



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

From: Sean Nailer, Parks and Recreation Project Manager

Meeting Date: October 2, 2024

Report: Knights of Columbus Park Redevelopment, Report AAC24-019

Subject

A report to present the design of the Knights of Columbus Park Redevelopment project and seek recommendations from the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Recommendations

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) approve the recommendations outlined in Report AAC24-019, dated October 2, 2024 of the Parks and Recreation Project Manager as follows:

- a) That a presentation on the design of the Knights of Columbus Park Redevelopment project be received for information; and
- b) That members of the AAC provide feedback on the proposed design for the Knights of Columbus Park and advise on how to incorporate accessibility into the project. At a minimum, advise on the following AAC consultation requirements of the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation:
 - i. Slope of recreational trails and the need for ramps, rest areas, passing areas, viewing areas, amenities, and any other related feature;
 - ii. Design and placement of rest areas along the exterior paths of travel (walkways); and
 - iii. Needs of children and caregivers with various disabilities for outdoor play spaces.

Executive Summary

- The City of Peterborough is planning a park redevelopment project at Knights of Columbus Park.
- The purpose of the presentation is to give the AAC an opportunity to provide input on the proposed design, identify barriers and use an accessibility and inclusion lens to advise on how to make the project more accessible for people with disabilities.

Background

The City of Peterborough is taking a strategic approach to park planning, including the most recent parks and Outdoor Recreation Facilities Study, which included engagement with resident and stakeholder groups. Council approved the study in fall of 2023.

Knights of Columbus Park was identified in the outdoor recreation facility study with recommendations including expanding the existing tennis courts, creating new washroom and changeroom facilities, updates to the Legacy Bowl, and adding a pet exercise area. Through the waterplay provision strategy, a splash pad is proposed to upgrade the existing wading pool.

The City's 2024 to 2028 Accessibility Plan identifies the Knights of Columbus redevelopment project as a park priority under the plan's short-term road map (2024 to 2028 priorities). The park priorities identified in the plan are intended to address:

- a general lack of walkway networks in parks with an action plan to incorporate walkways and/or multi-use paths into new parks and park rejuvenation projects, including connecting walkways to the municipal sidewalk network and all site amenities (i.e., accessible benches, tables, shade features).
- a lack of accessible site features and play equipment in many parks, with an action plan to implement the park development standards of the 2019 Municipal Parks and Open Space Study and Urban Design Guidelines into newly developed parks and park rejuvenation projects, where possible, including pedestrian scale lighting, accessible site furnishings, such as seating with arm rests and back rests and walkway connections to waste/recycle bins.

Strategic Plan

Strategic Pillar: Community & Well-being

Strategic Initiative: "Encourage our neighbourhoods to be safe, diverse, **accessible, and affordable across all ages, incomes, and abilities.**"

AAC recommendations focus on how to make parks more accessible for people with disabilities.

Engagement and Consultation

Community consultation and stakeholder groups provided feedback through a drop in session and also an online survey. Background studies have been completed to inform the detailed design of the project including traffic, parking, and noise mitigation.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budgetary or financial implications associated with the recommendations in this report.

Attachments

Appendix A: Knights of Columbus redevelopment concept site plan

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