

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – JUNE 14, 2011

NAPA VALLEY PARK / ELDERS MILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL SKATEPARK – WARD 2

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services, in consultation with the Director of Parks Development, recommends:

1. That this report be received for information; and,
2. That a funding request for this skateboard park be part of the 2012 Capital budget deliberations.

Contribution to Sustainability

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council in the Green Directions Vaughan, Community Sustainability Environmental Master Park Plan:

Goal 2, Objective 2.2: To develop Vaughan as a City with maximum green space and an urban form that supports our expected population growth.

Economic Impact

There is no economic impact resulting from this report.

Communications Plan

N/A

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to respond to direction from the June 29, 2010 (Report No. 31, Item 46), Committee of the Whole meeting with for staff to investigate the feasibility of skateboard park at Napa Valley Park.

Background - Analysis and Options

As a result of a deputation from Elder's Mills Public School Skateboard Committee, Council directed staff to investigate and report back on the feasibility of a skateboard facility at Napa Valley Park.

The "Active Together" Master Plan recognizes that skateboarding, while once considered a fad, has demonstrated sustained longevity and appears to have become a mainstream pursuit among children, youth, and to a lesser extent, young adults. Additionally, the master plan states that skateboard parks have now become a popular facility in communities and have largely generated positive responses if designed appropriately. Most large communities are moving toward a skate park provision strategy that involves a small number of larger City-serving facilities (eg. 20,000 sq. ft. or greater) combined with a series of smaller community / neighbourhood level parks (eg. 12,000 – 15,000 sq.ft.). The "Active Together" Master Plan contains the following action plans:

- a) *The City seek creative funding opportunities in expanding its supply of larger skateboard park facilities from 1 at present to 5 or more by build-out, with a focus on developing most new facilities within the next five to ten years. Existing demand justifies the provision of skateboard parks in Thornhill, Maple, Woodbridge, Woodbridge East, and Carville, while the Long Term Residential Growth Area would be a good location for a future skate park;*

- b) *The introduction of smaller-scale skate zones into neighbourhood-level parks is encouraged to facilitate the casual use of the park by those who are seeking basic skateboarding elements;*
- c) *Local youth and skateboarding/biking representatives should be consulted in the design of any new skateboard/bike parks developed by the City.*
- d) *It would be preferable for new skateboard parks to be constructed in the more urbanized areas of Vaughan, assuming appropriate space can be secured within park sites. As recommended in the "Active Together" Master Plan, the City may also consider decommissioning surplus park facilities (ball diamonds, tennis courts, basketball courts, etc...) in favour of replacing them with skateboard parks.*

Currently, there are no skateboard parks located west of Weston Road in the City of Vaughan. This area has been identified as being deficient of skateboard park facilities and is an ideal location for a new neighbourhood level skateboard park. Parks Development staff have reviewed Napa Valley Park (refer to Attachment 'A') and have found that there is spatial capacity to allow for the addition of a neighbourhood level skateboard park facility (300m.sq. to 600m.sq.) within the park. The location is identified on Attachment "A" and is a relatively flat, grassed area that does not currently have any park facilities. The proposed location within the park are highly visible, and separated from other park facilities. This proposed location complies with CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) principles. The cost associated with the design and construction of a neighbourhood level skateboard park facility in Napa Valley Park at this location is estimated to be \$135,000.

Staff recommend that a 2012 capital budget funding request for this skateboard park be referred to the 2012 Budget deliberations for further consideration. The source of funding is anticipated to be Taxation.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020 / Strategic Plan

In consideration of the strategic priorities related to Vaughan Vision 2020, the project will provide:

- **STRATEGIC GOAL:**
Service Excellence - Providing service excellence to citizens.
- **STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:**
Pursue Excellence in Service Delivery;
Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, Health and Wellness; and
To deliver high quality services and to promote health and wellness through design and program.

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council.

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

The purpose of this report is to respond to direction from the June 29, 2010 Committee of the Whole meeting with respect to a proposal for a skateboard park which was put forwarded by Elder's Mills Public School Skateboard Committee for staff to investigate on the feasibility of skateboard park at Napa Valley Park

Staff recommends that a 2012 capital budget funding request for this skateboard park be referred to 2012 budget deliberations. The source of funding is anticipated to be Taxation.

Attachments

Attachment "A" - Location Plan of Napa Valley Park.

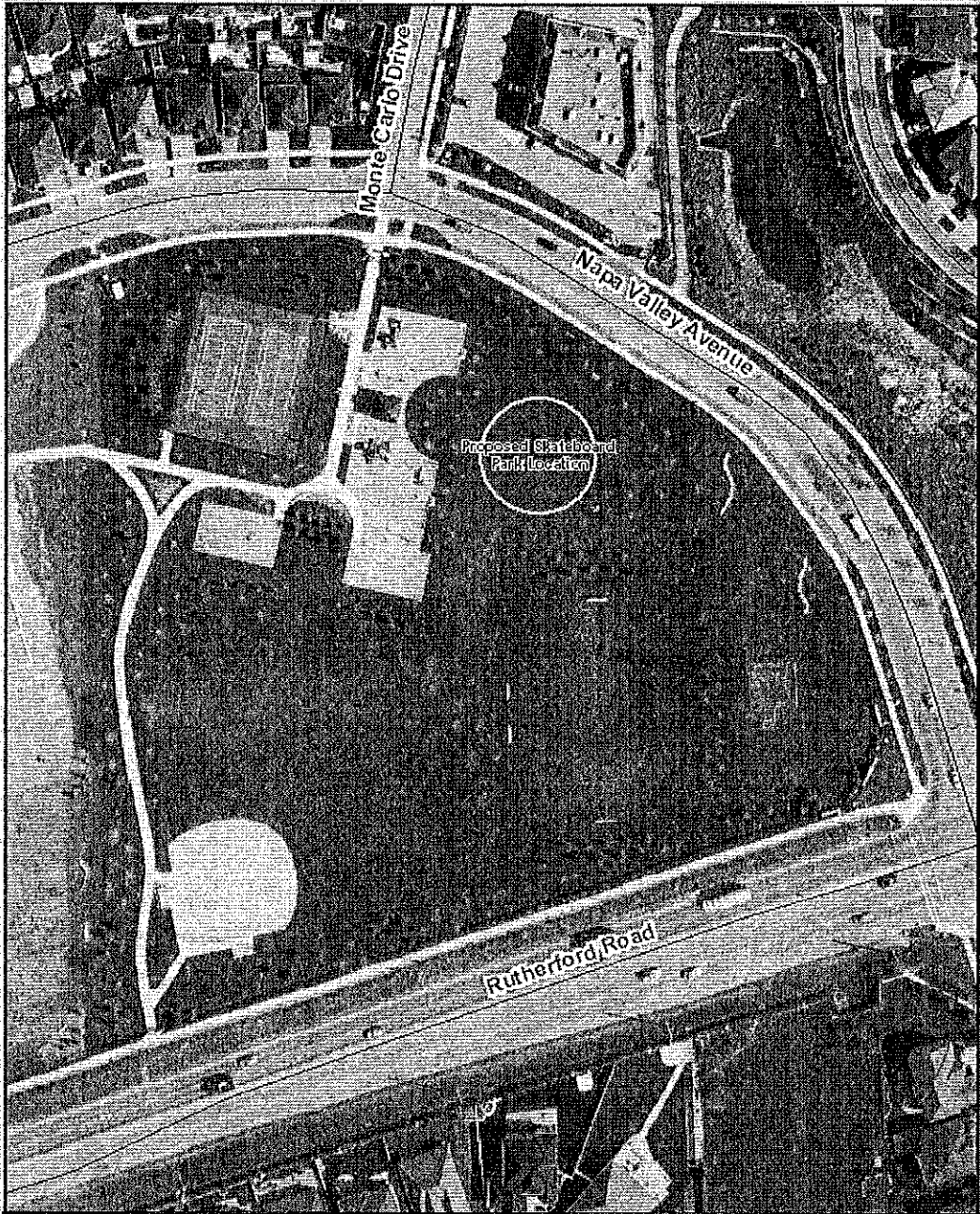
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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Kallideen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Commissioner of Community Services



Napa Valley Park
Proposed Neighbourhood Skate Park Location

May 30, 2011