

Concrete Skateboard Parks – Comparative Analysis

	Burlington	Kitchener	Halton Hills	Oakville
Year Built	1999	1998	1998	1999
Square Footage	900 square metres Almost square shaped.		485 square metres. (Bowl design)	Approx. 15,000 sq feet. (Bowl design, completely below grade. Designed to minimize noise and burmed with hills around it.)
Building Materials	Concrete reinforced with wire mesh. Bowls have reinforcing rods.	Concrete & iron rails.	Concrete & iron rails.	Concrete & iron rails & angle irons.
Cost? How Financed?	Municipal funds - \$140,000	Municipal funds. Budgeted for \$150,000. Spent \$240,000 & still not complete. Service clubs donated \$26,000. Had additional costs that were unexpected. Had to excavate soil & then replace with suitable soil. Also, required extensive drainage system.	Municipal funds - \$70,800. \$9,200 donated construction. \$18,000 fundraising.	Municipal funds - \$330,000.
Yearly Maintenance Tasks & Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installing metal edges – result of the pegs on BMX bikes and the damage they are doing. (Cost \$4,000-\$5,000) Graffiti – washing off 4 to 5 times a year. Key is to do it quickly after occurs. – Minimizes re-occurrences. A few hairline cracks in concrete. Easily patched. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$6,000 for garbage pickup & benches, fencing, signage replacement. 	Unknown. (Handled through maintenance facility division.)	\$6,000 per year for garbage pick-up etc.
Staffed vs. Signage	Unsupervised. Signage only.	Unsupervised. Signage only.	Unsupervised. Signage only.	Unsupervised. Signage only.
Level of Difficulty	Beginner to Intermediate. Users have now “outgrown” park and are city plans to build another one in 2004 at North End of City.	Beginner to Intermediate.	Beginner to Intermediate.	Beginner to Advanced. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designed with different degrees of difficulty in specific areas.
Areas of Improvement/Difficulty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher level of difficulty. Better integration of 2 user groups. (Skateboarders & BMX riders.) Have specific appartus on course that would be directed to each group. Hire a consultant/firm that are from a BMX background. Angles on challenges were 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Location! It is not in public view. Park should be right on street front – less vandalism – indirect monitoring. Inground garbage bin was added. (Cans were being knocked over and used as obstacles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Way to small. Is to congested with only 10 skaters! Not useable for the BMX'ers. Bigger bowl with more obstacles. Make runoff bigger (flat part that leads into bowl.) Mores space between challenges – some are unusable as too tight. Need angle irons. Don't use the wax. Pyramid never used because there is no 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bigger spatially to include BMX bikes to maneuver.

	not built properly. (I.e. quarter pipe is unuseable.)		ramp onto it.	
Other Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important to set up a skateboard committee including following reps.: City Program Staff & Maintenance Staff, City Councillor, Users, Residents in Neighborhood, Police. • Consultant group that they will probably be working with called "Newline Skateparks". From out west. Built the Calgary park, Mississauga, Muskoka, currently working on one in Niagara Falls. • Design with Fibre-glass reinforced concrete has greater durability. (Muskoka's) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leave graffiti – remove only the bad words. • If can avoid fencing do it. Not an expense that is necessary. • Insurance – no special coverage. • No on-going committee to oversee it. • Pyramid with ramp leading up to it is very popular. 	Location is perfect! High visibility area in front of sportsplex, beside police station.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leave graffiti – remove only the bad words. • Design of park was done "inhouse". Consultants were the kids! • Outside architect consulted for technical aspects. • Careful of semi-pro skaters motives in helping out. • Keep kids informed of how long it will take. • No on-going committee to oversee it.
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