

OSPWG Notes
Wednesday, May 25, 2022
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Welcome and introductions

Present: Meghan, Paula, Mark, Aznive, Kim and Tim
Regrets: Tom
Absent: James

Welcome to Paula

Review and follow up from April 28, 2022 meeting

All good

Updates from May 24, 2022 ACPD meeting

No comments

Sidewalk dining tour with Rob Lalley May 26, 2022 11:00
a.m.

Invite to ACPD members to be sent via Carrie. Tour was mentioned to all ACPD members at the May 24, 2022 meeting. Purpose is to look at some dining sites along the

James St. North corridor re: accessibility to dining and sidewalk obstruction.

Discussions with consultant on outdoor dining guidelines

Tim spoke recently with Thea (company name?) re: information on their website re: outdoor dining accessibility. The website is often used as reference by municipalities. Thea agreed that the information on the site can be reviewed for update. Tim to send link to WG folks. Consultant agreed to update the site with input. Any input welcome from all.

Info re: outdoor dining

The brochure approved by ACPD and to be designed by Outreach should include general info and referral to ACPD. Photo on the front: Barrier to person with a disability photo. Consult with ACPD.

List of to do things or things to think about – minimums

Spreadsheet of Parklands and Open Spaces Structures

Led to discussion of swing surfaces underneath. Meghan indicated rubber surface is a good alternative to wood chips/mulch. Materials must consider for risk of injury in case of accident. In Many instances a combination of rubber and mulch/wood chips are used. Cost is an issue to

use the rubber surface. Parks can be selected on a case by case basis.

Led to discussion about consultation with ACPD on design and development including new and retrofit parks

Spreadsheet

Meghan will take a first attempt to populate the spreadsheet. All agreed that the design of the spreadsheet was acceptable to start.

Meghan has been speaking with Carrie about authority to make regulations. City has made barrier free design guidelines which may be the only option going forward. By regulation staff must comply first with code and AODA. May be a matter of language choice (regulation versus guideline) to create accessible spaces. In many instances park folks try to exceed code (e.g. 5% slope) but at times they can only meet code (8% slope).

Spreadsheet is okay by all and Meghan has already started to pull it together. Meghan will also work on it over the next couple weeks including populating the list

GAATES guidelines discussion

Lots of information there. Hope folks can take a look before next meeting. A lot of items for the spreadsheet will come from the GAATES document.

Other Business

Discussion about some items for accessible design such as distance between benches and picnic tables. All these things should make their way into a new document.

OT student

The idea of an OT student assisting with this work under the direct supervision of staff is a good one. Tim to reach out and feed back info to staff at the next meeting.

Next meeting June 22, 2022 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.