

**From:** adam barry <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14(1) >  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 15, 2023 11:40 PM  
**To:** clerks <[clerks@oshawa.ca](mailto:clerks@oshawa.ca)>; [jfrench-co@ndp.on.ca](mailto:jfrench-co@ndp.on.ca)  
**Subject:** Please forward to committee. re: Tobogganing

Is Oshawa really going to ban Tobogganing?

As I read it, Oshawa will only allow tobogganing on 2 hills in Oshawa, banning it on all other hills.

Could you please tell me, are these 2 hills within walking distance of everyone who lives in Oshawa?

Kids just went through 2 years where they weren't allowed to use the playgrounds. Now you are going to take away the only winter fun this town has?

Do you hate fun?

Because some other town got sued, you are going to take it away from us?

If you are going to ban tobogganing, please think about issuing Ipads to all children because that's what you are doing. kids already have nothing to do but play on screens and you are making that even more of a reality.

Stop being a grinch. do the right thing. Let your heart grow 3 times.

See you on the hills.

Adam

From: George Lakins <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14(1) >  
Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2023 7:58 PM  
To: clerks <[clerks@oshawa.ca](mailto:clerks@oshawa.ca)>  
Subject: Report CO-23-05 / proposed changes to By-law 83-2000

Please forward this correspondence to the Community and Operations Services Committee

Good evening, Honoured Council Members

I'm writing today in opposition to proposed changes to By-law 83-2000, which would Sent from my iPad would make it an offence to sled, toboggan, snowboard, etc in most parks in the city. This is deeply concerning to me and my family.

Our particular experience is living within the Woodview community area, and my children grew up sliding on the hills behind this centre, as well as the hills behind Coronation PS and Kingsview United Church.

Eliminating the access to this wonderful Canadian Winter pass time, one which we all enjoyed as children ourselves, deeply saddens me. With every passing year, people of my generation increasingly wonder why kids don't play outside anymore, and then watch with exasperation as "fun" is systematically excised.

Having a few places where it is allowed will only eliminate the thousands of children who can't walk to those parks, or over crowd the approved area, increasing risk of injury.

Please do not change this By-law. It eliminates fun. How can we make sense of this to our children?

Yours respectfully,

George Lakins  
<M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14(1) >

**From:** Bennett Lowther <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14(1) >  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 15, 2023 5:10 PM  
**To:** clerks <[clerks@oshawa.ca](mailto:clerks@oshawa.ca)>  
**Subject:** Tobagganing law

To whom it may concern,

I would appreciate if you could forward my point of view to the committee.

I moved to Oshawa in September, I grew up in Ajax and have lived in Durham for the majority of my life. I now have a 2 year old and live in Windfields. Bridle park is right beside my house. I can walk our small sled with my 2 year old Charles ( usually under protest) 4 minutes to go down an extremely small hill. It's probably 12 feet long. It makes Charles laugh like no other thing on this earth while he goes down this 4 second ride.

And you're making it illegal.

I will be breaking the law by taking my son to go tobagganing down a ridiculously small hill right next to a park with no risk and no danger.

Why do you want to criminalize our fun?

At the end of the day, you are paid to come up with solutions to problems, not create new ones. Whatever this problem you think you are solving is, it can't be worth criminalizing my two year old going down a hill for 4 seconds.

If there is overcrowding in certain areas, tax the parking spaces, if there are people hurting themselves, then build fences, post signs or hire security guards. Whatever you're problem is, my son and I are not it.

Thank you for your time and please re consider turning myself and my two year old Charles into criminals. Thank you.

-Bennett Lowther

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From: Stefan Pejic <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14(1) >

Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2023 3:26 PM

To: clerks <[clerks@oshawa.ca](mailto:clerks@oshawa.ca)>

Subject: Tobogganing By-law

Imagine seeing kids outside living their life that we all got to live growing up, and deciding to ticket them.

Stefan Pejic

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From: <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14(1) > On Behalf Of Linda A Warrington

Sent: Monday, January 16, 2023 3:28 PM

To: clerks <[clerks@oshawa.ca](mailto:clerks@oshawa.ca)>

Subject: Toboggan hills

I am very unhappy to hear that Oshawa may ban tobogganing at all but 2 hills. Please do not! Kids need and love this outdoor activity. Listen to the voters for once....we DEMAND that this NOT pass. Extremely shortsighted on whomever brought this forward!!

From: jacqueline donovan <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14(1) >  
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 8:24 PM  
To: clerks <[clerks@oshawa.ca](mailto:clerks@oshawa.ca)>  
Subject: tobogganing restrictions

Hi,

I read today that you are considering restricting tobogganing to two Oshawa parks.

I understand that this is due to a tragic accident in Ottawa but one freak accident shouldn't warrant such extreme changes to the bylaw in another city.

There are so many reasons why this is wrong:

- There are very few activities kids can enjoy outdoors in the winter nowadays that are free and this is one of them.
- Not all families can afford to pay for their kids to toboggan at a ski hill.
- Many live too far from the two designated parks that are being considered and may not be able to easily access them (ie., too far to walk if they don't drive, no one wants to take a toboggan on a bus if using transit, parents may not want to drive them, etc.).
- We don't feel kids are as active as they should be nowadays due to the digital age we live in and this could encourage more inactivity because there'd be one less reason for them to leave their screens.
- If only two parks are designated, this could cause traffic jams due to the parking issues that could occur if a massive amount of people crowd into the park after a significant snowfall. I live near the Grandview park which tends to get busy after a large snowfall and chances are those are just the locals who live nearby.

If the city is concerned about liability, can't they just post a USE AT YOUR OWN RISK sign.

I really hope council decides to vote against this change to the by-law.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Jacqueline Donovan

From: <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14(1) > On Behalf Of Roland Moore

Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2023 11:43 AM

To: clerks <[clerks@oshawa.ca](mailto:clerks@oshawa.ca)>

Subject: Tobogganing

I notice you are considering restrictions on tobogganing. I assume it's because of potential injuries. If so, have you considered skateboards tearing down the roadways or small children riding bikes and trikes on the sidewalks. By locating tobogganing to two sites I would assume you will have specific safety measures in place with proper supervision as this proposal will increase the number of children having fun in only two areas. I don't need a reply. Just stating a concern.

**From:** Paul Marmara <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14(1) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 19, 2023 4:52 PM  
**To:** clerks <[clerks@oshawa.ca](mailto:clerks@oshawa.ca)>  
**Subject:** Toboggan Law

I want to know how this will be controlled at the 2 allowed hills if this law passes? There are over 200 000 children in the Durham region using these hills. So what will be in place for the over crowding, the pushing, and shoving for turns and these children being pushed down what will in time be sheer ice from over use. How are the emergency rooms which are already understaffed deal with the increase of broken bones and contusions coming in from these locations?

Clearly this is a law someone wants who probably lives close to a used hill. Justification for a fatal incident in Ottawa 2 years ago is outrageous. Why not limit boating on all but 2 lakes. More people die on the water than the hill.

What will be next, charging for use of the hill to ensure over use isn't happening? How about snow machines to ensure kids and adults aren't ending up in the hospitals.

Please shed some light on the justification of this nonsense please?