

# **WARCKWORTH SKATEPARK PROPOSAL**

**“SKATE the PARK”**

## **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

**TO PROVIDE A SAFE, USABLE, ENJOYABLE AND ATTRACTIVE  
SKATEPARK FOR ALL RESIDENTS OF OUR COMMUNITY. WE  
INVITE OTHERS TO SHARE IN THIS WORTHWHILE PROJECT.**

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## **THE NEED**

Back in the summer and autumn of 2008, skateboarding in Warkworth became an urgent challenge –Town Hall steps were damaged ( \$9 000 replacement cost) as were benches and other items. There was a near miss in front of a vehicle on the roadway. Havoc was happening on the streets over these several months. Comments were mostly reactive rather than proactive.

Finally, in November, I decided to take on this challenge to see what could be done for the youth of our community-believing, as always, that, ”kids”, “youth” are basically good- just that some poor choices have been made by them.

I approached Dean Peters, Trent Hills Councillor and member of the Warkworth Business Association, and with his promise to work with me, as well as my determination to make a better community for the youth and all concerned, decided to take “the bull by the horns” and proceed with action.

This action was announced at the November meeting of the Warkworth Community Service Club and at my local church on the following Sunday, resulting in volunteers coming on board the “Skatepark Express.”

December was naturally a very busy month and so it was on January 22 2009 that our first meeting took place. The “Skateboard Express” was (is) in motion!

Bill Isaac

## **YOUTH STATEMENT ON BENEFITS Vincent Hertzler APPENDIX C**

### **GOALS**

- 1. To involve the youth with their parents.**
- 2. To move toward financial and staffing sustainability of the park. To form an ongoing committee of youth, parents, other interested people to carry out the long term commitments of sustainability.**
- 3. To develop a “Green/Eco-friendly” oriented component.**
- 4. To concentrate on the development of Phase I immediately while planning for Phase II.**
- 5. To showcase the skills of biking, inline skating and skateboarding.**

**FORMATION OF SKATE PARK COMMITTEE**

Attempting to involve all interested groups of the Municipality.

**ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

<b>CHAIR</b>	<b>Bill Isaac</b>
<b>VICE-CHAIR</b>	<b>Bob Rowe</b>
<b>SECRETARY</b>	<b>Colin Hughes</b>
<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>Laura Vickers</b>
<b>FUNDRAISING</b>	<b>Elise Lewis, Jayson Lewis, Vincent Hertzner, Hazel Hughes, Bev Roy</b>
<b>PUBLICITY</b>	<b>Janice Allen/Cherie Whalen</b>
<b>Warkworth Legion</b>	<b>Roger Brummell</b>
<b>O.P.P.</b>	<b>Constable Chris Dewsbury-Community Services Officer</b>
<b>Community Representative</b>	<b>Janice Allen</b>
<b>Warkworth Fair Board</b>	<b>Paula Gilthorpe</b>
<b>Warkworth Rodeo</b>	<b>Jon Trotter</b>
<b>Community Service Club</b>	<b>Colin Hughes</b>
<b>Warkworth Business Assoc.</b>	<b>Bill Isaac</b>
<b>Guides, Scouts</b>	<b>No one available</b>
<b>Firemen</b>	<b>Scott Newman</b>
<b>Trent Hills</b>	<b>Brenda Otto, Scott Rose</b>
<b>Percy Minor Hockey</b>	<b>Scott Newman</b>
<b>Percy Minor Soccer</b>	<b>No one available</b>
<b>Senior Citizens</b>	<b>No one available</b>
<b>Members At Large</b>	<b>Lisa Trotter, Barbara Isaac, Jon Day</b>

**POTENTIAL USERS' LISTS + SURVEYS-Recent: approx. 100 Previous: approx 130 Total: 230**

**EXPLANATION OF PHASES I AND II**

**PHASE I**

Phase I of the Warkworth Skatepark Project plans to use the smooth concrete floor of the Warkworth Arena (rather than the rough surface of the asphalt parking lot) to act as a foundation for stand-alone moveable components –(1/2 pipe , 1/4 pipe ,grind rail, fun box, etc.) A local forklift would be required to move these components. Use of the canteen, washrooms, lighting, etc would be an asset. Staffing arrangements, rules, regulations, etc. to be arranged through Scott Rose,Community Services' Officer. This phase would accommodate an immediate temporary facility for our youth while waiting for Phase II to be realized. The pieces of equipment in this phase will be incorporated into the design of Phase II.

**REPRESENTATIVE DIAGRAM APPENDIX A POSSIBLE COST: \$25 000 to \$50 000**

## PHASE II

Phase II, approximately 120' by 100' in size, would be a stand-alone, concrete park. At the time of this proposal writing, there are about 4 possible locations with one of them showing more interest, that being on Percy Agricultural Society's property near the arena. This property contains a picnic shelter and canteen already in place. It is hoped that the washrooms of the arena would still be used or until such time as outside washrooms may come available.

There will be opportunities for rentals, summer games and competitions.

**REPRESENTATIVE DIAGRAM    APPENDIX B    POSSIBLE COST: \$ 225 000 to \$250 000**

## SOURCES OF REVENUE

### FEDERAL FUNDING:

Municipality "Rinc" Funding. \*Please include us for a portion of this funding in your current applications.  
- ("a piece of the Federal Funding pie!")  
Community Futures' Development Corporation

### GRANTS:

Ontario Trillium Foundation

### FUNDRAISERS:

Warkworth Community Foundation  
Business, Corporations, Private, Youth 5%

## DESIGNATION OF NON –PROFIT STATUS FOR ISSUANCE OF INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

## WALL OF RECOGNITION FOR ALL DONORS, GRANTS, ETC.

## BENEFITS

### TO MUNICIPALITY AND COMMUNITY AT LARGE:

Kids off street, proper facility to do their skateboarding, biking, and a place to socialize, etc.  
Another facility that makes our community attractive and conducive for young families to locate here, increasing the tax base.

### TO BUSINESS COMMUNITY:

Increased business for the merchants of Warkworth due to tournaments, summer camps, etc.

### TO ARENA:

Multiuse,--year round use of washrooms, canteen

### TO FAIRBOARD/AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY:

Added attraction to the grounds in general and to the "Fair" in particular, resulting in increased revenue and exposure.

### TO RODEO:

Added attraction during Rodeo Days also increasing revenue.

### TO YOUTH/PARENTS: Youth – a safe place to 'hang out'. Parents – knowing where their kids are.

**LIABILITY IS COVERED BY NOTICES STATING THE RULES & REGULATIONS.**

Signing of a waiver before usage or joining the use of facility a possibility.

\*\*\* In this period of economic downturning, whatever money we spend or apply for re: buying equipment, using local contractors, grants received etc. could be construed as our part in providing an economic stimulus to Warkworth and the economy as a whole.

***GREEN ISSUES / ENVIRONMENT / ECO-FRIENDLY***

If further lighting was needed for Phase II, solar lighting would be considered.

Planting of additional trees for shade etc.

Use of large rocks for benches and barricades, etc. ( Phase II)

Recycled plastic furniture.

Planting of grass and plants indigenous to our area.

Possibility of a wall using recycled engraved bottles as a fund raiser.

Water saving toilets or composting toilets.

**CREATION OF WEBSITE / LOGO / NAME**

Adding link to current Warkworth website a possibility.

Youth to design Logo / Name of Skatepark - in a competition.

**CONCLUSION**

The momentum begun last November 2008 has continued and gaining every day. From almost every account of skatepark construction and use, it has been a positive and unique one- a less expensive seasonal alternative to hockey. Skateboarding has been said to be a venue for the promotion and exhibition of a different kind of creativity – the participants are artists in their own right.

Let us work together in realizing their dreams!!!

Respectfully submitted by the Warkworth Skatepark Committee. 2009 March 09

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