



CITY OF
ST. CATHARINES

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Meeting: **Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC)**

Location: Burgoyne Woods Room

Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2015

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Meeting Attendees:

Invited Name

Present Shelley Stewart, Co-chairperson
Diane Foster, Co-chairperson
Bob Asham
Steve Byers
Ian Crawford
Tracey Hrick
Linda Marie O'Hagan
Julie Morris
Mary Jane Waszynski

Regrets Stacey Headey-Komenda
David Reed

Council; Social Councillor Phillips
Sustainability Pillar

Staff Diana Lecinski, Accessibility Coordinator, CAO
Christine Adams, TES
Steve Bittner, TES
Jessica Button, PDS

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Welcome from the Chair: **Diane Foster at 1:30 p.m.**

1. Roundtable introductions were made.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Wednesday, July 22, 2015

Moved by: Linda Marie O'Hagan

Seconded by: Bob Asham

That the Minutes of July 22, 2015 be approved.

CARRIED

3. Presentations / Discussions:

a) City's 5-year strategy; Dan Carnegie, CAO
Deferred to future meeting.

b) Zoning by-law amendment; Jessica Button, PBS
Jessica Button, Planner, provided an overview of the AODA's, Design of Public Spaces Standard (DOPSS), accessible parking requirements and options for reflecting the new sizes and ratios into an amendment to the City's zoning by-law. Of significant note is that Ontario has set out 2 forms of accessible parking, larger Type A spaces (van accessible) for occupants who use wheelchairs or scooters that need extra room to load/unload, and smaller/regular sized Type B spaces for occupants who are more distance limited in ability but who do not use larger mobility devices and therefore do not need extra room in the parking space. Steve Bittner noted that in this scenario it would be up to users to use the most appropriate type of parking for their ability but that users who display a valid accessible parking permit (APP) could still park in either type of space that is vacant. Discussions noted problems in availability vs. use that could be avoided by making all accessible parking spaces Type A in size. Another issue in the current zoning size is the ample aisle width of 2.6m and the misuse of people parking in the aisle itself. The new DOPSS aisle is 1.5m that is adequate for wheelchair use, however too narrow for vehicles to misuse.

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The 5.2m length for all parking spaces remains unchanged. The ratio of accessible spaces in a given quantity of parking spaces was found acceptable as were the exemptions listed relating to private dwellings. The proposed amendments are attached as Appendix 1.

AAC members supported the benefit of one-sized wider accessible parking spaces to support everyone who displays a valid AAP and an aisle width that prevented vehicles from parking in it.

Diane Foster thanked Jessica Button for the detailed presentation.

Moved by: Linda Marie O'Hagan

Seconded by: Ian Crawford

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee supports the amendment to the City's Zoning By-law for accessible parking spaces for spaces size, aisles, ratios and exemptions as proposed (Appendix 1).

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4. Business Arising from Minutes:

a. Accessibility Plan;

- Further discussion deferred to October's meeting
- The chairperson asked that all AAC members review the present Accessibility Plan and annual updates for a framework on next steps.
- Accessibility staff will email the Plans, updates and AODA links to AAC members.
- Update on status of a previous bus stop accessibility audit, TBA.

b. Review of AAC past and future projects:

- Videos to highlight City facility accessibility;
Access video of City Hall to Council Chambers is almost ready. Waiting for narration and subtitles. Julie Morris asked if closed captioning should also be made. Staff will ask the CHS for advice.

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- Hosting CDAC, October 8, 2015;
AAC members will host this workshop for staff training and community stakeholders. They will welcome the attendees and likely take a quick list check for attendance record purposes.
- Library morning session, approximately 50 attendees, hosted by Diane Foster, Ian and Mieke Crawford
- Kiwanis afternoon session, approximately 40 attendees, hosted by Julie Morris, Mary Jane Waszynski, Linda Marie O'Hagan, Steve Byers and Tracey Hrick

5. AAC Updates:

a. **Site Plan** –

Ian Crawford noted that not many have been received for review lately, however he noted that the sidewalk on the newly constructed Glendale Road underpass at the 406 did not have tactile walking surface indicators (TWSI) only saw cuts at the curb ramps. Christine Adams will follow up.

b. **City Projects** –

Christine Adams provided an update;

- the first stage of the downtown streetscape plan has been completed at St. Paul and Carlisle Street on the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre corner. This included new traffic signals, sidewalks with clear walking path of travel along with coloured, patterned concrete along the curb face, the curb ramps include cast iron TWSI, and the street names have been contrasted and imprinted at this corner.
- the AAC noted the importance of close-by drop-off areas and accessible parking for theatre-goers and Councillor Phillips noted possible opportunities on St. Paul east of Carlisle
- the accessible pathway on Maguire Street at Carlisle has also been completed to alleviate the steep grade in this area, a stairway was also installed.

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- status of audible/ vibro tactile pedestrian crossing indicators at Lake and Lakeshore TBA, although it was noted that implementation of audible/vibro tactile will be made when there is a complete traffic systems update.
- Shelley Stewart noted the importance for direct crossing alignment for people who cross streets with guide dogs.
- Mary Jane Waszynski noted that Rick Lane has offered to provide the AAC members a FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre tour. A date will be determined in the near future, with early afternoon preferred.

c. ADOA volunteer sign-off sheet reminder

- Not all AAC members have completed the volunteer AODA training modules that were provided via email. Several AAC members requested hardcopy format that will be provided.

d. Other;

- Lakeside Park (park design, pavilion, mobi-mats)
AAC members asked for updates on Lakeside Park and that they look forward to being included in design details.

-Montebello Park (on-street accessible parking) update provided by Christine Adams that 2 on-street accessible parking spaces at Montebello Park has recently been discussed and an ideal location on Queen, north of Lake was selected as providing the most ideal access to gated, tickets events and basic park usage.

- Walker's Creek updated provided by Julie Morris who met with members of staff, Council and the Walker's Creek Neighborhood Assoc. to discuss trail access, floodplain areas, and a steep drop-off at the sidewalk on Scott Street creek crossing. Councillor Phillips noted the opportunity to keep improving this trail accessibility.

- Accessibility staff demonstrated BrowseAloud's new updated version on the City's website.

6. Information Items

a. E-play updates for facility attributes;

Accessibility staff demonstrated the updated e-play information on the City's website where facility accessibility attributes are listed as

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information to registrants and facility renters. The AAC noted accessibility attributes for facilities and trails has been a to-do on the City's accessibility plan for a number of years and ideally it should be provided directly on Parks, Recreation and Culture webpages.

- b. Parapan Am torch relay, August 3rd;
Congratulations to the many torch-bearers who each took a lap around the Lakeside Park pavilion to a large cheering crowd. Bob Asham was the final torch-bearer who lit the onstage cauldron. Area dignitaries were in attendance and gave speeches that supported the importance of the upcoming Parapan Am events.
- c. JAAC invite to AAC chair/rep for an upcoming meeting. Shelley Stewart, Diane Foster were interested as well as Linda Marie O'Hagan and Mary Jane Waszynski in attending JAAC's evening meetings. Accessibility staff will contact Donna Herrington to determine what date is best.

7. Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. in the Burgoyne Woods Room

Chair: Shelley Stewart

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

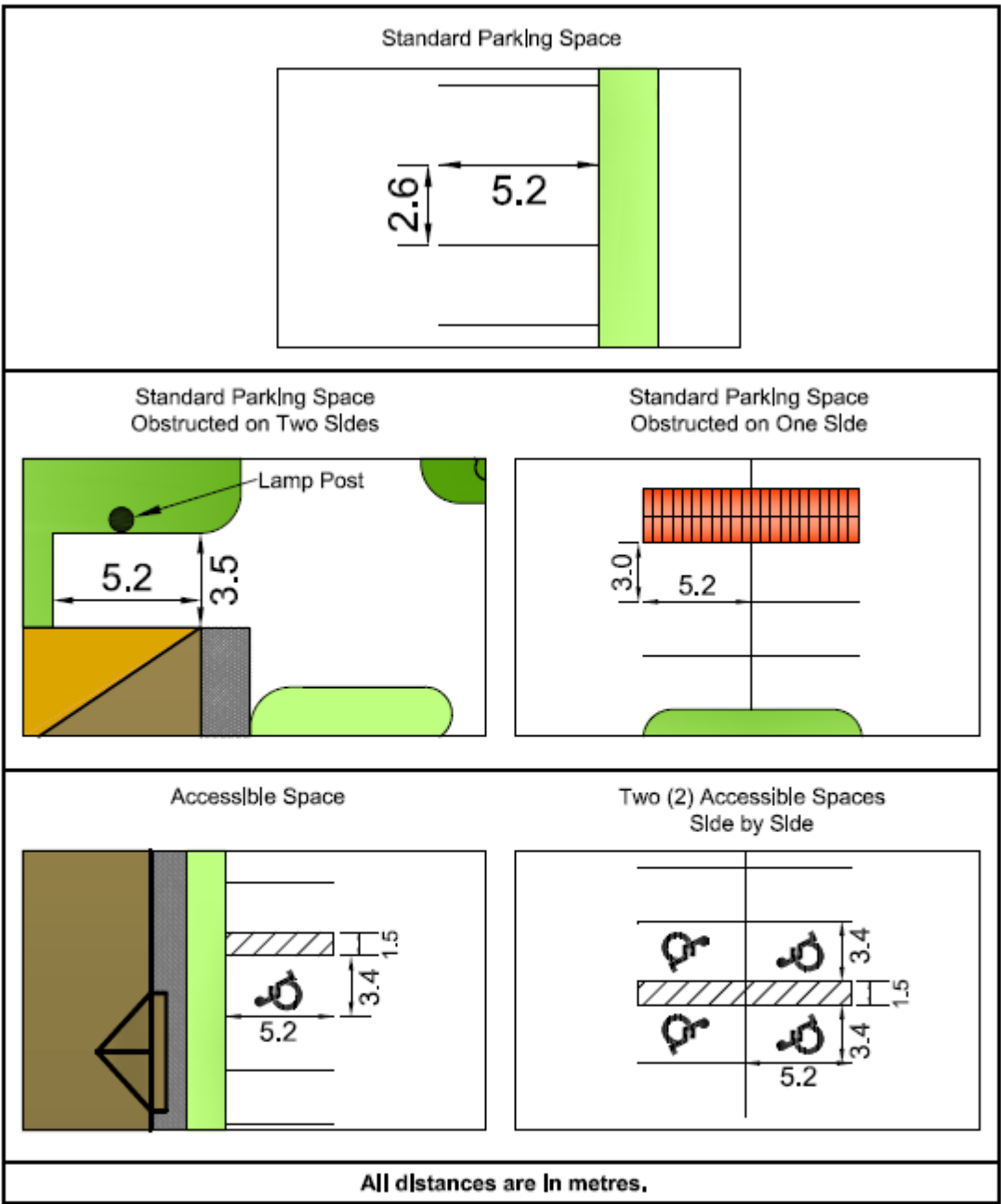
Moved by: Bob Asham

Seconded by: Steve Byers

That this meeting is adjourned.

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Parking Space Dimensions
(Section 3.7)

This illustration does not form part of this By-Law. It is provided for convenience only.
Illustrations must be interpreted in conjunction with the text of the City of St. Catharines Zoning By-Law.

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Planning and Building Services

APPENDIX 16.2.6

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Proposed Accessible Parking Space Requirements

Accessible parking spaces shall be provided at the following rate:

Number of Required Standard Parking Spaces	Number of Accessible Parking Spaces
1-12	1
13-100	4%
101-200	3% + 1
201-1000	2% + 1
1001	1% + 11

Accessible Parking Exemption:

When fronting onto a public road, or located within a private road development, the following uses shall be exempt from providing accessible parking;

- Dwelling, Detached
- Dwelling, Semi-detached
- Dwelling, Duplex
- Dwelling, Triplex
- Dwelling, Fourplex
- Dwelling, Quadruplex
- Townhouse