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By email: parks@burnaby.ca

Burnaby Parks, Recreation & Culture Commission  
Parks Administration Department  
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Attention: Kathryn Matts, Commission Secretary

Dear Ms. Matts,

I am writing about the Confederation Skatepark. I am 13 years old and I love to scooter. The Confederation Skatepark is the closest skatepark to me and I have been going to this skatepark since I learned to scooter about six years ago. It has been a great place to learn, however, I was wondering if there were any plans to rebuild or upgrade the skatepark. There are many features that are very run down and the last renovation was 14 years ago, in February 2006 when the bowl was rebuilt. The bowl has many problems such as the drainage doesn't seem to work because there is usually a puddle beside the drainage grate, there is a hole/break in the middle of the bowl that if you hit it you will most likely fall, and the floor of the skatepark is asphalt and if you fall it is basically sandpaper on your body. Most new skateparks are made of smooth concrete. In addition, there is a lot of graffiti and inappropriate language inside and around the bowl.

The skatepark is a great place to learn however it would be improved by an expansion with more challenging, skill testing features and terrain for more advanced skaters. The most challenging feature is the bowl and on a busy day there is a long line up and not enough room for everyone. The skatepark would also be improved if it had lighting and better security. My friends and I regularly go to the skatepark and they too would like to see a renovation or upgrade.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,  
Dylan Kennard

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Staff will contact the writer and report back to Commission at a future meeting.