

Special Accessibility Committee Meeting

held via Zoom and in person in Room A

Wednesday, January 21, 2025

at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Leanne Williams, Vice-Chair
Kristi Bauman (via Zoom)
Randy Boras
James Ludvigson
Grant Pattingale
Heather Miller
Krista Russo

Council Liaison: Helena Konanz

Regrets: Trisha Kaplan, Chair

Staff: Kristen Dixon, General Manager of Infrastructure
Jonathan Chu, City Engineer
Ysabel Conteras, Parks Planner
Sarah Desrosiers, Social Development Coordinator
Hayley Anderson, Legislative Assistant

1. Call to Order

The Vice-Chair called the Accessibility Committee to order at 9:30 am.

2. Adoption of Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Accessibility Committee adopt the agenda of January 21, 2025 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. New Business

3.1 Eckhardt Avenue Reconstruction – Additional Information

The City Engineer provided the Committee a presentation that included additional information from concerns brought forward at the January 8, 2025 meeting for the Eckhardt Avenue Reconstruction project.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Accessibility Committee receive into the record the report dated January 21, 2025 titled "Eckhardt Avenue – Additional Information";
AND THAT after reviewing for accessibility and inclusion barriers, the Accessibility Committee support the design concepts as described in attachment A, with the addition of the beveled curb between the bike lane and the curb.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.2 Lakawanna Park – Final Concept Design

The Parks Planner and consultants Keith and Ann from BENCH Site Design Inc. provided the Committee with a presentation on the final concepts of the Lakawanna Park Final Design, including areas for various play and learning types and age groups.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Accessibility Committee receive into the record the report dated January 21, 2025 titled "Lakawanna Park Upgrade – Final Concept Design".
AND THAT the Committee recommend Council to endorse the Final Concept Design for implementation taking into consideration the accessibility of the maintenance area.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.3 UBCM Disaster Risk Reduction - Climate Adaptation Grant – Proposed Cooling Infrastructures

The Parks Planner provided the Committee with a presentation outlining the UBCM Disaster Risk Reduction – Climate Adaption Grant and the two projects under the City's current application, a permanent cooling infrastructure to be located in or around Gyro Park, and temporary cooling infrastructure.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Accessibility Committee receive into the record the report dated January 21, 2025 titled "UBCM Disaster Risk Reduction - Climate Adaptation Grant – Proposed Cooling Infrastructures".
AND THAT after reviewing for accessibility and inclusion barriers, the Accessibility Committee endorse the proposed plan to install cooling infrastructures in accordance with the DRR-CA program, which includes both permanent structures planned for Gyro Park and temporary cooling installation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.4 Beach Accessibility & Mobi-Mats

The General Manager of Infrastructure provided the Committee with a presentation on the proposed location at Okanagan Lake Beach and rationale for that specific location for the installation of additional Mobi-Mats for the 2025 summer season.

IT was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Accessibility Committee receive into the record the "Beach Accessibility Report & Mobi Mats";

AND THAT the Accessibility Committee recommend to Council the purchase of additional Mobi-mats and Chairs for \$30,000 to be funded from the Gaming Reserve

AND THAT the 2025-2029 Financial Plan be amended accordingly.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **Next Meeting**

The next regular Accessibility Committee meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2025 at 9:30 am via Zoom and in-person.

5. **Adjournment**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Accessibility Committee adjourn the meeting held on January 21, 2025 at 10:43 am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Certified Correct:

Hayley Anderson
Legislative Assistant