

City of Mississauga

Memorandum



Date: 2022/02/09
To: Chair and Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee
From: Janette Campbell, Accessibility Specialist, Accessibility Planning and Compliance
Meeting Date: 2022/03/07
Subject: Use of Braille on Universal Washroom Signage

On December 6, 2021 at the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee meeting, the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) members were presented with the Tobias Mason Park Washroom design. The matter of the use of braille on the universal washroom signage was deferred to the March 7, 2022 Facility Accessibility Design Committee for further review and discussion.

Background

In 2017, new signage for gender neutral universal washrooms was recommended and implemented for public facing City facilities. The signage was designed to meet the requirements set out in the City's Facility Accessibility Design Standards, including:

- Tactile accessibility, half man/half woman, and baby changing symbols.
- The text "Washroom" in tactile lettering.
- Grade 2 Braille
- High colour contrast.

An inventory of public facing facilities was conducted in order to ensure consistency of signage and amenities. The universal washrooms that were identified as not having a baby change table had one installed and new signage was installed at all universal washrooms. An example of the proposed signage and a photo of one that was installed are shown in Appendix 1.

The Mayor and Members of Council were notified of the changes. As of October 2017, all new building construction projects were directed to include gender neutral signage on the universal washrooms.

Present Status

The signage proposed for the Tobias Mason Park universal washrooms follows the established City's guidelines and will include braille.

Attachments

Appendix 1: City of Mississauga Gender Neutral Washroom Signage

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Appendix 1

An example of the City of Mississauga gender neutral washroom signage implemented into use in 2017 at all public facing facilities and a photo of the installed sign.

