

**Annapolis Society for Youth-friendly Public Spaces
Annapolis County Municipal Council Chamber
May 14, 2008 – 7:00pm**

Present

- 29 members present, including full executive.

Regrets

I. Meeting called to order at 7:06pm.

II. Royal Bank Presentation

- Iona Fox of the Royal Bank of Canada presented a cheque in the amount of \$1000 to the executive of ASYPS to help with the construction of the new skate park.
- A thank you letter is to be forwarded to Beth Fairn on behalf of ASYPS for the donation. **Action – Bill to submit letter.**

III. Newline Skateparks Inc. Presentation

- Trevor from Newline addressed the group with a history of the company and skateboarding in general. He stressed educating the general public on the sport and any misconceptions that take place.
- The entire presentation will be available for viewing in the near future.

IV. Design Elements

- Trevor showed many different parks and ideas to get the youth focused on what the group would like “our” park to look like. The group decided unanimously on a street style park. A brainstorming session took place with the following priorities:

Uniqueness	Something Suspended
Minor Transitions	Small Steps
Banks	Skateable Sculpture
Fun Track	Nautical/Railway Theme
Flat Rail	Possible Organic Theme
Wedge to wedge	Changing Textures (Brick/Granite)

- Much discussion on the park having timeless elements that skaters will find special and not get bored with over time. These elements will not be large single trick platforms, but elements that will allow the tricks to evolve over time.
- The park will be in the 4000 to 5000 sq/ft range, making it a smaller park. It was stressed that the size does not matter if it is unique. Also this park is of adequate size for the community.

- After this design session Newline will bring back 3D rendering of a possible design. This process will take 6 to 8 weeks depending on the survey information.
- The Arts Council also would like to open their studios to some of the youth to teach them some techniques for finishing touches on the park. This idea will be looked into further after the Art Council speaks to its members.
- The issue of lighting for the park was brought up to extend the hours of use. Lighting has not been talked about yet due to the cost association. Members mentioned the possibility of solar lighting, which in turn will open up new funding sources for green initiatives. More information will be brought to the board, as Newline will give us proper contacts for lighting engineers. Newline has very little part in lighting plans and stated it could be added after the park is built.
- Board will look into the expense and logistics of possible heated concrete to keep the park open year round. As this would be a massive undertaking much information will have to be gathered and presented at a future time if feasible.

V. Brainstorming Forum

- Newline will be posting an online forum for further brainstorming ideas. Please be respectful in this forum as it is a great tool to help with the design of the park. To log into the forum:
 - www.vdz.ca
 - Click forums
 - Register a username and password
 - Annapolis Royal Section

VI. Go Skateboarding Day

- Once again volunteers were reminded to be at the site by 8:00am to help with set up.
- Need food for the group. Food will not be for sale, just for members. **Action – Bill to look after food.**
- Need to have area of wharf roped off for an extended skating area. **Action – Grant to speak with town about this.**
- Will have donations and sponsorship available to general public on this day.
- Advertising for event. **Action – André to design poster for event - youth to put up posters around town – Bill to stuff pizza boxes with posters.**

VII. Tee Shirts

- André discussed pricing. 4-colored logo would be \$4.50 per/shirt with a \$60.00 set up charge. 1 color logo would be \$3.50 per shirt with a \$15.00 set up charge.
- As we are a new startup organization we will order 100 1-color shirts. The fabric colors will be a mixture of Natural and Gray. The logo color will be Blue on both fabric colors. **Action – André to order shirts.**
- Each shirt will cost members \$20.00. We will then start a marketing initiative of a free tee shirt with a \$20.00 donation.

- VIII. The group agreed as part of Environment week to take part in the Champlain Elementary Spring Fling on June 7th at 10am. André agreed to be on hand with equipment as well as some youth instructors to help with the kids.
- IX. Meeting adjourned by Grant at 9:12pm.
Next Meeting: June 11th @ 7:00pm at the County Municipal Building.