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Built Environment Working Group Notes October 1, 2019

Present: Lance Dingman, John Hawker, Mary Sinclair (contributing past member ACPD) and Jayne Cardno

Those present expressed disappointment that only 3 committee members were present.

The Group reviewed work in progress and listed outstanding business with some priorities indicated.

Re Built Environment - structures, recreational facilities, parks, and roadways to review

Some urgency in addressing Winter issues that have been raised frequently:

- Staff from Public Works have presented and answered related questions that indicated the need to move forward with bringing 2 other departments together with Public Works. They are By-Law and Property Standards. Concerns include clearing intersections, bus shelters and stops, sidewalks and bicycle paths. Noted previously were guidelines that allow bicycle paths to be cleared quickly and how they allowed mixed use that included mobility devices. Metal plates were identified as a slip and fall hazard.

ACPD Ask: That we take immediate action to bring these three departments together for a discussion on how to move forward on winter mobility concerns. Motion to be shaped and put forward.

Structures:

- 690 Stone Church West and Upper Paradise Road
- Bernie Morelli Recreation Centre
- Jimmy Thompson Pool

- Waterdown Memorial Hall (Recreation Centre) (washroom in the senior's area and parked wheelchair blocks emergency button)
- Hamilton Place - performers washroom requires assist bars.
- John Sopinka Courthouse at John Street South and Main Street East - review
- City Hall - Rumble strips at stairway on second floor

- Conclude OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

Re: work to date with the Heritage sub committee and Ian Kerr-Wilson, Manager of Heritage and Resource Management.

Parks

- HSR bus shelters and buses - accommodation of service animals and mobility devices - DARTS vehicles?
- Rebecca Street and King William Street - no plans have been reviewed - Gage Park - proposal and fund raiser for wheelchair swing

Roadways

- Cannon Street - tactile surfaces at intersections (Mike Becke)
- Locke Street - review - concern with temporary ramps during construction and that going forward better means of providing ramps etc. can be found. This offers lessons that could prevent problems re: future road work and the Light Rail Transit (LRT)
- York Boulevard and Queen Street plans for re-construction - bike lanes and mobility devices
- Summers Lane - changes
- LRT issues during construction as well as final plans
- Curb cuts - recommendations for better positioning and attention to accessibility via mobility devices.

ACPD Ask: Built Environment would appreciate assistance in the review and assessment of the above structures etc.

- Built Environment is interested in moving forward with the work done by the Emergency Services and Mobility Devices Working Group. Actions could be identified that would allow a strategy and priorities to be identified and moved upon.

ACPD Ask: Any meeting notes etc. would be helpful in ensuring the work can lead to improvements.

Discussion from the Transportation working group in support of an idea to propose a key event and possible year-long series of events that would increase public awareness on accessibility issues and celebrate the independence of those with disabilities was supported. It was noted that 2020 is the 25th anniversary of Urban Braille. There was a 20th anniversary celebration. The key event might be the Mayors New Years Levy and a special invite for all Service Dogs.

ACPD Ask: Motion to move forward on seeking support and resources to mount this event.

- Accommodation for note support