

OSPWG Notes
Wednesday, June 22, 2022
1:30 p.m.

Welcome and introductions

Present were Aznive (left early), Tom, Mark (arrived late), Kim, Cynthia Graham, Meghan Stewart, Rob Lalley and Tim.

Absent with regrets: Tom

Absent: James and Paula

Discussion about consult with Legal Services to the full ACPD respecting standards, regulations and bylaws

All okay with that

Staff not necessarily in a need to know situation, however, if anything worthy arises from discussion with legal we can bring these back to the OSPWG

Outdoor Dining

Description of outdoor dining including application requirements

2020 Covid casual outdoor approved on municipal property in lieu of indoor dining

In November 2021 seasonal (temporary) program was made permanent

All criteria is on the website for application

Some definitions related to construction requirements on the web site

Application must be completed for private property, municipal or roadway

Information about structures which must be cane detectable

Owners must check certain boxes and they must comply with what they check

Roadway patios or bypasses must comply with provincial regulations for safety (new this spring)

Schematic of plans must be submitted with application

SEAT committee reviews applications – staff no volunteers – committee disseminates applications

among departments to ensure all aspects for compliance

Schematics would not fall within the definition of site plan for AODA purposes

There is no referrals for accessible design concepts

Dates for dining

End of March / April 1 to October 31 annually

All patios must be removed by end of October

Existing requirements for accessibility

Reference to cane detection for sure, on application, but there are other accessibility compliance requirements but Rob was unable to find them immediately

Rob has made note that he could not find these compliance requirements and that needs to be fixed on the website

Communication with restaurateurs about accessible dining

No other communications from the City other than what Rob is attempting to find

Some discussion about means for distribution of communication

Possibly consult licensing on communication content via Rob

Other related issues not identified above

No universal solutions to issues of access and dining

Maybe we need to look at issues case by case

Maybe a place for people to voice concerns in order they be addressed case by case (AODA specific?)

Parklands and Open Spaces

Spreadsheet Review

Meghan started the amenities list which we reviewed

Left out barbecue pits from the list

Many items included (but not listed here in the notes)

List not completed, to be continued next meeting
Made sure to include items on the list which we know for certain have design requirements specified elsewhere, and which would not fall within the purview of this working group (e.g. washroom and change facilities)

Discussion of potential McMaster OT student placement to support work of staff and this group

Cynthia and Meghan agreed this would be a great idea, but they need to consult the McMaster program and plan further

Tim to make the connection between the program and Cynthia / Meghan who will take it from there

Discussion about in-person versus virtual meetings going forward

Everyone is flexible on this one

Next Meeting July 27, 2022 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Adjournment