



The Ottawa Skateboard Association (OSA) is a non-profit organization founded to promote and facilitate the construction of well-designed skateboard parks in Ottawa. The skateboard park infrastructure standards we have drafted are the product of years of experience with Ottawa region skateboard park builds from community consultation to completion, studies and evaluations of current skateboard park facilities in the Ottawa region, and investment in the skateboarding community.

Our infrastructure standards have been split into two categories, with “Must Have” items being absolutely essential to the viability of a skateboard park, and “Should Have” items being of utmost importance but non essential.

Skateboard Parks In Ottawa **Must Have:**

- **Cast-in-place concrete construction.** Skateboard parks constructed from cast-in-place concrete provide the least noise, longest lasting, and most durable surfacing currently available.
- **Community consultation during the design process.** There is no “one-size-fits-all” model that will ensure a skateboard park design will meet the needs of its community, and community consultation represents the most effective way to ensure it does. The Ottawa Skateboard Association is committed to having a presence at all Ottawa region community skateboard park consultations to help facilitate communication between community officials and skateboarders.
- **A facility maintenance and upkeep budget of approximately 10 cents for every 10,000 square feet of skateboard space.** It is common for well designed concrete skateboard parks to see decades of use as long as damage from use and weather is repaired to maintain safety and functionality.

Skateboard Parks In Ottawa **Should Have:**

- **Some form of shelter to provide shade or protection from poor weather conditions.** Summer temperatures in Ottawa can hit extreme highs and skateboarding is a physically demanding activity. Access to shade can help skateboard park users avoid the health risks posed by extensive physical activity in direct sunlight.
- **Skateboard parks should have lights.** In recent years, daytime summer temperatures in Ottawa have often lead to heat warnings from Ottawa public health that recommend avoidance of strenuous outdoor physical activity. Cooler nighttime temperatures represent a safer time for skateboarding, and lights allow for nighttime skateboarding.
- **Skateboard parks should be within reasonable distance of a water fountain.** Access to drinking water is important when partaking in physical activity.
- **Skateboard parks should be within reasonable distance of public restrooms.**
- **Access to storage for programming.** The Ottawa Skateboard Association already runs many programs that introduce Ottawa youth to skateboarding through For Pivots Sake, and we are committed to continuing and expanding these programs. We have boards and helmets we would love to leave for programming at Skateboard parks to encourage the growth of the activity.