

CITY HALL PROJECT

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Skatepark Questions and Answers No. 2

Key dates:

- April 6 to 18 – Public Input
- April 23 – Results Shared to Design Team
- May 3 – Early Site Works Begin
- July – Estimated Skatepark Construction

Where we are today?

Knowing now through the concept design process for the new City Hall Project, the existing skatepark at Memorial Park is estimated to undergo a transformation this spring.

We are committed to ensuring this much-loved amenity continues to offer uninterrupted enjoyment to the community now and into the future. Over the past few months, we have worked closely with the skatepark community group and received early feedback about potential improvements they would like to see to enhance the existing design.

How has the design changed?

The Design Team has been working with members from the skatepark community over the past few months during this early stage of design review. Much of what makes this an amazing skatepark today will remain but with a few beneficial improvements.

These recommendations are designed to accommodate all abilities and include additional space for potential programs/use that could occur to make it more vibrant and active space.

What are the benefits of the new design?

- Love the bowls? Great, because they will be maintained with a few minor improvements:
 - Introduce a mini ramp at one end of the smaller bowl
 - Open up entrance to allow for better flow and safer crossings

Share your feedback!

Check out the improved design of the skatepark at Memorial Park.

Submit your feedback anytime between Apr. 6 to 18.



- Introduce the "island" feature to allow for looping circulation around the street lanes
- Added elements to increase functionality and use from beginner, intermediate and advanced riders
- Bank features for variety and to maintain flow
- Additional flexible space to accommodate recreation and cultural programming (specialized sport camps, outdoor market, outdoor fitness, and special events), or serve as overflow skate area when not in use by others
- Improved seating areas
- Keeping users safety as the top priority!

Where will the skatepark be located?

The desire is to keep the skatepark on the existing site. The initial site concept design identified the need to transform the skatepark because it is in conflict with the construction area. We will ensure a park is restored better than it is today.

Will we lose access to the skate park during construction?

No. Council has committed to ensuring the existing skatepark be open to the community until such time a new skatepark is constructed.

Are additional project costs needed to transform the skatepark?

No. Costs of transforming the skatepark are included in the overall project costs and will be beneficial overall as a popular gathering space for the community.

The skatepark is considered a valuable amenity to the community and is a popular park with all ages. The opportunity to learn what could be improved to transform the skatepark allows for better site functionality including amenities, lighting, areas for relaxing and observing the park in action.

What are the next steps?

A prequalification process is underway to identify a preferred contractor to construct the skatepark. A summary of the feedback will be shared with the Design Team prior to construction.

The City's application for non-farm use where the skatepark would be potentially located remains unchanged and is with the Agricultural Land Committee (ALC) pending a decision.

When can I provide feedback?

Now! You have until April 18 to visit ourwk.ca, check out the concept design, review the feature key and complete the feedback form or send an email to cityhallproject@westkelownacity.ca.

How can I stay involved?

It's easy! Visit our website to subscribe to the City Hall Project e-news or register on the City's online engagement platform at ourwk.ca. Public input opportunities will be announced in advance.

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