ACCAC Subcommittee – Built Environment

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General Comments

- Include Parks & trails references. Have pages for parks and trails and cross reference GAATES, CSA but also give best practices (with examples/photos).

- Playgrounds should also be added. Have a section for playgrounds with best practices citing Built standards but also a solid definition of "firm and stable" that the City of London defines so it is less contentious and easy to understand/follow. Playgrounds should reference CSA Annex H as a minimum.

- Splash pads and dog parks should also be added with best practices and references to GAATES but additional notes on best practices (photos and explanation)

- Add a page for community gardens. Suggestion was that our community garden team contribute to this part with good examples and photos from their own gardens.

- Font is too small in glossary. Melanie Stone will follow up to ensure all photos are captioned in the final document and that the standards for print/web access are followed.

- Better definition of Universal design

- Add a part indicating that this is a living document and may be updated at least annually but possibly more often as required. Most up to date document will live online at the City website.

- Should contain information about containers for garbage and recycling and their placement inside and outside structures?

- Add reporting mechanism to the document

- Identify how the FADS document will be enforced for City of London projects

- Suggested that the document be changed to "Physical Environment Accessibility Design Standards" (PEADS)

- All drawings and images should be referenced properly and attributed (are these engineers? If so ensure this is identified)

- The enforcement piece needs to be strengthened with respect to current bylaw compliance

- Add an outdoor trails section that references the City's trail guidelines and the AODA

Next Steps Suggested:

Share the document with community groups who were originally part of the FADS consultation process and new groups with emerging best practices.

Groups suggested were: Autism Ontario, TVCC, March of Dimes, MS Society, Alzheimer's Society, (Others?)

Melanie has offered to organize an information gathering evening/afternoon with these community partners for input and explanation. Would ACCAC like to facilitate/help facilitate this event?

Specific References:

1.1 More introduction about Universal Accessibility, better references and check all links in document for accuracy. Do all references need to be included?

3.1　Parking – Ensure that this section contains information about accessible parking being close to amenities (carts, doors, parking meters etc…)

3.3 Flex Street References re: Ramps must be clarified. The elimination of ramps as stated in the wording is awkward. Be more specific about building streets to meet entrances, not simply eliminating ramps. Clarification of landscape access or level access/alternates to ramps. Can we include an image?

3.3.5 What does this section mean?

3.5.3 Pedestrian Construction – Add information about enforcement/bylaw? AODA requirements and wording for inclusion in contractor documents. These physical environment standards should cross reference with AODA standards/building/construction codes for enforcement purposes

5.4 Acoustics – Add best practice standard be added for sound dampening based on input about those with sensory disabilities?

5.7 Lighting – Add information be added to this section to ensure that recessed non fluorescent lighting be used where possible. (Table 10 – 12 mix up. Please review these #s and fix)

6.1 Can we add information about best practices related to quiet space, snoezelen equipment, and transition areas?

6. can we add information in the kitchen portion about magnetic induction being a best practice for safety in kitchens?

6.23 Where possible have recessed shelving that does not jut out into corridors or paths of travel

Page 43 references public input required on newly built rest areas. This seems out of tune with the rest of the document. A statement about revisions by ACCAC each year may be better suited to this section.

Page 266 and 267 are out of order. Please verify order of pages in glossary section.