

permission to create in our own parks????? who is the "authority" - the people who use the parks and live near them or the people we pay to to be the stewards of our parks, on our behalf?  
(there seems to be plenty of ways to stem the what if's if something actually happens - disturbing the peace, trespass to property, etc)

the master plan

- lives of individuals and particularly families, change rapidly as children grow vs. the typical 3-5 year timing of the master plan
- the master plans can be changed anyway, require lots of meetings and input to devise and are often not binding
- if master plans are not, themselves binding, why do bureaucrats worry about the small, organic activities in parks that make things lively, e.g. neighbourhood camping,

liability bogeyman

- stairs
- birdhouses in Vancouver
- steps at the Wallace rink (OHSC)

evaluating the actual risk of activity in parks - who is the arbiter which risks we can assume and which we cannot?

the "no" without a law behind it

the place of prescription - what is that we actually want to prevent?  
what do we want to encourage?

laws made for other purposes -  
trespass to property act  
ohsa

using existing laws to keep up park maintenance e.g. bylaw 629

Misunderstandings/Misconceptions about what the law says and its purpose  
education and training for City employees

- what does the OHS Act and Criminal Code really say, and how is it really enforced re: supervisors, etc.

unchecked/unaccountable powers of public authorities

- Wallace rink - OHSC
- local supervisors, etc.

existing public decision-making

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List of By-laws and Acts which have affected public space to date

how existing legislation is used to create space, flexibility, one of's,

\*\*\*\*\* next grant\*\*\*\*\*election, Ombud, etc.

- using legislation to create space

**Public Laboratory Legislation**

- designate Dufferin Grove Park as lab - principle is to use legislation to create a space for innovation and to study the follow up on this

Possible ways -

s. 20 delegation of council's powers (should be o.k. as this is limited in geographic area, etc)  
amendment to City of Toronto Act to permit designation by by-law (via referendum?)