



## Peterborough Bike Skills Park Case for Support

**BIKE:** The Peterborough Community Cycling Hub (BIKE) and The Peterborough Cycling Club (PCC) believe that getting more people on bikes has the power to transform a community into a healthy, active, and more vibrant place for families to live and play.

Our vision is to strengthen the reputation Peterborough and Kawartha Lakes as a cycling tourism destination. Building a Bike Skills Park will heighten our cycling culture by establishing a safe place for bike riders of all ages and skill levels to practice, and develop riding skills.

A free-public bicycle skills facility will be the anchor point for this vision.



## Why now? The opportunity is there. Now.

Peterborough and Kawartha Lakes region currently lacks a safe space where bike riders can practice riding skills and develop into competent, confident, or even competitive cyclists. Families in our region seeking good training spaces commonly drive to the nearest bike skills facility in Milton over 140km away. Peterborough youth without the ability or parental support to travel to bike facilities learn to ride on public roads, or build their own ramps illegally in our parks. Uninspired by these options, many youth choose non-active forms of entertainment such as video games. By building a Bike Skills Park in Peterborough youth will be inspired to take up physical activity in a dedicated and fun facility.

A Bike Skills Park will be a unique facility for our region. This type of facility will draw families, and people of all ages to Peterborough for the opportunity to participate in active, unstructured play.



Figure 1: Esposito Bike Park by Ontario Bike Park Construction



## GROWING TOGETHER

Together, BIKE and the PCC represent over 700 individual members of our community. We recognize the importance benefitting a broad range of people in order to maximize the impact of our efforts. Below, are examples of the community and tourism opportunities that will come with building a Bike Skills Park in Peterborough:

### Sprockids

Sprockids is a very successful program already in existence in Peterborough. The program typically fills up in just a couple hours when registration opens. This structured 8-week program is designed to teach mountain biking skills to children. This exciting program covers not only riding skills, but safety, etiquette, and bicycle maintenance. The program is for kids ages 5 to 12 and runs May through June. A Bike Skills Park in Peterborough will offer this program much needed opportunities for growth, which will get more Peterborough youth learning to ride safely.



### Pedal Power

An immensely successful program in the City of Peterborough. Pedal Power teaches kids to get active by showing them how to ride safely on public roads. However, public roads are not a safe environment for beginners. A Peterborough Bike Skills Park will offer a place free from motorized traffic to teach children in the Pedal Power program about safe cycling, and develop their skills until a point where they are confident and competent for public roads.








## RAISING THE CAPITAL

A Bike Skills Park in Peterborough will strengthen our cycle tourism and the cycling culture in Peterborough City and County. It will do so by both providing a space that draws cycling enthusiasts to the area, and providing space for residents to practice and play on their bicycles.

The Bike Skills Park Pump Track Phase 1 has a campaign goal of \$250,000.

Material Costs \$120,000	Equipment Costs \$30,000	Labour Costs \$100,000
 <p>The nuts and bolts of the project. From board walks to dirt jumps, and all the materials in between that make a great skills park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soils</li> <li>• Aggregates</li> <li>• Ashphalt</li> </ul>	 <p>Building a bike park requires heavy machinery. Heavy equipment lightens the load and labour costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excavators</li> <li>• Skid steers</li> <li>• Compactors</li> </ul>	 <p>From design to shovels in the ground. These costs represent the people that get the job done.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plans development</li> <li>• Specialized labourers</li> <li>• Skilled/unskilled labourers</li> </ul>

Be a founding donor of a community space in Peterborough that is taking an innovative approach to making our region an attractive place for families to live and play.

Your donation will help us break ground on this exciting project within the next year.



Figure 2: Wals Pump Track by Velosolutions