

# **KINGSPORT PARKS AND RECREATION**

## **Scott Adams Memorial Skate Park Closes in Lead Up to New Park Unveiling**

December 15 will be the last day the current site of the Scott Adams Memorial Skate Park in Downtown Kingsport will be open. Due to Domtar's expansion project, the park will be closed down just a few months prior to its new iteration's planned opening this spring.

City leaders approved funding for the new Scott Adams Memorial Skate Park facility in August, investing \$1.8 million into the project's development. The new park will be located in Brickyard Park and promises to offer a better, more modern skating experience for Kingsport's skate community.

"This project has had an immense push behind it from city staff and community members to not only come up with an amazing new park, but also make sure the new park is ready for use in spring of 2022," said City Manager Chris McCartt.

The new park plans were created in collaboration with New Line Skateparks, a California-based company which has helped manufacture over 300 skate parks across the country. Plans for the park were created with safety and efficiency in mind, with designers making sure that riders of all experience levels would have space to move freely around the park without disrupting other riders. New Line Skateparks conducted on-site interviews of the park's current patrons and prioritized including their ideas into the park's final design. The new park is set to feature two bowls, multiple staircases and rails, and two quarter-pipes along with other features.

The city broke ground on the new site in September, and as of November, have fully excavated the grounds and have begun creating the park's large concrete features. The new skate park is currently on track to open in April of next year.

For more information, please call 423-229-9457.

*Photos: Current progress of the new Scott Adams Memorial Skate Park includes fully formed features awaiting concrete.*



