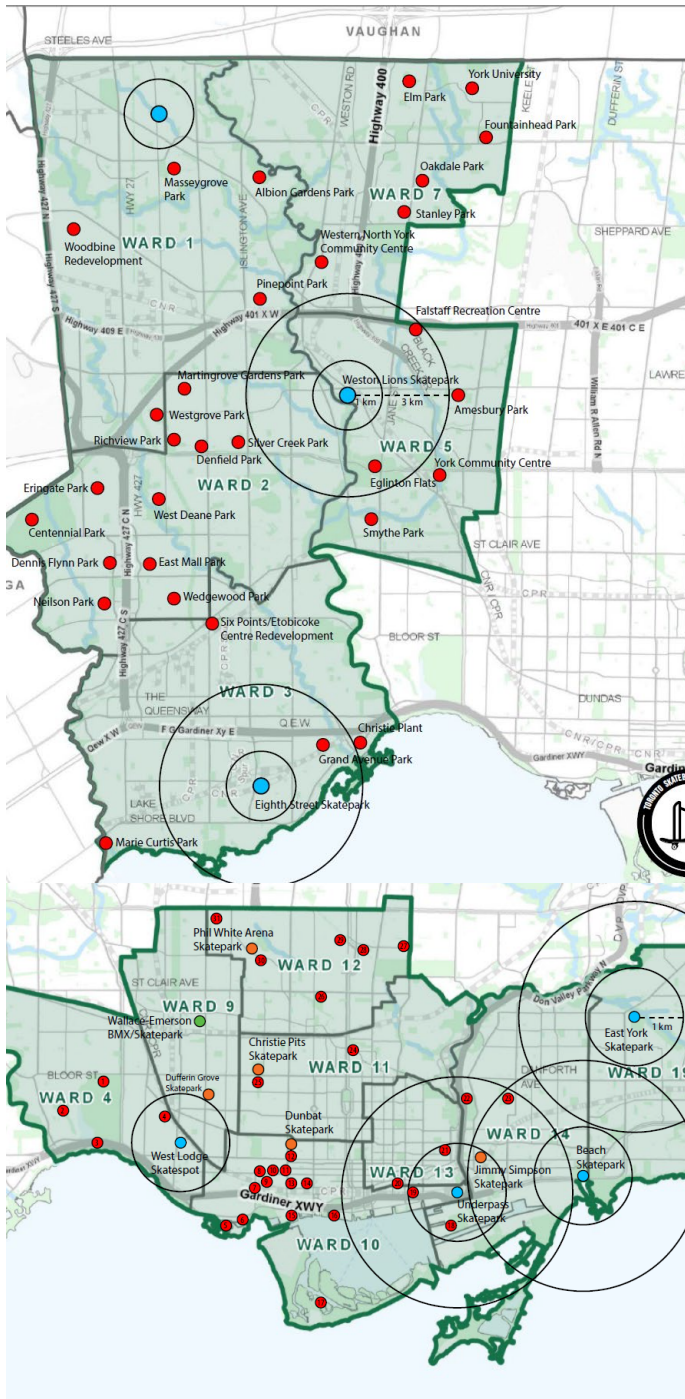
- Permanent Skateparks
- Potential Sites
- Currently in design stage
- Seasonal Skateparks



Notes: 42 Rides is an indoor skatepark with a limited seasonal scheduled at the Malvern Community Centre. It is operated by Malvern Family Resource Centre in Partnership with Parks and Recreation.

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# Appendix J.2



## POTENTIAL SITES ETOBICOKE/YORK DISTRICT

### West District Etobicoke - York (Wards 1, 2, 3, 5)

#### Existing Skateparks in Etobicoke/York District

Smithfield - Ward 1  
Eighth Street - Ward 3  
Weston Lions - Ward 5 (Requires condition assessment)

#### Masterplan Priorities 2021-2028

1 Community Skatepark (Ward 2 Priority, 2025-2028)  
2-3 Skatespots (District Wide)

Blue Circle: Permanent Skateparks  
Red Dot: Potential Sites



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## POTENTIAL SITES TORONTO/EAST YORK DISTRICT

### Scarborough District (Wards 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25)

#### Existing Skateparks in Toronto/East York District

##### Permanent

Wallace-Emerson BMX/Skatepark - Ward 9 (construction until 2022/2023)  
West Lodge Skatespot - Ward 4  
Underpass Skatepark - Ward 10  
Beach Skatepark - Ward 14  
East York Skatepark - Ward 19

##### Seasonal

Dufferin Grove Skatepark - Ward 9 (construction until 2022)  
Dunbat Skatepark - Ward 10  
Phil White Arena Skatepark - Ward 11  
Christie Pits Skatepark - Ward 11

#### Masterplan Priorities 2021-2028 in

##### Toronto/East York District

1 Community Skatepark (Ward 11/12 Priority, 2025-2028)  
2-3 Skatespots (District Wide)

Blue Circle: Permanent Skateparks  
Orange Circle: Seasonal Skateparks  
Red Dot: Potential Sites  
Green Circle: Currently in design stage

- High Park
- Rennie Park
- Western Waterfront
- Sorauren Park
- Ontario Place
- CNE
- The Bentway
- Stanley Park South
- Ordance Triangle
- Wellington Destructor
- 28 Bathurst St.
- Alexandra Park
- Mouth of Creek Park/Bathurst Bridge
- Raildeck Park
- Bathurst Quay Recreations Centre
- 318 Queens Quay
- Toronto Island
- Portlands
- David Crombie Park
- Moss Park
- Regent Park Sports Park
- Riverdale Park East
- Withrow Park
- Ramsden Park
- Bickford Park
- Sir Winston Churchill
- June Rowlands
- Oriole Park
- Forest Hill Rd. Park
- Cedarvale Park
- Fairbank Park



Notes: Phil White operates on limited hours in July/August.  
Jimmy Simpson operates on limited hours 2 days a week during the fall and winter.  
Seasonal outdoor skateparks at Dufferin Grove, Dunbat and Christie Pits operated from May-October on city rink surfaces.  
Dufferin Grove and Wallace-Emerson will be closed for revitalization until at least 2022.

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# Appendix K

## TSC Timeline of Skateboard related Council Motions.

The Toronto Skateboarding Committee was formed in 2013 with assistance from Councillor Janet Davis.

### City Council January 29, 2014

*10a - Motion to Amend Item (Additional) moved by Councillor Janet Davis (Carried)*

That City Council request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, in consultation with the Toronto Skateboard Association, to develop policy, operating and capital plans to support program development, state-of-good repair and expansion of skateboard facilities in Toronto prior to the 2015 budget process.

### City Council March 10, 2015

*9c - Motion to Amend Item (Additional) moved by Councillor Janet Davis (Carried)*

General

City Council request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, in consultation with the Toronto Skateboard Association, to develop policy, operating and capital plans to support program development, state-of-good repair and expansion of skateboard facilities and for possible inclusion in 2016 Capital budget and/or the Recreation Facilities Plan.

### City Council Feb 17, 2016

*4b - Motion to Amend Item moved by Councillor Janet Davis (Carried)*

Parks, Forestry and Recreation - Capital Budget

That City Council request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation:

- to undertake the planning and design work for new skateboard facilities in 2016, with costs to be funded from the 2016 Capital Budget for facility planning,
- to include \$500,000 construction costs for new skateboard facilities in the 2017 capital budget submission such new locations to be determined by Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff, in consultation with the Toronto Skateboard Committee; and
- **to provide recommendations for an annual capital program for new skateboard facilities in the 2017 – 2026 capital budget to be brought forward at the same time as the Toronto Skateboard Strategy in 2016, in time for the 2017 budget.**

### City Council November 8, 2016

City Council adopt the Skateboard Strategy - Appendix A to the report (October 5, 2016) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

### City Council November 7, 2017

1. City Council adopt the "Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan 2019-2038" as set out in Appendix A to the report (October 10, 2017) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

Summary of Recommendations - Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan 2019 - 2038

### FACILITY PROVISION STRATEGY

#### Skateboard Parks

39. Evaluate options for skatepark renewal and replacement.
40. Consider the development of indoor skateparks within repurposed arenas.
41. Provide four (4) additional community-level skateparks, one in each district.
42. Develop up to 18 skate spots within smaller gap and growth areas across the city. The planning of these features should consider the site selection criteria identified in the City's Skatepark Strategy, public input and park redevelopment opportunities.

# Appendix K.2

## City Council consideration on February 19, 2020

 EX13.2	ACTION	Amended		Ward: All
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### 2020 Capital and Operating Budgets

#### City Council Decision

City Council on February 19, 2020, adopted the following:

#### 2020 Operating Budget

200. City Council request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to consult with the Toronto Skateboard Committee and relevant stakeholders on any cost adjustments needed to deliver the four community skate parks funded in the Capital Budget, and report back through the 2021 Budget Process.

## City Council consideration on February 18, 2021

EX21.2	ACTION	Amended		
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### 2021 Capital and Operating Budgets

#### City Council Decision

City Council on February 18, 2021, adopted the following:

*5 - Motion to Amend Item (Additional) moved by Councillor Brad Bradford (Carried)*  
Parks, Forestry and Recreation - Capital Budget

That:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, to:
  - a. consult with the Toronto Skateboard Committee, relevant stakeholders and local Councillors to advance the site process for the two community skateparks included in the Capital Budget and targeted for 2022-2024, while exploring any additional site identification opportunities for the remaining skateparks, and to report back through the 2022 Budget process on any cost adjustments that may be needed; and
  - b. report back through the 2022 Budget process on the progress of the State of Good Repair assessment on existing City of Toronto skateparks and BMX parks, including a proposed schedule for repairs and rehabilitation of existing facilities as appropriate.

**Vote** (Amend Item (Additional))

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