

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

MEETING REPORT

Monday, April 11, 2016

Present: J. Sanders, J. Bell, F. DeLasa, M. Dawthorne, M. Cairns, L. Firby, J. Ehiwario

Start: 7:00pm

1. Review, updates of Active items

a) Community Gardens:

Presentation will be made at General Meeting, still awaiting confirmation date

b) Springbank Park Playground Project:

Design selection has been uploaded to the City Hall website with request for public comments (as per AODA requirement)

<https://www.london.ca/residents/Parks/Parks-Projects/Pages/AODA-Park-Review.aspx>

Note: the City website has also been updated to include a category for 2016 Park Construction and Planning Projects, again as a notice to the public

<https://www.london.ca/residents/Parks/Parks-Projects/Pages/2013ParkProjects.aspx>

Discussion tabled regarding the accessibility of the adjacent wading pool to this new playspace. Further commentary was received (by email after the meeting) outlining the condition of this pool (dated 1961) and that recent enhancements have already been completed to the pathway leading up to the pool, as well as the apron surrounding the pool. As such, the age and condition of the pool's infrastructure did not warrant additional accessibility enhancements to its functional design going forward.

c) Playground Survey:

Project is on-track, and on-schedule (Re: public launch date is May 28, 2016)

d) Accessible Cab Policy:

Communication was received from a local group that frequently use accessible cabs, including 12 personal opinion responses relative to the level of service provided.

Suggest that once a "trip-summary usage report" is received (as per prior motion) our committee will again review this item further and include this received feedback.

2. Trail Advisory Group, TAG

o Review and discussion of: Revised process for MZ and Trail Assessment in ESA's (04/01/16)

In that our concern is this document's use of the term "wilderness" may provide the user with an open interpretation of the accessibility requirements of both AODA and FADS design Standards for Recreational Trails that goes beyond our understanding of their intent.

o M. Dawthorne offered to forward this discussion point, with our regards, to the next TAG meeting scheduled

3. Transportation Advisory Committee, TAC

- Discussion of question: Is our presence within this committee still relevant?

Request for Motion:

That the City Clerk, as part of the broader planned review of Advisory Committees, remove the ACCAC member as a position on the Transportation Advisory Committee; noting strengthened language in binding Provincial legislation, as well as improvements to the Corporation's FADS document, and City bylaws has significantly reduced the need for an accessibility representative in addressing most issues under TAC's mandate. In that regards, ACCAC will remain available to them in a supportive advisory role, upon request, as our mandate requires.

4. Next Meeting

- Monday, May 9, 2016, 7:00-8:00 pm,
South London Community Centre, Wakefield Room A

Adjournment: 8:00 pm