

**ACPD's Built Environment Working Group Meeting
Notes**

July 25th, 2024

Virtual Teams Meeting

4:00PM – 6:00PM

Members in Attendance: James Kemp, Cara Hernould

Also in Attendance: Kevin Gonci, Anna Van Milligan,
Philip Toms

Members Absent: Paula Kilburn, Lance Dingman,
Michael Opuku-Forfieh, Levi Janosi, Hargun Kaur

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of July 25th Agenda: Agenda was
approved

3. Mohawk Sports Park Feasibility Study

Presentation with Mohawk Sports Council: Kevin began by going through all the good work done by the MSC at MSP. They have fundraised and improved the accessibility of the grounds and amenities in a wide variety of ways, things like accessible bleachers, accessible shade areas, accessible sports equipment

like specialized chairs, hurdles, track and field training, lighting and more.

They are doing a feasibility study on building a community sports hub and upgrading the recreation centre already in place. The goal is to make Mohawk Sports Park the premier Accessible Sports Training facility in Southern Ontario, surpassing that which is offered at McMaster. The problem they have run into is according to City funding priorities, the project will still be considered a recreation facility and as there is a perfectly functional one there now, there is no need for upgrades. The MSC is asking for support to do a feasibility study in order to highlight the value in reconsidering that decision.

They then went through some of the improvements to the grounds they are currently working on like improved paths, winter accessibility and full year round operation. We discussed tree canopies and shade sails as well as bus service to the area and misting stations.

Kevin explained how there is a rail trail running through the property that is an original indigenous migratory path. Chair asked about possible paving

and protecting the area from leeching into the soil in respect to the land.

Philip then demonstrated a new product in North America called Romex. It has been used in Europe for decades. It is a sort of glue that can be poured over gravel surfaces. When dried, it creates a solid uniform product that provides excellent traction as well as a textured, contrasting surface that can be altered at will. It allows water to pass through though unimpeded. We will investigate this product further for other uses.

The MSC asked if the ACPD would support the feasibility study and is delegating at the next ACPD meeting to ask for the larger groups support as well. Cara suggested a letter of support.

4. Other Business: There was no other business.

5. Adjournment