



Accessibility Advisory Committee Built Environment Sub-Committee

January 21, 2020

Draft minutes not approved

A meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) Built Environment Sub-committee was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Sioux Lily in the Doris Room, City Hall.

Present:

Sioux Lily (Chair)
Neil Campbell
Leanne Carpenter
Jeff Chalmers
Janet Dawson
Andrea Dodsworth
Leslie Yee

Regrets:

Amanda Motyer
Allison Seiderer

Staff:

Mark Buffone, Accessibility and Compliance Coordinator
Sarah Mackillican, Communication Coordinator
Keith Payne, Urban Design Technologist

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Janet Dawson

That the agenda for the AAC Built Environment Sub-Committee meeting dated January 21, 2020 be approved.

“Carried”

Approval of Previous Minutes

Moved by Andrea Dodsworth

That the minutes for the AAC Built Environment Sub-Committee meeting held on December 10, 2019 be approved.

“Carried”

Accessibility Reviews

a) Site Plan Approval for 292 & 396 Lansdowne Street East

Recommendations for the proposed construction of Phase 1, two commercial buildings:

1. Relocate snow storage area along Lansdowne Street East to ensure there is no spill over and interference with the walkway that connects the buildings to the Lansdowne Street sidewalk.
2. Provide a walkway network along the full length of the east property line and connect walkways to the Willowcreek Trail north of the site.
3. Accessible parking for building D: relocate so that the parking space location doesn't require people to travel across the drive aisle. Reconfigure parking lot as required.
4. Extend Building 'E' walkway the full length of the parking lot, all the way to the northmost parking area.
5. Provide a pedestrian walkway network that connects to Willowcreek Plaza buildings.
6. Triangular parking spaces in front of Building E could be designated for small vehicles (e-bikes, motorcycles, etc.)
7. Install bicycle racks at both buildings and ensure that they do not obstruct the walkway clear path of travel.
8. The Committee expressed concern about the need for a pedestrian cross walk across Lansdowne Street, noting that there is potential to locate a driveway in future Phase 2 that aligns with another driveway to a commercial site across Lansdowne Street. Such a feature would make it easier for the City to install traffic control signals with cross walks at that location.
9. Consider how walkways in Phase 1 could complement walkways to future phases of this development, allowing pedestrian access between Phase 1 and Phase 2 buildings.

10. A green space amenity area could be created between Phase 1 and Phase 2 for features such as rest areas for pedestrians and service animals.
11. There appears to be only one type of accessible parking space: parking areas should include the required larger 3.4 m wide accessible parking space for large vehicles.
12. Double-loaded parking in front of building D: it would be preferable to see single-load parking adjacent to the walkway fronting the building. This would also move the accessible parking spaces directly in front of the building (as noted in item 3, above).
13. Site lighting is not indicated on this plan; the Committee noted that site lighting should be included as required. Suggestion that lighting could be placed with attention to illumination of curb cuts. The Committee also noted that pedestrian-scale lighting along walkways is an accessibility feature that assists in navigating and wayfinding.
14. Ensure that width of walkways will accommodate large vehicle overhang and still allow clear path of travel.
15. Door operator locations should be marked on site plan drawings. Plan for door operator locations to function properly with consideration of the swing of the door.

Other business

Review of Abilities Centre in Whitby

Mark Buffone presented photographs of the Abilities Centre facility located in Whitby, which has many design features that could be useful for this committee to consider when making recommendations.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Doris Room, City Hall.

Adjournment

Moved by Andrea Dodsworth

That the meeting of the AAC Built Environment Sub-Committee adjourn at 4:50 p.m.

“Carried”