



**CONCLUDED
PROBLEM REPORT
PS-1**

Problem ID : 17

Reporting Division : WEST

District: A7

Neighbourhood : COLLINGWOOD

Address:

Reg	Rank	Last Name	First Name
1685	CST	ALLAN	
1844	CST	BEGAN	

Key Description : PROBLEM YOUTH SKATEBOARDERS

Problem Description:

In July, 1993 Csts. ALLAN and BEGAN were called to an on-going problem of nuisance skateboarders. A dentist, whose practice was in a strip mall, contacted police stating that the mall was frequently used by young skateboarders as a place for them to play, in particular the youths would "jump" their skateboards in the air and slide them along the edge of 2 foot high concrete planter and launch themselves off the edge and land again on the sidewalk. The frequency and the noise of these skateboarding youths was beginning to drive the dentist to his wits end. In a previous incident the dentist was nearly charged with assault when he attempted to hold one of these youths for the police.

Past attempts at issuing by-law tickets had been unsuccessful as the youths would see police approach and scatter or the dentist, who was frequently the complainant, would go out and taunt the youths that the police had been called, thus causing the youths to leave prior to police arrival.

Problem solving strategies and results:

Upon examination of the scene it became apparent that the placement of a couple of short pole barriers would render the skateboarders "jump" useless. It appeared that the "jump" was the main drawing card to this particular area and if the "jump" was eliminated the youths would find another area to skateboard in. The dentist had talked to other tenants and they had problems with the skateboarders as well.

The suggestion was made to install poles and it was taken to the owner of the building. Two weeks later the poles had been installed. Upon checking back with the dentist he stated that the skateboarders were no longer a problem. It appears that the youths have left the area and found another place to skateboard.