

## COMMISSION REPORT

**TO:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE  
COMMISSION

**DATE:** 2020 Jan 22

**FROM:** DIRECTOR - PARKS, RECREATION &  
CULTURAL SERVICES

**FILE:** 2410-20

**SUBJECT: CONFEDERATION SKATE PARK**

**PURPOSE:** To respond to an information request regarding Confederation Skate Park.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** the report be received for information purposes.
2. **THAT** a copy of this report be sent to Dylan Kennard.

**REPORT****1.0 INTRODUCTION**

At the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission Open meeting held on 2020 January 21, correspondence was received from Dylan Kennard, requesting an upgrade to Confederation Skate Park ([Attachment #1](#)). In response to the correspondence, this report provides a brief history of the skate park development and the process for reviewing the facility and future upgrades to the facility.

**2.0 POLICY SECTION**

The proposed Confederation Skate Park redevelopment is aligned with the City of Burnaby's Corporate Strategic Plan by supporting the following goals and sub goals of the plan.

**Goal**

- A Connected Community
  - Social connection
- A Healthy Community
  - A healthy life
- A Dynamic Community
  - Civic facilities and infrastructure

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### **3.0 BACKGROUND**

Confederation Park is a 41.8 hectare/103.35 acre park located along the north-western foot of Capitol Hill. Confederation Skate Park sits on a high point within the eastern portion of the park and is bordered on the east by forest and to the west by open lawn park space.

The Confederation Skate Park was developed in 1996. It has been in operation for 24 years with significant upgrades in 2006. The latest refurbishment included minor repairs to the bowl in 2018.

Over time, the needs and interests of the skate community have evolved as has skate facility design. To refurbish and or rebuild the skate facility at Confederation Park staff would work with a consulting team to develop the preliminary design ideas that would be refined through a series of hands-on workshops. The workshop information would eventually be developed into a redesign concept and brought back to the public and Commission for review. Pending capital budget approval, construction could begin within one year of the final design and development of the construction tender package.

### **4.0 SUMMARY**

Confederation Park and the skate facility in particular are well used by the public. The request by Dylan Kennard, highlights the need to redesign and refurbish the facility in a timely manner. We appreciate Dylan's effort in bringing this request to the attention of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission and will endeavor to work with Mr. Kennard and the skate community as the process for design unfolds.

If approved, within the 2021–2026 Capital Budget, the public consultation on the design would be scheduled in 2021, with notification of proposed dates and times for public consultation brought forward to Commission for approval.

### **5.0 RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission receive this report for information purposes and that Dylan Kennard be sent a copy of this report.



Dave Ellenwood  
DIRECTOR - PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES

HE:tc  
Attachment

January 15, 2020

By email: parks@burnaby.ca

Burnaby Parks, Recreation & Culture Commission  
Parks Administration Department  
#101 - 4946 Canada Way Burnaby, BC V5G 4H7

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

Burnaby Heights  
[REDACTED]

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