



AMHERSTBURG SKATEBOARD PARK

Comparative Site Assessment Based on Public Safety Impact

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The following is a summary of factors that are rooted in public safety to help determine which of two possible locations is better suited for the Amherstburg Skateboard Park. The observations and recommendations presented here are based on previous experience and proven applications built on the universally recognized principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED).

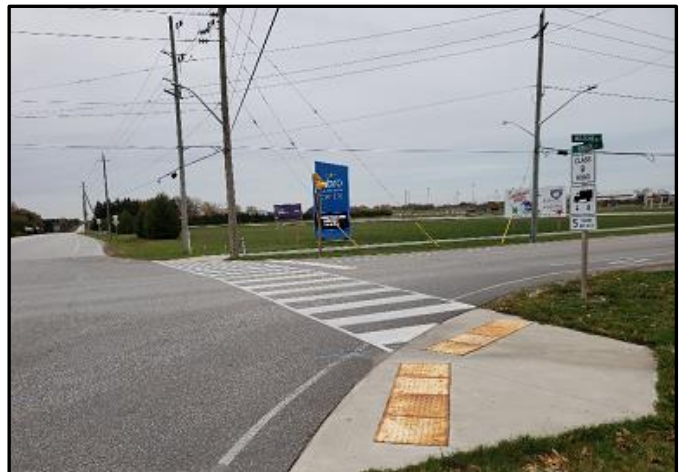
Option # 1 – LIBRO CENTRE – Northwest Corner of Site (*Recommended*)



Proposed skateboard park location @ intersection of Meloche Road and Simcoe Street

Site Variables That Influence Public Safety

- Principally speaking, this site offers exceptional natural surveillance capability such that ongoing observation can be easily maintained from a multitude of directions via passing vehicles (including Police), cyclists, and pedestrians.
 - This optimizes accountability of activity that takes place because it will be highly visible at all times
 - Busy and highly visible location optimizes witnessing of suspicious/unlawful activity , thereby facilitating reporting of such to Police
- Based on site observation, the location appears to have good lighting already in place, for the most part, that will both deter unlawful activity and at the same time facilitate ease of reporting any problems observed. If ultimately moved to this location, light levels should be confirmed to yield a minimum illumination level of 2.0 foot-candles.
- There are existing clusters of large evergreen trees along both roadway frontages but both are situated well away from the corner such that no unsafe conditions of blocked sight lines would be created.
- Overall, this site offers excellent attributes to promote and maintain safe usage with low probability for negative impacts to the community.



Corner location @ a busy intersection with good lighting and proper pedestrian facilities (visible crosswalk) present ensures accountable activity takes place

Option # 2 – JACK PURDIE PARK



Proposed location openly fronts a residential neighbourhood street at the north end of a large community park

Site Variables That Influence Public Safety

- This site offers generally good natural surveillance capability due to its open frontage on Richmond Street. However, this is a *much less travelled roadway situation than Option #1*, resulting in reduced ongoing observation capacity that is more reliant on a much smaller population of potential witnesses (less “Eyes per Hour” observance).
 - The internalized nature of the site in general somewhat lowers accountability of activity taking place because it will have less random passing traffic
 - Risk of noise and disorderly behaviour on nearby residences is increased at this location due to the skate park being “embedded” within a neighbourhood.
- Based on site observation, the location appears to have generally good lighting in place that will both deter unlawful activity and at the same time facilitate ease of reporting any problems observed. If ultimately moved to this location, light levels should be confirmed to yield a minimum illumination level of 2.0 foot-candles.
- The site’s placement within an existing, built out residential neighbourhood makes the potential negative impact of the activity (skateboarding) on the otherwise quiet neighbourhood setting riskier and more likely to generate conflicts.
- Overall, this site, while open and nicely visible, carries greater negative impact risk potential than a site in a more open, “commuter-oriented” area.



Visibly open site is proposed off an existing residential street (Richmond) within the north end of Jack Purdie Park

SUMMARY

While both site options offer relatively good characteristics to support an establishment and sustainment of safe activity for the relocated skateboard park, the site on the Libro Centre property carries far greater net public safety benefit and is therefore the recommended site.

