

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

Tuesday, August 2, 2016

Present: J. Sanders, F. DeLasa, M. Dawthorne, M. Cairns

Start: 8:00pm

1. Review, updates of Active items

a) Playground Survey:

- <https://www.london.ca/city-hall/accessibility/Pages/Accessible-Playground-Survey.aspx>
- Again reported that participation/responses has been very poor to-date
- Parks Planning has added sign notices to each park playspace to encourage more participation from community
- It was suggested that as many of the smaller/older parks do not include accessible design features or surfacing, those parks may not be active within this survey as the intended users (by default) may not regularly use them

b) Accessible Cab User Review:

- Received communication from a notable user-group outlining their personal experiences and comments with regards to the availability and service of accessible cabs
- No update at this time to report, as we are still awaiting a response to our prior request for statistical data regarding the number of cabs available and their user trip-summary reports

Request for Motion 1:

**That the City Clerk follow up on our original motion/request for this information
Dated: March 24, 2016, with follow up request June 23, 2016**

Re: that City Staff provide the Facility and Built-Environment sub-committee with any relevant statistical data (if available) regarding the recorded trip usage of accessible cabs (relative to Schedule A, clauses 2.2 c and d of the L-129-51, Licensing By-law) as this information may provide us with better feedback on how well the existing program, and ratio of accessible cabs available, is working.

c) Community Gardens:

- Received report from Scott Stafford that they have installed a new garden at Ed Blake Park, and have another scheduled for later this year at Kiwanis Park
- Raised beds are made available to users upon request, and access-route pathways are also in-the-works
- Will follow up again with site reviews and further improvements going forward

d) FADS document review:

- Continued discussion on what changes we would like to see made within the next scheduled revision
- Members were given a copy of an “Inclusive Play Design Guide” as a resource/example for consideration with regards to inclusive play, play-types, and accessibility needs
- Members are looking towards other municipalities for positive examples of how they consider playspaces to be inclusive

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e) Site Plan Review Process:

- Documents presented for our review, within month of July:
6 application submissions, 6 consultation submissions
- M. Dawthorne, J. Sanders met with Development Services Staff to review their expectations and/or the need-for our review process going forward
- This discussion resulted in our committee starting to design a new working document in this regard...checklist spreadsheet-format for site plan review process with an emphasis on what to look for and/or what to include within a submission

2. Next Meeting

- o Monday, September 12, 2016, 7:00-8:00 pm
North London Optimist Community Centre (Mtg Rm #2)
1345 Cheapside Street

Adjournment: 8:50 pm