

June 17, 2014

Re: The C.J. Skateboard Foundation and the Canadian Skateboard Park & School Association

As the local City Councillor for the Ward 6 I am proud to offer my support to the endeavours of CJ Skatepark and the Foundation for the development of recreational programming in our community. The CJ Skatepark and Foundation provides the opportunity for many young people including at-risk and special needs children in our area to participate in a sport they are interested in joining while providing them an outlet for much needed physical activity.

Skateboarding is one of the fastest growing sports in North America, and one which requires more venues to help children and youth learn the sport in a safe, specially designed environment. It is a sport where the individual's personal accomplishment counts and one which attracts many youth that are not competitive in nature or are not comfortable in a team setting. CJ Skatepark, along with the Foundation, are non profit organizations in our community meeting this need by offering instruction and a park designed for safe learning and practice of this sport. The venue warmly welcomes all children including children with autism, aspergers syndrome, ADHD and other learning disabilities.

The principles of the Foundation and CJ Skatepark, represented by Jay Mandarin, have worked hard in the South Etobicoke community for some time to give back to those in need. Mr. Mandarin and his organizations demonstrate responsibility and what it means to work with the community.

I hope that you will give serious consideration to the charitable status application by the foundation..

Sincerely



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