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## Memorandum

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**To:** Sean Nailer, Parks and Recreation Project Manager

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**Date:** October 11, 2024

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**Subject:** AAC recommendations for Knights of Columbus Park Redevelopment project

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Please accept this memorandum as formal recommendations/comments received from the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) regarding the Knights of Columbus Park Redevelopment project. The AAC provided the following feedback in response to the presentation and materials provided at the October 2, 2024 AAC meeting:

- Off leash dog areas:** Consider providing an accessible seating area within the two off-leash dog areas, connected to a barrier-free walkway network.
- Parking lot driveway access:** The AAC noted people who attend the Park Street Baptist Church located to the north-east of the site, typically park in the Knights of Columbus parking lot. Consider how the parking lot and site walkway network will serve the church. Also consider including one driveway entrance instead of two.
- Mulch playground surface:** The AAC noted mulch is not an accessible surface. Consider alternative surfaces that are accessible.  
  
[post-meeting note: The AODA does not specify acceptable playground surfaces. The regulation states, “ensure that outdoor play spaces have a ground surface that is firm, stable and has impact attenuating properties for injury prevention”. The most basic form of accessible playground ground surfacing is engineered wood fiber. Enhanced playground surfaces include poured-in-place rubber, rubber tiles, shredded rubber, hybrid systems and accessible turf designed specifically for playground use].
- CP rail line and pedestrian safety:** The AAC noted there are gaps in the existing fencing with beaten paths connected to the rail line on the west side of the park. Consider incorporating features to discourage access to the rail line and encourage people to walk around the block.
- Legacy Bowl signage:** The AAC noted there is a legacy bowl commemoration sign fixed to the side of the legacy bowl related to the 1998 Ontario Winter

- Games. Consider incorporating features that carry forward the history and recognition of the legacy bowl.
6. **Legacy Bowl barrier-free access:** The AAC noted the accessibility upgrades to the overall park may shift the use of the legacy bowl as an ideal venue for para or adaptive sports, such as goal ball, wheelchair rugby/ lacrosse/ basketball. Consider the transition detail from the walkway network to the legacy bowl and provide barrier-free access. Consider retrofitting the player bench area to be fully accessible, including barrier-free access from the bowl, transparent viewing panels that suits players in a seated position or smaller height players, an extra wide bench area that provides space for mobility aids or a removable bench. The AAC made reference to the accessible player bench areas at the Cavan Monaghan Community Centre in Millbrook.
  7. **Accessible parking:** Consider providing accessible parking spaces dispersed across the site to serve the off-leash dog areas and the legacy bowl in addition to the amenities on the south side of the park. Consider additional accessible parking spaces at the north-east corner of the site to serve the Park Street crosswalk and the known usage by the Park Street Baptist Church.
  8. **Drop-off / pick-up zone:** Consider incorporating a formal drop-off / pick-up zone into the parking lot layout to accommodate transportation services such as Peterborough Accessible Community Transit and accessible taxicabs.
  9. **Gate systems:** Consider barrier-free gate systems to access the tennis courts, Legacy Bowl and the off-leash dog areas. The AAC made reference to an accessible gate system at a City of Windsor park project.
  10. **Gathering spaces:** Consider the space and amenity needs for barrier-free gathering spaces that can accommodate large groups of people with disabilities for events such as wheelchair rugby tournaments.
  11. **Lighting:** Consider the need for pedestrian scale lighting across the site, including walkway and accessible parking areas.
  12. **Access to drinking water:** Consider including a water filling station in a central area of the park (ideally combined with the washroom building).
  13. **Sensory wayfinding systems:** Consider locating olfactory rich trees and shrubs at key locations along the walkway network to help in wayfinding.
  14. **Mobility aid charging stations:** Consider incorporating power for mobility aid charging at the shade shelter, complete with mobility aid charging signage. Refer to [Clarington's Mobility Charging Stations Unveiling video](#). Clarington uses a product called HandiCharge by Mobility Matters 2 Me.

Please contact me if you have any further questions regarding this memo.

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