

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

MEETING REPORT

Monday, September 12, 2016

Present: J. Sanders, J. Madden, J. Bell, F. DeLasa

Start: 8:00pm

1. Review, updates of Active items

a) Playground Survey:

- <https://www.london.ca/city-hall/accessibility/Pages/Accessible-Playground-Survey.aspx>
- Survey to close at the end of October, at which time submissions will be reviewed and summarized

b) Accessible Cab User Review:

- Received communication (03/16) 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

c) Community Gardens:

- Scott Stafford was unable to attend this month's meeting, and will try to reschedule for next month
- Phone calls to both Parks Planning, and Scott resulted in the following comments:
 1. The garden project at Ed Blake park is currently under review with regards to accessibility (or lack thereof) in it's design
 2. The garden project at Kiwanis Park is still at the design stage, and is not expected to be started until spring of 2017
 3. The community garden group (LCGP) is working towards developing a "set of standards" with regards to new gardens, and in particular raised-bed plots as part of the implementation process of their strategic plan as well as compliance with FADS
<https://www.london.ca/residents/Parks/Community-Projects/Documents/London%20Community%20Gardens%20Strat%20Plan%202015-2019.pdf>
 4. Our Sub-Committee is committed to working with the LCGP to better clarify our expectations, and as a resource for dimension-based criteria and/or design ideas relative to new garden layouts and access features
 5. When designing new or re-developing existing community gardens, the LCGP will provide ACCAC with their plans prior to work starting with the expectation that we may assist them with accessible features
- J. Madden brought forward an opportunity for funding support that the City should consider with regards to improving accessibility; Namely, the Rick Hansen Foundation is presently offering "Access 4 All" grants for community projects that support accessibility
<http://www.rickhansen.com/Access4All/Apply-For-a-Grant>
As it was suggested that the proposed Kiwanis Park garden may be a good fit for this funding, after the meeting Scott Stafford was notified of this opportunity and will give it consideration

- d) FADS document review:
- No further discussion at this time as we (the sub-committee) are awaiting updates from City Staff with regards to any revisions, deletions or updates to the current 2007 FADS document (as part of the 2016 work plan)
- e) Site Plan Review Process:
- Documents presented for our review, within month of September:
4 application submission, 5 consultation submissions
 - A “draft” document (site-plan review checklist) was presented (Sept 27th) to Development Services for their review and consideration
 - This first-draft document was then presented and reviewed to the members in attendance, and received positive feedback
- Note: if any other member wishes a copy, please email myself (J. Sanders)

2. General Discussion

- a) As an FYI, it was noted that there is a Twitter site dedicated to presenting AODA challenges and highlighting design failures..... #AODAFAILS
 - b) Communication was received regarding a concern that a London resident has with London's Greyhound Bus terminal. In that the front doors do not include automatic openers. In response, it was recommended that the City contact the building owners to encourage them to consider operators. (Re: it is not a City owned venue)
 - c) Communication was received regarding consideration for a bench to be provided at an existing bus stop (located at the corner of Aldersbrook Dr. and Lawson Rd) as a neighbouring home, for residents with reduced mobility, frequent that transit stop on a regular basis.
- It was noted that City Staff, has forwarded this request to the London Transit Commission and/or their Accessible Public Transit Service Advisory Committee (APTSAC) for their consideration.

3. Next Meeting

- Monday, November 14, 2016, 7:00-8:00 pm
North London Optimist Community Centre (Mtg Rm #2)
1345 Cheapside Street

Adjournment: 9:10 pm