

Built Environment Working Group Meeting Notes

November 2nd, 2022

Virtual WebEx Meeting

4:00PM – 6:00PM

Those in Attendance: James Kemp, Tom Manzuk, Paula Kilburn, Anthony Frisina

Also in Attendance: Taline Morris, Assad Hoosein, Peter C. Grguric David ? , Jeff Drummond, Lo-Ann Duxbury, Wes Kindree, Kelly McKay, Shaba Shring, Meghan Stewart, Louise Thomassin, Leanne Turner, Dawn Walter

Those Absent: Patty Cameron, Jayne Cardno, Aznive Mallett

1. Welcome and Introductions.
2. Land Acknowledgement.
3. Approval of Agenda: Agenda was approved.
4. Public Works/Architectural Presentation: Peter Grguric, Architect, went through the design plans of current City Projects and highlighted accessibility features. We pointed out anything that we thought was overlooked or had concerns.
 - a. Carlisle Library: Paula recommended textured tile from the entryway to the reception desk. Anthony suggested consistent signage throughout the library. James pointed out the need for a contact strip in the bathroom connected to the alarm button and in reach from the floor.

- b. Mountain Park Fieldhouse: James suggested better surfacing and as many paths to shorten distance traveled as much as possible. Tom raised issue with urban braille designating which bathroom, but was informed that they won't do that going forward due to gender identity.
 - c. Sir Wilfred Laurier Recreation Centre Addition: James suggested a small transition strip to denote the change of elevation at the bottom of the rec centre ramp. Paula also recommended a textured path from the entry. Tom raised concerns about the glass wall separating the pool and the decals being used to warn people.
5. Mountain Drive Park Presentation: Staff came and revisited the presentation given to the full ACPD in July. They presented some revisions since then. For instance, the play areas will be using rubberized surfacing connecting them together and mulch will only be used on perimeters to denote different texture and contrast. Heritage will investigate whether they can use braille with the William Kerr heritage sign.
6. Public Works HAAA Grounds Presentation: Staff returned to discuss further updates to the design of HAAA grounds. More paths are being added, better surfacing and wider paths. Play areas are not yet fully accessible due to size constraints, but is employing transitional accessibility; which means that low lying platforms are put in to allow parents/caregivers to transition the children and any required device by lifting it onto the platform. They will not be currently installing a wheelchair swing at this location. They will be reporting soon regarding the fieldhouse's future.

7. Delegation to Heritage Committee Discussion: We discussed not just the deficiencies list, but the future of accessible heritage features. We discussed museums and making them accessible or providing replicas for sensory exploration. We want to start a dialogue for troubleshooting and problem solving issues.

8. Outdoor Dining Districts/Sidewalk Bypass Patios Program Discussion: We discussed the upcoming review of the outdoor dining district program. We need to make it clear that accessibility must be addressed first, not as an afterthought. Outdoor districts will be delegated in the immediate future, but we need to address issues with the sidewalk bypass program.

9. Other Business: No other business was discussed

10. Adjournment.