



## Accessibility Advisory Committee

**Wednesday April 13, 2022    2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**  
**In person and via Zoom**

### Minutes

**In attendance:** Denise Elliott, Shannon Gowans, Derrick Lavallee, Diane Morrell, Carol Magnan, Councillor Marchy Bruni, Councillor Lisa Vezeau-Allen, Craig Kohler

**Regrets:** Don Calvert, Anne Marie Borkowski, Jordan Derochie, Dan Jennings, Tracey Galizia, Debbie Renaud, Barb Bradley

**Guests:** Don McConnell- Director of Planning, Nicole Maione- Manager of Transit, Brent Lamming- Director of CDES, Virginia McLeod - Manager of Recreation and Culture , Kasey Camire (from IDEA Inc.), Jeanette Biemann (from IDEA Inc.)

**Recorders:** Justine Palmer – City Planning

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#### 1. Welcome- Meeting called to order

**This meeting is both in person and online.**

**2. Chair's Comments-** AAC chair Shannon Gowans is present in person and will run the meeting.

**3. No minutes to approve- they will be approved next meeting.**

**4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest-** none

#### 5. New Business

**5.1. Transit – input on new bus terminal** – Brent Lamming, Nicole Maione, Kasey Camire and Jeanette Biemann.

- IDEA Inc. shares presentation of proposed design of new transit terminal outlining which components of FAD (Facility Accessibility Design) are satisfied
  - One universal (gender-neutral) washroom which satisfies the barrier free requirement with a door, grab bars, large turning radius, room

for an adult change table

- Kiosk- reception desk- barrier free access as well as circulation space between it.
- IDEA Inc. and Transit recommending some exceptions to FAD standards:
  - Recommending no safety guards at exterior doorway because it would impede movement and would not be beneficial. AAC agreed with this recommendation.
  - Recommending no adult change table at this time in the universal washroom but will leave the FAD recommended space for one. AAC agreed with this recommendation and if an adult change table is required in future, the City will approach PWT to construct with FAD standards in mind.
  - Recommending to reduce the size of staff washroom doors (smaller than 3 foot 2 inch requirement). The staff washrooms are not barrier free and reducing the door size would improve space inside washroom and kiosk space outside washroom. AAC agreed with this recommendation.
- Input provided to IDEA Inc.:
  - Turning radius in universal washroom – the column may be a concern. Diane Morrell and Derrick Lavallee will discuss turning radius and follow up.
  - Consider eliminating the 21 inch grade difference. Members raised safety concerns with having stairs and a ramp at new terminal building.
  - If stairs were to remain, add a middle hand rail
  - If ramp to remain, add tactile strip indicators, guardrail and colour contrasts
  - Inside the building include: colour contrasting on walls, wayfinding within building, seamless seating (gaps in seating create a barrier for those using a white cane)

## **5.2. Rosedale Park- planned park development –Virginia McLeod**

- Plan outlined to AAC
- Details of park equipment not finalized (out for RFP)
- AAC suggests: benches with armrests and bringing benches in closer proximity to play equipment

**5.3 Anna Marinelli Park- progress update-** Virginia McLeod

- Parks staff will install playground and rubber surfacing in June
- The skatepark features installed in late May
- Creation of pathway through landscaping and painting will take place in late May/Early June.

**5.4 Pickle Ball- Accessible sport information -** Virginia McLeod

- Courts are at Elliott Sportscomplex.
- There is accessible training available for those that would like to learn

**AAC chair Shannon Gowans asked member Diane Morrell to run the remainder of meeting.**

**5.5 Autism Ontario Services Update –** Lisa Vezeau-Allen

- Register for program via ontario.ca
- Province has been divided into regions
- Enhancement in adult services
- Roadmap will be updated with these changes
- Thrive is doing the intake
  - **Next Meeting-** inviting Northern Ontario Navigator to do a presentation

**Final Notes:**

- Don following up with owner of Professional Place (212 Queen St. E.) about locked accessible door in back of building
- Nicole notes that there were 37 accessible parking infractions this year (January to present)
- Shirley Pulkkinen has retired from her position at SAH and from the AAC committee.

**Motion to adjourn – Diane      Seconded by Denise**

**Adjournment – 4:10 pm**

**Next Meeting – May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**2:00pm – 4:00pm**

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