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Dear Mayor & Council:

I am in **full support** of a skate board facility in our waterfront park & make the following points:

1. The location is ideal as most young people rely on the bus for transportation & the Lonsdale Quay is a central hub.
2. This location would serve as a natural extension for the new community centre on Esplanade.
3. West Van has a skate board facility at Ambleside Waterfront Park & I have never heard of any complaints nor lobby for its removal. I attended a 'Skateboard Ballet' during last years Harmony Festival & was very impressed & entertained.

Please consider the West Van model. Urban boarding is quite popular where concrete curbs, blocks, stairs as well as metal rail ings are used for jumping & tricks. There are many skateboarders are not proficient with the 'bowl' concept. Regardless, our youth should be given a venue to practice & opportunity to entertain. They should not be hidden from view like 2nd class citizens.

Yours truly, Dave Sadler