

ACCAC – Built Environment and Facilities Sub-Committee (BEFSC)

MEETING REPORT

Wednesday, March 4, 2015

Present: Michael Dawthorne, Florencia de Lasa, Jim Sanders

Guest: Julie Michaud – Parks Projects Coordinator

- Start: 4:00pm
- Discussion Item 1: Playspace Survey project
 - Presentation by Julie, as to progress
 - Temporarily, (for our review) the survey was placed on-line within the City website: www.london.ca/residents/parks/explore-parks
 - Survey published through Survey-Monkey (www.surveymonkey.com)
 - Reviewed and discussed questions asked individually with only a few (minor) edits suggested for ease of use, and functional support
 - This draft was then approved by our sub-committee as complete, ready for website launch in April
 - Note: Surveymonkey surveys are currently being used by the AODA for their customer service questionnaires (re: an assurance of reg. compliance)
- Discussion Item 2: Working Documents
 - Funding/Grant opportunities summary (as written, no updates)
 - Accessibility Regulation summary (as written, no updates)
- Discussion Item 3: Community Gardens
 - Work in progress
 - The published Draft Strategic Plan: London Community Gardens Program (web-link below) is being presented to the Community and Protective Services Committee in the spring. Once confirmed and presented to Council for approval, staff will start on an implementation plan, at which time key aspects for accessibility will be discussed, based upon an initial review presented to them of the Draft Strategic Plan shortcomings in this regard
 - <https://www.london.ca/residents/Parks/Community-Projects/Pages/London-Community-Gardens.aspx>

Request for Motion:

That the Community Gardens Program staff/administration be invited to contact our sub-committee directly with regards to how best we may work together to ensure accessibility is implemented within this program relative to their final/approved Strategic Plan.
- Discussion Item 4: Food Trucks
 - Further to the presentation by Councilor Armstrong, at the last ACCAC meeting, we had a general discussion relative to this issue
 - It was clarified that “small private organizations” are considered exempt from the IASR, Part 4 – Design of Public Spaces Standard, yet are not exempt from: Section 7 – Training, Part 2 – Information and Communications Standard, and Part 3 – Employment Standard
 - Suggest further discussion on this subject includes the Policy Sub-Committee, if a plan of action is being considered in this regard
- Adjournment: 5:30pm
- Next meeting: Wednesday April 1, 4-5 pm, meeting room #1