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Quispamsis to create skateboard and bike park

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QUISPAMISIS – A skateboard and bike park will be developed in Quispamsis thanks to funding announced today by Mayor Murray Driscoll and Finance Minister Blaine Higgs, MLA for Quispamsis.

A \$100,000 investment from the municipality and a \$50,000 investment from the province will allow design work to proceed immediately on Phase 1 of the skateboard and bike park project with construction beginning in the fall.

“Our government is proud to invest in an important recreational project for our youth,” said Min. Higgs. “Investing in such a project will assist our youth to lead a healthier and active lifestyle.”

The proposed location is on Landing Court, near the Arts and Culture Park. The land has a natural slope that will be built into the landscape of the park. This central location achieves the consensus developed through public consultation and the creation of the town’s Active Transportation Plan.

In a presentation to Council last year, Quispamsis residents Robin Parks and Jamie Buchan asked the Town to consider developing a skateboard park and Avery Theriault presented a petition with 671 signatures in support of a park. It was also identified as a priority by Min. Higgs during the 2010 provincial election campaign.

“This is a community project that has been driven by our residents,” said Mayor Driscoll. “As a council, we understand the need for these types of activities in Quispamsis. We’ve heard the message loudly and clearly.”

Another public consultation session, led by Jim Scott of CollabPlan, will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Town Hall. This will offer local residents the chance to further discuss concepts, designs and features they would like to see in the park.

“We want input,” added Mayor Driscoll. “We encourage the people who will use the park to take ownership of it.”

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