

Youth Input for Cobourg Parks and Rec.

Consider the facilities and services, both recreational, sports-oriented, and social, in the Town of Cobourg (for example, the CCC, the sports fields, the skateboard park, walking and biking trails, Victoria Beach, the Cobourg Marina and Harbour, organized sports, organized camps, organized activities, and so on). Please tell us whether they meet the needs of youth:

1. **Do facilities such as the skateboard park meet the expectations of today's youth?**
If yes, what's good about them? If not, what should be removed, improved, added?
 - Add more equipment to the skatepark
 - Include more accessible options (less steep ramps, varied levels, options)
 - Look to Port Hope's Skate Park – Cobourg's is very advanced - need more for beginners
 - Good location
 - Could use lights at night so people feel safe
 - Washrooms could be open more regularly
2. **Are there enough options? If not, what else is needed? What should be expanded?**
 - Could use a paved walkway along the beach – plowable in the winter
 - We like the Frink – could use a portapotty near there if bathrooms can't be open (security cameras in the bathrooms?)
 - More seating areas around the waterfront (benches, picnic tables, etc.)
 - Picnic tables at Donegan park or benches
 - Events like Ribfest (food trucks?) at the beach – fun for teens
 - More tennis courts (more popular recently with Seniors playing pickleball, etc.) available for drop in use around town
 - Beach volley ball nets left up permanently
 - Public basketball nets / courts open for youth / for anyone
 - Outdoor rinks for shinny – pucks and sticks, with boards – like the Caroline street rink in Port Hope (this would be hugely popular!)
3. **How can we make sure the ideas and opinions of youth are reflected in the development of new programs and services?**
 - Continue asking youth
 - Send general survey to schools - schools can post on whatever platform they use (KPR uses Edsby) and students can fill out
 - Ask youth via Social Media – post a question – could reach students through student's council linking a post