



Accessibility Advisory Committee

MINUTES

Date: September 9, 2021

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting

Members: Peggy Anne Gordon, Chair
Deborah Muldoon, Vice-Chair
Councillor Robertson
Rosa Bustamante
Ruth Sheridan
David Underwood (As of 4:51 p.m.)

Regrets: Matthew Lam

Staff: Andrea Coyne, Manager of Elections, Policy and Print Services (In person)
Janis Olbina, Manager of Parks Planning and Development
Andrea Jones, Project Leader - Accessibility
David Sun, Landscape Architect
Jill Marcovecchio, Council and Committee Coordinator (In person)

A virtual meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee was held on September 9, 2021, at the Oakville Municipal Building, commencing at 4:00 p.m.

1. Regrets

As noted above.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations of pecuniary interest were declared.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Moved by Councillor Robertson

That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of June 10, 2021, be approved.

CARRIED

4. Discussion Item(s)

4.1 Wallace Park Redevelopment

David Sun, Landscape Architect, introduced the town's consulting team to further develop the preferred concept plan for the redevelopment of Wallace Park led by Marianne Mokrycke, OMC Landscape Architecture, and Michael Biljetina, ATA Architects Inc.

Staff and the consulting team reported on the Wallace Park redevelopment as provided in the PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Sun advised that a preferred concept plan for the park was developed by the MBTW Group in consultation with local residents and Councillors in 2018, and the project went into detailed design after the 2020 budget was approved by Council. Mr. Sun asked for the committee's feedback on the proposed accessibility features before moving further into the second design phase.

Marianne Mokrycke presented on the park component, including concept plan, landscape features, and key accessibility features of the park.

Michael Biljetina presented on the accessibility features of the building illustrating the proposed renderings, and the new washroom facility and features.

The committee provided the following comments for consideration:

- ensure that the sink levels in the washroom are accessible to people in wheelchairs;
- consider the materials, such as stone brick versus metal to be used on the outside of the building and environmental benefit;
- consider accessibility and various options, such as a splashpad given the close proximity of Trafalgar Park and playgrounds located about 200 metres away; and

- consider asking parents with children in wheelchairs or blind about accessibility and user friendly playground, and invite and approach parents on the design.

Staff responded to questions regarding the park redevelopment, advising of the following:

- the playground that was installed last year at the new Trafalgar Park Community Centres is different and non-traditional with architectural vertical elements and fitness for adults, and the playground at Wallace Park is more traditional and suited for children and adults;
- specific parents or user groups have not been targeted beyond contact in the neighbourhood, following the standard and components included without getting into specifics,
- staff welcome detailed comments on the park redevelopment and will address particular needs when they can; and
- larger community park locations have a higher level accessibility component including rubber, this neighbourhood park is a scaled down version with the elements proposed.

The architect responded to questions regarding the park redevelopment, advising of the following:

- the sink levels in the washroom are accessible to universal standards with clear space below that conforms to AODA and town standards; and
- the material supply and brick fabrication to be used on the outside of the building, and that the recommendation on the brick veneer colour will be decided later.

Peggy Anne Gordon transferred the Chair to Deborah Muldoon in order to speak to this item.

Peggy Anne Gordon resumed the Chair.

The committee was pleased with the accessibility features of the park redevelopment, indicating that Wallace Park looks wonderful, defines paths and spaces for wheelchair and walker access, and the various park options that are available in the neighbourhood.

Moved by Deborah Muldoon

1. That the report dated August 31, 2021, entitled Wallace Park Redevelopment from the Parks and Open Space Department be received.
2. That accessibility features in Wallace Park Redevelopment project be endorsed.

CARRIED

5. Information Item(s)

- 5.1 Town of Oakville receives Gold Certification for accessibility**
- 5.2 Notice of Motion by Councillor Robertson - Prioritization of OHIP Covered Eye Care for the Council Meeting of June 21, 2021 Update**
- 5.3 Installation of Hearing Loop Technology/Speech Transfer System**
- 5.4 CNIB's Advocacy Campaign 2021 Federal Election**

Moved by Deborah Muldoon

That the information items be received.

CARRIED

6. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, December 9, 2021
Oakville Municipal Building
Virtual Meeting - 4:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment

Moved by Deborah Muldoon

That this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.