
Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee of the Mississauga Accessibility Advisory Committee

Date: May 30, 2022
Time: 1:30 PM
Location: Online Video Conference

Members Absent	Clement Lowe	Citizen Member (Chair)
	Carol-Ann Chafe	Citizen Member
	Steven Viera	Citizen Member
	Asim Zaidi	Citizen Member
	Amanda Ramkishun	Citizen Member
	Mary Daniel	Citizen Member
	Teneshia Samuel	Citizen Member
	Naz Husain	ex-officio

Staff Present

Dan Sadler, Supervisor, Accessibility
Janette Campbell, Accessibility Specialist
Taghreed Alz, Accessibility Specialist
Kathi Ross, Project Manager, Parks Program

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - 1:33 PM

Chair requested that everyone present at the meeting introduced themselves.

2. **INDIGENOUS LAND STATEMENT**

"We acknowledge the lands which constitute the present-day City of Mississauga as being part of the Treaty and Traditional Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, The Haudenosaunee Confederacy the Huron-Wendat and Wyandotte Nations. We recognize these peoples and their ancestors as peoples who inhabited these lands since time immemorial. The City of Mississauga is home to many global Indigenous Peoples.

As a municipality, the City of Mississauga is actively working towards reconciliation by confronting our past and our present, providing space for Indigenous peoples within their territory, to recognize and uphold their Treaty Rights and to support Indigenous Peoples. We formally recognize the Anishinaabe origins of our name and continue to make Mississauga a safe space for all Indigenous peoples."

3. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

3.1 **Vimy Park Landscape Improvement**

- Erin Eldridge, Landscape Architect, Aboud & Associates Inc. and Kathi Ross, Project manager Parks Program, City of Mississauga presented on the Vimy Park Landscape Improvement project.

Erin Eldridge, Landscape Architect presented to the Subcommittee the proposed re-design of the Vimy Park Landscape improvement and design concept of the cenotaph outlining for the Subcommittee the following elements:

- accessible access points;
- proposed benches;
- City waste bins;
- planters;
- sloping and grade; and
- accessible parking.

Subcommittee members expressed concern with the following:

- the importance of accessible access from the front of the cenotaph as opposed to the rear to provide inclusivity for everyone;
- staff to look at revised grading to accommodate access from the front with a slow slope;
- to provide a railing on the stairs;
- Subcommittee members expressed approval of the proposed benches and location facing the cenotaph;
- concern with the ability to read what is on the cenotaph if closer access is prevented;
- accessible parking should be located in front of the cenotaph;

- approval of proposed lighting;
- use of QR codes at the site to provide further education; and
- beacons to assist the blind.

Kathi Ross, Project Manager, Parks Program, City of Mississauga responded to the Subcommittee concerns and provided context around the three proposed design concepts which involved revisions to the stairs, ramp and plaza as well as elevated prominence of cenotaph and softening of lines around the cenotaph which was a request for heritage purposes. Ms. Ross also advised the Subcommittee that construction is due to start in the Fall of 2022 and staff would speak to Transportation and Works regarding providing accessible parking spaces in front of the cenotaph as opposed to across the road which is the current location. Ms. Ross advised the Subcommittee that changing the grade to facilitate front entry may or may not be able to be done at this stage but staff would look into this and review their concern.

DIRECTION TO STAFF: Staff to work with Transportation and Works to provide accessible parking spaces in front of the cenotaph. Staff to review accessible access to the front of the cenotaph and possible revision of the design concept.

RECOMMENDATION FADS-0004-2022

Moved By C. Chafe

That the deputation and associated presentation on Vimy Park Landscape Improvement by Erin Eldridge, Landscape Architect, About & Associates and Kathi Ross, Project Manager Parks Program, City of Mississauga to the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee on May 30, 2022 be received for information.

Received

4. PROJECT UPDATES

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

No future date is scheduled at this time due to the Election Recess

6. ADJOURNMENT - 2:50 PM

(M. Daniel)