Minutes



Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee of the Mississauga Accessibility Advisory Committee

Date: September 28, 2020

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: Online Video Conference

Members Clement Lowe Citizen Member (Chair)

Carol-Ann Chafe Citizen Member
Steven Viera Citizen Member
Asim Zaidi Citizen Member

Naz Husain ex-officio

Members Absent Emily Daigle Citizen Member

Staff Present

Milka Zlomislic, Project Leader Senior Capital Projects Ashima Gulati, Business Analyst Amr Merdan, Urban Designer Bryan Sparks, Communications Advisor Dan Sadler, Accessibility Supervisor Jennifer Cowan, Accessibility Specialist Dayna Obaseki, Legislative Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

1:31 P.M.

Dayna Obaseki, Legislative Coordinator provided a preamble on how virtual meetings will be conducted.

2. <u>ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION</u>

2.1 Burnhamthorpe Community Centre Accessibility Review

Ryan Giuricich, Design Architect, CSP Architects Saeed Sadeghi, Project Architect, CSP Architects Milka Zlomislic, Project Leader, Senior Capital Projects, Capital Project Mgmt. Team

Mr. Giuricich and Mr. Sadeghi, CSP Architects presented the Burnhamthorpe Community Centre Accessibility Review. Construction will begin in April 2021 until April 2023. They highlighted the pedestrian pathways, accessible parking and entrances, auto door operators, the change rooms and bathrooms. They further noted the removal of the outdoor arena and the addition of a lap pool and a therapy pool.

Members of the Subcommittee raised the following questions and concerns:

- Inquired about the dimensions pertaining to the rolled curb to and from the parking lot;
- Concerned about the rolled curbs and suggested tactile surfaces as a warning indicator;
- Inquired what type of change table will be available in the bathroom;
- Inquired why the whole building was not being accessibly retrofitted;
- Inquired if programs will be operating out of this space;
- Suggested space be accessible for para-athletic spaces, such as wheelchair basketball and sledge hockey;
- Inquired if the staff washrooms will also be accessible;
- Recommended that automatic doors need to be installed all over the building;
- Inquired if the "staired" seating area could be designed in a way that promotes inclusion of people with various types of disabilities;
- Concerned that the benches do not have arms or back rest;
- Inquired if the multi-purpose room has glass sliding doors; and
- Inquired if the kitchen is accessible.

Mr. Giuricich, Mr. Sadeghi and Ms. Zlomislic responded to the questions and concerns raised by the Subcommittee:

- Dimensions will be provided to the Accessibility Specialist. The rolled curb is for cars to access the drop off section, which is a flat level that leads to the pedestrian pathway.
- Bollards will be installed to protect the pedestrian pathway.
- An adult change table will be installed with the supportive infrastructure.
- The scope of the project only includes renovations in certain parts of the building that focused on the major addition and life cycle replacements.

- Programs will be running and operating out this space.
- The sliding doors in the multi-purpose room have yet to be decided on.
- Currently working towards an accessible kitchen.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the presentation regarding Burnhamthorpe Community Centre Accessibility Review to the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee on September 28, 2020, be received;
- 2. That subject to the comments on the presentation, the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee is satisfied with the initiatives the City is undertaking with respect to the Burnhamthorpe Community Centre Accessibility Review.

2.2 Central Library Transformation

Tyler Sharp, Design Principal, RDHA Architects
Milka Zlomislic, Project Leader, Senior Capital Projects, Capital Project Mgmt. Team

Mr. Sharp presented on the Central Library Transformation. The project design involves a contemporary transformation including an addition on the 4th floor as well as renovations to the existing entry and all five floors of the building. The extent of the work will include: refurbishment and/or replacement of existing mechanical and electrical systems, including new lighting throughout; demolition of numerous interior partitions; relocating departments and program throughout the facility; adding new partition walls and doors throughout; updating all finishes; adding acoustic treatment to various surfaces; addition of new washroom facilities; new millwork items throughout; new furniture throughout; and new library stacks, display and technology at each level.

Members of the Subcommittee raised the following questions and concerns:

- Suggested signage indicating where and which levels have accessible washrooms;
- Inquired if the first floor washrooms will meet the Facility Accessibility Design Standards;
- Inquired if the Facility Accessibility Design Standards will be applied to the interior and exterior; and
- Recommended an automatic door opener on the Lactation Room (Breast Feeding Room).

Mr. Sharp, Ms. Zlomislic and Jennifer Cowan, Accessibility Specialist responded to the questions and concerns raised by the Subcommittee:

- Confirmed that the accessible washrooms on the first floor will be in compliance with the Facility Accessibility Design Standards.
- The Library's complete renovation will not be able to meet the Facility Accessibility
 Design Standards, however it adheres to the Ontario Building Code. The scope of the
 project is mainly an interior retrofit.

Naz Husain, ex-officio recommended that staff provide continuous updates as this projects progress.

DIRECTION to staff to provide updates on all project progression. Verbal or communication memos can be provided at subsequent Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee meetings under a new Agenda section titled "Project Updates".

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the presentation regarding Central Library Renovations to the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee on September 28, 2020, be received;
- 2. That subject to the comments on the presentation, the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee is satisfied with the initiatives the City is undertaking with respect to the Central Library Renovations.

2.3 <u>COVID-19: Corporate Pillar Recovery Plan</u>

Ashima Gulati, Business Analyst, Buildings Recovery Plan

Ms. Gulati presented on the COVID-19 Corporate Pillar Recovery Plan and highlighted the City of Mississauga's focus on response, recovery and rebuilding. She noted the City's plan to restore the Corporation to full operations, keep employees and customers safe and build back better. She spoke to the City's stakeholder engagement and provided a detailed customer experience of when visiting City Hall. Ms. Gulati outlined the City's three (3) priority levels that involved; returning to work, interim temporary solutions and new alternate working arrangements, such as working from home.

Members of the Subcommittee raised the following questions and concerns:

- Inquired if the City has received any out of the norm accessible accommodation requests during the pandemic;
- Inquired if any capital projects have been delayed due to the pandemic;
- Inquired about the screening questions;
- Inquired if those who are visiting City Hall will receive a notification not in the form of an email as not all public members have access to a computer when booking an appointment;
- Inquired about the process and protocol for handling public members who are unable to wear and/or refuse to wear a mask; and
- Suggested accessible masks for lip reading and installing two way voice amplifiers to help with the mumbling associated with wearing masks.

Ms. Gulati and Dayna Obaseki, Legislative Coordinator responded to the questions and concerns raised by the Subcommittee:

 Currently have not received any unique accessible accommodations, however will follow up with staff.

- During Phase One all projects were placed on hold and experienced a delayed, during Phase Two projects in the construction phase resumed, however will also follow up with staff.
- Confirmed the screening questions are the COVID-19 medical health screening questions that are required to be answer prior and on the day of to any scheduled appointment when entering a City Facility.
- When members of the public are scheduling appointments at City Facilities, an email confirmation is usually provided, however this varies by each division. Some departments and divisions will send out a text messages in addition to an email notification. Staff will report back.
- For those who entering a City Facility will be required to answer the screening questions, adhere to physical distancing and wear a mask. However, the by-law states if a member of the public states they are unable to wear a mask due to a medical reason, staff cannot further probe regarding the person's condition and can only ensure that the individual has answered the screening questions appropriately and adheres to physically distancing. All that refuse to wear the mask with no expressed rational will be dealt by the escalation team and potentially security.

DIRECTION to staff to report back on any unique accessible accommodations, any delays on capital projects and the communication notifications departments provide when public members are booking appointments at City Facilities.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the presentation regarding the COVID-19 Corporate Pillar Recover Plan to the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee on September 28, 2020, be received;
- 2. That subject to the comments on the presentation, the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee is satisfied with the initiatives the City is undertaking with respect to the COVID-19 Corporate Pillar Recover Plan.

3. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- CANCELLED Monday, October 26, 2020
- Monday, November 16, 2020 at 1:30 PM Online Video Conference

4. ADJOURNMENT

3:30 P.M.