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ANTIGONISH ALL-WHEELS SKATEPARK TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION

(Antigonish, Nova Scotia) – History was made on Monday, July 15 when the Town of Antigonish, Municipality of the County of Antigonish, St. Francis Xavier University and the Antigonish Skatepark Association joined members of the community for the official groundbreaking of the Antigonish All-Wheels Skatepark. Construction on the 13, 753 square foot site on West Street is scheduled to begin on July 22 and will take approximately 10-12 weeks to complete.

“The Town is thrilled to have been able to work with the Antigonish Skatepark Association, StFX, the County and New Line Skateparks to make this project happen for our community. The Skatepark will be a celebrated destination for youth and their families,” said Laurie Boucher, Mayor of the Town of Antigonish. “Collaboration was the key to getting the Skatepark project to this stage and we are excited to be back on the site for the Grand Opening in the Fall.”

The Antigonish All-Wheels Skatepark is an investment in our local infrastructure and will broaden Antigonish’s recreation opportunities and encourage more active living for local youth.

“Involvement in sports and recreation encourages the importance of exercising physical and mental health that leads to the creation of a healthy and sustainable Antigonish. The Skatepark offers more youth and families the opportunity to enjoy their right to play and participate in sport for free in the heart of our community,” said Owen McCarron, Warden of the Municipality of the County of Antigonish.

The design for the park was completed by [New Line Skateparks](#) after a series of community consultation sessions. The design reflects the spirit of Antigonish with special features including an ‘X’ that symbolizes the StFX’s iconic X-Ring.

“The Skatepark will be a wonderful addition to our community and StFX is very pleased to have been able to lease this land and have it built right across the street from our campus. It took a lot of hard work from a group of very passionate people to get us to where we are today and StFX is proud to have played a role in making that happen,” said Andrew Beckett, Vice President of Finance and Administration & Head of Student Services.

Individuals and businesses rallied behind community champions who have been working on creating a Skatepark in Antigonish for nearly 30 years. The final design of the park will incorporate brick work that highlights the contributions of community donors who have invested their time, money and services to bring the Skatepark to life.

“I’m really proud of Antigonish and how the Town, County, University, people, and businesses all worked together for this common goal. It’s inspiring to me and I hope the citizens of Antigonish see what working together looks like and the results that can happen when a community is united. I’m especially excited for all the guys and girls out there who don’t even know they are skateboarders yet. Seeing the youth of Antigonish walk in the world with passion and purpose makes all of this worth it,” said Jason Mason of the Antigonish Skatepark Association.

To accommodate features of the design, overhead powerlines will be moved to new locations and several existing trees on the site on West Street will have to be removed. The Town will be doing some landscaping work to enhance the green space surrounding the Skatepark once construction is finished. A digital copy of New Line Skatepark’s design can be found on the [Town of Antigonish Website](#) and hard copies can be viewed inside the main doors of Town Hall at 274 Main Street, Antigonish.

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