



Accessibility Advisory Committee

MINUTES 16

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

6:30 pm

Electronic Participation

This Meeting will be held through electronic participation in accordance with Section 238 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* as amended by the *COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020*.

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- Notes:*
- 1. Please note that these Minutes are to be considered DRAFT until confirmed by Committee.*
 - 2. Underlining indicates a new or amended recommendation approved by Committee.*

Present: **Chair: Phillip B. Turcotte**
 Vice-Chair: Melanie Benard
 Members: Ana Maria Cruz-Valderrama, Holly Ellingwood,
 Murray Gallant, Roy Hanes, Vania Karam, Don Patterson,
 Jennie St-Martin and Brian Wade
 Councillor Matt Luloff (non-voting member)

Absent: **Members: Holly Ellingwood, Vania Karam**

Others: **Jephtée Élysée, Manager, Gender and Race, Equity,**
 Indigenous Relations Diversity and Inclusivity, Community
 and Social Services (CSS)
 Yusra Osman, Specialist, Anti-Racism, CSS

**Selma Hassan, Planner, Parks and Facilities, Recreation,
Cultural and Facility Services (RCF)**
Lauren Reeves, Manager, Affordable Housing, CSS
Jenny Kluge, Housing Developer, CSS
**Deanna Schofield, Strategic Programs and Project Officer,
RCF**
David Masrour, Program and Project Coordinator, RCF
Mary Ellen Wood, Team Lead, Parks and Facilities, RCF
Jennifer Shepherd, Program Manager, RCF
**Lucille Berlinguette-Saumure, Program Manager, Accessibility
Office, Legislative Services, Office of the City Clerk (OCC)**
Megan Richards, Corporate Accessibility Specialist, OCC
**Tom Crowley, Coordinator, Transit System Accessibility,
Transportation Services**

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were filed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- Minutes 14 - April 6, 2021
- Special Meeting Minutes 15 - May 25, 2021

CONFIRMED

- Special Joint Meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee and the French Language Services Advisory Committee – Notes (*Confirmation not required*)

PRESENTATIONS

1. OVERVIEW OF THE ANTI-RACISM SECRETARIAT'S INITIATIVES AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN

CITY WIDE

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee receive the staff presentation for information and provide feedback as appropriate.

Jephtée Élysée, Manager, Gender and Race, Equity, Indigenous Relations Diversity and Inclusivity, Community and Social Services (CSS) spoke to a PowerPoint Presentation. Yusra Osman, Specialist, Anti-Racism, CSS was also in attendance to respond to questions.

Brent Manuel, member of the public suggested that staff conduct a survey to inquire on the issues for persons with disabilities.

Staff responded to questions regarding different ethnicity groups and the complexity of oppression; how to promote and educate the public; best practices for consultation sessions (i.e., accessible locations, post start/end time for Para Transpo clients, etc.)

After discussion, the Committee RECEIVED this item for information.

2. PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

ACS2021-RCF-GEN-0005

CITY WIDE

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee receive the staff presentation for information and provide feedback as appropriate.

Selma Hassan, Planner, Parks and Facilities, Recreation, Cultural and Facility Services (RCF) and Deanna Schofield, Strategic Programs and Project Officer, RCF spoke to a PowerPoint Presentation, which is held on file with the City Clerk. Selma and Deanna were accompanied by Lauren Reeves, Manager, Affordable Housing, CSS, Jenny Kluge, Housing Developer, CSS and David Masrour,

Program and Project Coordinator, RCF and Mary Ellen Wood, Team Lead, Parks and Facilities, RCF.

Member Wade disclosed that he is involved in different boards, including the Hunt Club Community Association and the South East Health Centre in which they have been consulted and provided comments on the master plan.

Members comments regarding the Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan (PRFMP) include:

- Participants (at consultation sessions) should feel their input is being considered
- The word 'Accessibility' is only mentioned five times and three of those are at a high-level
- Document does not mention that it follows the Accessibility for Ontarians Act (AODA) Standards
- Language should be looked at, especially when identifying male/female
- PRFMP does not align with 15-minute neighbourhood plan (consider 15 minutes may have different meaning from a disability perspective)
- The various Standards should be explained in the document
- The title of the document titled 'What We Heard' should be replaced with 'What We Learned'

After discussion, the Committee RECEIVED this item for information.

3. CARDINAL CREEK VILLAGE – NEW COMMUNITY PARK

CITY WIDE

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee receive the staff presentation for information and provide feedback as appropriate.

Mary Ellen Wood, Team Lead, Parks and Facilities, Recreation, Cultural and Facilities Services (RCF) spoke to a PowerPoint Presentation, a copy of which is held on file with the City Clerk. Jennifer Shepherd, Program Manager, RCF was also in attendance to assist in responding to questions.

The presentation included the design of the new park in Ward 19 and highlighted the proposed inaccessible pathway in the north-west corner of the park.

Members provided questions and comments as follows:

- The main entrance, which is the most popular pathway will be accessible, including an accessible drop off area
- The number of park benches should be sufficient for the size of the park
- Option B is preferred for the fitness equipment and play structures

Councillor Luloff thanked staff for presenting before AAC and noted there is a good balance (for the park) without compromising accessibility.

After discussion, the Committee RECEIVED this item for information.

4. AFFORDABLE HOUSING CAPITAL PLAN 2021

CITY WIDE

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee receive the staff presentation for information and provide feedback as appropriate.

Lauren Reeves, Manager, Affordable Housing, Community and Social Services (CSS) and Jenny Kluge, Housing Developer, spoke to a PowerPoint Presentation. A copy is held on file with the City Clerk

Brent Manuel, member of the public suggested that staff look into refugees in regard to affordable housing.

Member Gallant disclosed that he works at Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and noted that revised Standards is anticipated in November 2022.

He advised that he would consult with the Canadian Standards Association to see if the draft version can be shared with City staff.

Members provided questions and comments such as:

- Clarification between the words 'barrier-free', 'accessible', 'visitable' and 'adaptable' units should be included in the Plan
- Consider ramps instead of stairs where practicable
- Ensure all units are visitable
- Other areas within buildings that should be accessible are common rooms such as laundry/garbage room, etc.
- Have adequate funding to adapt units for new tenants (if disabled) and tenants who are aging so they may remain in their units.
- Would like staff to come back to AAC re: definitions.

After discussion, the Committee RECEIVED this item for information and requested that staff advise AAC on the definitions.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

5. WORKING GROUPS UPDATES

CITY WIDE

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee receive the updates for information.

Committee members provided updates on the following:

- E-Scooters

- ASL/LSQ – Communications in emergency situations. In response to a question from Darryl Hackett, member of the public, the Accessibility Office confirmed that ASL/LSQ communications in emergency situations is no longer a pilot and will be available in all emergency communications.

INQUIRIES

Chair Turcotte submitted two inquiries as follows:

Affordable Housing

1. The City's Affordable Housing Capital Plan establishes a minimum availability of barrier-free units at 10% of newly constructed units. What rationale was used to reach this 10%? This especially given that, to my understanding, Ontario's Building Code requires that 15% of newly built multi-unit residential buildings must be barrier-free.
2. Would compliance with the Affordable Housing Capital Plan lead to non-compliance with the Ontario Building Code?
3. During its presentation to the Accessibility Advisory Committee of June 15, 2021, on the Affordable Housing Capital Plan, staff used the following terms in referring to units: "visitable", "accessible", "adaptable", and "barrier-free". Please provide definitions for each of these terms and explain how they are different from each other.
4. Would the City have the authority to mandate that 100% of newly constructed units in multi-unit residential buildings be accessible to persons with disabilities? if not, why not?

ACCESSIBILITY OF COMMON SPACES IN MULTI-UNIT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

1. It is my understanding that while the Ontario Building Code and the City's Affordable Housing Capital Plan both require that some units in multi-unit residential buildings be accessible to persons with disabilities, there are no requirements for the accessibility of common spaces in those buildings (ex: the garbage room, the laundry room, etc.). Is this the case?
2. If so, how is the City addressing this gap to ensure that the common spaces in newly built multi-unit residential buildings in Ottawa are fully accessible to persons with

disabilities (and this regardless of how many residential units are accessible).

OTHER BUSINESS

RESIGNATION

Vice-Chair Benard announced her resignation as Vice-Chair and Member of the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) due to her employment, which may be a direct conflict with AAC. The Chair and Members thanked her for her work on the Committee and wished her well in her new employment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 pm.

Committee Coordinator

Chair