



**Town of Aurora
Accessibility Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda**

Date: Wednesday, April 9, 2025
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

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7.2 Round Table Discussion; Re: Town of Aurora Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2022 to 2026	

(Link to Multi-Year Accessibility Plan)

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee comments regarding the Town of Aurora Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2022 to 2026 be received and referred to staff for consideration and action as appropriate.

8. Informational Items

9. New Business

10. Adjournment



**Town of Aurora
Accessibility Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Date: Wednesday, February 12, 2025
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Video Conference

Committee Members: Councillor Wendy Gaertner (Chair)
Lois Davies
Alison Hughes (Vice Chair)
John Lenchak
Elaine Martini
Jo-anne Spitzer
Marilyn Williams

Other Attendees: Phillip Rose, Manager, Cultural Services
Gregory Peri, Accessibility Advisor
Ishita Soneji, Deputy Town Clerk

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

The Members introduced themselves.

1.1 Appointment of Committee Vice Chair

Moved by John Lenchak

Seconded by Marilyn Williams

1. That Alison Hughes be appointed as Vice Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for a two-year term (2025-2026).

Carried

2. Land Acknowledgement

The Committee acknowledged that the meeting took place on Anishinaabe lands, the traditional and treaty territory of the Chippewas of Georgina Island, recognizing the many other Nations whose presence here continues to this day, the special relationship the Chippewas have with the lands and waters of this territory, and that Aurora has shared responsibility for the stewardship of these lands and waters. It was noted that Aurora is part of the treaty lands of the Mississaugas and Chippewas, recognized through Treaty #13 and the Williams Treaties of 1923.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Jo-anne Spitzer

Seconded by Elaine Martini

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

Carried

4. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50*.

5. Receipt of the Minutes**5.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2024**

Moved by Alison Hughes

Seconded by John Lenchak

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of November 13, 2024, be received for information.

Carried

6. Delegations

None.

7. Matters for Consideration

7.1 Memorandum from Manager, Cultural Services; Re: Public Art Strategy

Staff provided a brief overview of the memorandum regarding the ongoing development of the Public Art Strategy and noted that consultation will be held with the Committee for future public art projects as required.

The Committee had no comments or questions.

Moved by Alison Hughes

Seconded by Jo-anne Spitzer

1. That the memorandum regarding Public Art Strategy be received; and
2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee comments regarding Public Art Strategy be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

7.2 Memorandum from Accessibility Advisor; Re: Site Plan Application SP-2024-09 (Submission #1) 28 Sunday Drive

Staff provided an overview of the site plan application for the subject property including comments to be submitted to the Planner on behalf of the Committee. The Committee and staff discussed various aspects of the application and further suggestions were made regarding consideration for (1) relocation of the barrier-free parking spots preferably closer to the building, (2) installation of accessible washrooms on the second floor, and (3) additional clearance space from the main entrances.

Moved by Jo-anne Spitzer

Seconded by Marilyn Williams

1. That the memorandum regarding Site Plan Application SP-2024-09 (Submission #1) 28 Sunday Drive be received; and
2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee comments regarding Site Plan Application SP-2024-09 (Submission #1) be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

7.3 Round Table Discussion; Re: Town of Aurora Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2022 to 2026

[\(Link to Multi-Year Accessibility Plan\)](#)

Staff provided an update on the following matters:

- National AccessAbility Week 2025 - availability of ParaSport Try-it days and sensory programming during the week
- Aurora Sport Plan Update - the plan was recommended at the February 11, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting to adopt staff recommendations
- Yonge Street Multi-use Path - an open house was conducted on January 14, 2025 and various path options were presented to residents
- Aurora Town Parking Study - an introductory meeting was held to review the current Town owned on and off-street parking use
- Fleury Park - an open house was held on January 15, 2025 and review of the park design and accessible features was presented to the residents
- Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex (S.A.R.C) Parking Study - an introductory meeting was held to review the current S.A.R.C parking lot use
- AccessNow Trails and Playgrounds Assessments - assessments of 95% of Town trails has been completed; assessment of playgrounds will be held throughout 2025-2026
- International Day of Persons with Disabilities - training was administered to all staff
- Aurora Town Square - installation of listening device at the customer service desk, purchasing wheelchair for the customer service staff for public assistance, and changes in accessible seating online booking process

The Committee and staff further discussed about the possibility of improving accessibility along the Yonge Street corridor specifically on the

east side, and suggested that accessibility seating be marked when possible at Town Square events.

Moved by Lois Davies

Seconded by Alison Hughes

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee comments regarding the Town of Aurora Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2022 to 2026 be received and referred to staff for consideration and action as appropriate.

Carried

8. Informational Items

None.

9. New Business

None.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Alison Hughes

Seconded by John Lenchak

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Carried



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Town of Aurora
Memorandum
Operational Services

Re: 2025 Park Project Updates

To: Accessibility Advisory Committee

From: Matthew Volpintesta, Manager of Parks and Fleet

Date: April 9, 2025

Recommendation

1. That the memorandum regarding 2025 Park Project Updates be received; and
2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee comments regarding General 2025 Park Project Updates be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Background

This memo provides a brief update on major capital projects in 2025, including both new capital projects and continuation of projects from previous capital budgets. These include, but are not limited to, playground improvements, major park upgrades, new parks and sports fields. With accessibility at the forefront of park design, the Town is committed to considering all options when designing barrier-free play spaces.

Analysis

Fleury Park – Funding Increase

Fleury Park renovations are currently in the design and development phase, with public consultation wrapping up in March. During a public open house and through online engagement, valuable feedback was received including over 100 survey responses which identified a strong preference for accessible playground features, as well as a splashpad. As such, staff are preparing a report seeking direction from Council which details design options and budgetary considerations. Comments received from this committee in this regard, will be detailed in the future Council report. Construction is tentatively planned to begin late 2025 into 2026.

Evans Park

As part of the 2024 capital budget, designs for a new playground were completed in 2024, and are now being tendered out for contract. It is expected this work will begin early spring and will be completed by end of June.

Lambert Willson Volleyball Court Expansion

The expansion of the volleyball courts at Lambert Willson Park are in the early stages of re-design. The expansion will feature an additional two courts, with a small amenity space including seating for players and spectators, as well as professional quality play sand and new netting systems. It is expected the overall footprint will be marginally expanded, with construction to commence in 2026 pending budget approval.

LED Light Upgrades

As part of a 5-year plan to upgrade recreational facility lighting, the Town's LED Upgrade report highlights priority targets for replacement. This year, the Town will focus on Summit Park tennis facilities, and the bowling green at McMahon Park. This work will aim to be completed before the play season begins pending contract awarding.

McMahon Park Bowling Green Improvements

The bowling green at McMahon Park will undergo improvements to the curbing and bumper systems in 2025, including an upgrade to LED lighting to improve sight and accessibility for playing. This work is planned to be completed before play season begins; however, the lighting upgrades may possibly be delayed until later into the season.

Court Improvements

Multi-use court improvements are scheduled to be completed this spring at Trent and Edward Coltham Parks. This includes minor expansion and refurbishment upgrades to the court surfacing, including new perimeter fencing, posts, and netting. Additionally, as part of 2025 capital improvements, David English, Norm Weller, and Thomas Coates' courts will see similar upgrades later this year.

Town Park Splash Pad

As part of the 2024 planned improvements to Town Park, we will complete a replacement of the splash pad in-ground sprinklers as well as repairs to the rubber surfacing to include replacement of a new centrepiece bucket style water feature. This work is currently being tendered and anticipated to be completed before the operational season begins.

Tom's Park

Tom's Park will see a replacement of the play structure, and pavement of the park pathway system. This work is queued and expected to be completed later this year.

Thelma Fielding Park

The newly adopted Thelma Fielding Park will officially open in spring 2025, featuring a new playground, public amenity space and new turf field in partnership with St. Anne's School. An opening celebration is currently being planned for late spring.

Trails

Trail development continues in 2025, with more complex projects brought forward from last year's capital budget. These include Butternut Ridge, Mattamy Development phases 4 and 5, Degraaf Crescent, the development northwest of St. John's Sideroad and Yonge Street, Benjamin Pearson Parkette boardwalk, and the David Tomlinson Nature Reserve. Design is currently underway for all projects, with construction planned through 2025 into 2026.

Sheppard's Bush Artificial Turf

The new artificial turf field at Sheppard's Bush is currently under construction and planned to be completed by June of this year. The field is part of a continued partnership with the Aurora Barbarians Rugby Club, and will feature lining for rugby, and soccer.

Summit Park

Summit Park improvement works are continuing in 2025. Last year, a new playground and fitness facility were installed. This year, refurbishments to the park pathway system and multi-use court will be completed to provide better accessibility. The tennis facility

will also see upgrades to LED lighting as part of the 5-year LED improvement plan. This work is expected to begin late March and completed later this year.

Attachments

None.