

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

Burgoyne Woods Room, City Hall at 1:30

Attendance:

Shelley Stewart, Co-chairperson
Melissa Abrams
Tracey Findlay
Amy Romeo
Mary Jane Waszynski
Bob Mahony
Linda Marie O'Hagan

Absent:

Barbara Legg
Bob Asham
David Reed
Diane Foster
Ian Crawford

Staff Liaison:

Linda Murray, Administrative Assistant, Corporate Support Services (CSS)
Christine Adams, Manager of Engineering and Construction
Transportation & Environmental Services (TES)
Stuart Green, Landscape Architect/Planner (PRCS)

Guests:

Michelle Sanders

1. **Call meeting to order (Chair)**

Shelley Stewart called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

2. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting**

Wednesday September 26, 2018

Moved by: Amy Romeo

Seconded by: Mary Jane Waszynski

That the Minutes of September 26, 2018 be approved.

CARRIED

2.1 Round Table Introductions

2.2 New Committee Member – Black Labrador named Olla, service animal for Diane Foster.

3. **Discussions / Presentations: Stuart Green**

3.1 Discussion regarding a possible policy to standardize an inclusive design of parks across the Region.

SG – the current budget for neighbourhood parks is \$100,000. That would increase to \$180,000. for the mulch / rubber combo design.

This design includes a toddler structure, older child structure and a swing set area.

AR – I have a concern with the mulch getting on the rubber.

SG – it would need to be maintained.

MJW – mulch / rubber combo doesn't work for small casters on child devices. Go with smaller, completely accessible playgrounds with rubber surface to stay in budget.

SG – then you are eliminating a group. Who would you eliminate?

MJW – eliminate the swing section.

MS – have swings and one structure then you only have surface for one structure instead of two structures with rubber surface.

SG –we try to separate the toddler section with the older child section.

SS- I am hearing we want all rubber, no mulch and make the structure smaller to stay in budget.

SG – the swing structure needs a protective base, that base alone costs \$35,000. I need to present to council something that they can except.

AR – is it possible to have grass under the swings?

BM – look at what other municipalities are doing, look at the basics in all parks then go to council and tell them what we need, don't eliminate sections.

SG – we currently have 84 parks that need to be replaced, we should be replacing 4 a year but we have only been able to replace one a year.

LMO – you could take in to consideration the maintenance costs if you do a mulch / rubber combo surface, with all rubber surface you wouldn't have those costs.

MS – can we remove tennis courts that are not being used?

SG – the tennis courts are in such bad shape they aren't being used for that reason; when we replace them they get used.

SG – other municipalities are putting all their money into City Wide parks, not enough left for neighbourhood parks.

Motion to establish protective rubber surfacing around and under playground equipment to achieve inclusivity for all users of the play equipment; therefore, eliminating wood fibre protective bases.

Moved by: Mary Jane Woszynski

Seconded by: Linda Marie O'Hagan

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. AAC Updates:

4.1 TES Updates; Christine Adams

- Nothing to update
- 4.2 Site Plan Updates; David Reed, Ian Crawford
Nothing to update
- 4.3 Hospital AAC Updates; Bob Asham, Shelley Stewart
Working on accessible tables
Working on terms of reference
Poor accessibility training in the past, they are now using AODA for training.
5. **Business Arising:**
No new business
6. **Date of next meeting**
Wednesday November 28, 2018
Lunch 12:00, meeting 1:30
Burgoyne Woods Room, City Hall.
7. **Motion to Adjourn:**
Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Moved by: Linda Marie O'Hagan
Seconded by: Mary-Jane Waszynski
That this meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED