



**Accessibility Advisory Committee
Built Environment Sub-Committee Minutes [draft]**

October 16, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.
City Board Room, City Hall

Present:

Leanne Carpenter
Jeff Chalmers
Andrea Dodsworth
Ian Guest
Peter Michielsen
Allison Rolph-Seiderer (arrived at 10:35 a.m.)
Hailey Warmerdam

Regrets/Absent:

Gordon Earle

Staff:

Mark Buffone, Accessibility Compliance Coordinator
Keith Payne, Urban Design Technician
Mary Gallop, Manager of Facilities and Special Projects
Sharron Hayton, Customer Service Coordinator

Welcome

Call to Order

Andrea Dodsworth, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Approval of Agenda

That the agenda for the AAC Built Environment Sub-Committee meeting dated October 16, 2015 be approved with the following amendments:

- Discuss item 7.c), Site Plan Approval for 1253 Lansdowne Street West by Keith Payne after item 4. Approval of Agenda.
- Delete item 7.b), Library Renovations and Expansion by Mary Gallop

“Carried”

Approval of Previous Minutes

That the minutes of the AAC Built Environment Sub-Committee meetings held on September 18, 2015 be approved with the following amendments:

“Carried”

[post-meeting note] Jeff Chalmers clarified New Business item c), related to AXS Map was intended to reference a website called [AccessNow](http://www.accessnow.ca) (www.accessnow.ca).

Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

a) Update on Review of Terms of Reference

Deferred until the Accessibility Coordinator position is filled.

b) Access Fund Request for upgrade to water wheel chair at Wellness Centre

Lynn Sturch (LS) from the Peterborough Sport and Wellness Centre responded to the committee’s questions from the September meeting:

1. Why were the wheels seizing on the original water wheelchair purchased earlier this year?

LS: The first chair had small wheels that didn’t like the salt water. That chair was really only water resistant not water proof, but we were looking for a reclining chair for our clients that had poor upper body strength. This was the only chair that provided this. Keeping the price in mind, we were hopeful it would perform better and was informed it would be fine to wheel down the ramp in shallow water but, it did not like the wheels being submerged fully and therefore seized up.

2. What distinguishes the wheels of the new water wheelchair from the original water wheel chair? Why has it been determined the wheels will not seize on the new water wheelchair?

LS: This new water wheel chair is water proof with big wheels for full usage in pools, thus the bigger price.

3. Provide the specifications and warranty details on the new water wheelchair.

LS: Please see attached for the wheel size and design. We have a one year warranty. We have had no problems to date.
(Appendix A – attached)

The committee was not clear if the new chair reclines so further clarification was requested from Lynn Sturch.

[post-meeting note] Response from Lynn Sturch:

The new chair tilts back, does not recline right back. The first chair reclined back because it was more of a shower chair but the wheels seized up and would not work. We really only used it a handful of times in between trying to fix the seized up wheels. I got more complaints that the chair was unsafe because the wheels would lock. It was very frustrating for all who tried to use it.

This new chair tilts back and the wheels make it easier to maneuver safely from the change room to the pool deck and down the ramp into the pool. It is well padded and a much better chair for all that use it.

This chair came highly recommended to us from the Aquatic Manager, Louise Kublick at the Holland Bloorview Rehabilitation Centre in East York. They have many of these chairs that hold up well in the water and out of the pool all day long with their extensive pool rehabilitation classes for all the kids that attend.

I really wanted a chair that would work well for everyone with all different disabilities. This chair has been purchased after a lot of research and with the best of intentions to suit those who require it to get into the pool.

The committee also discussed developing a policy to ensure proper number of quotes, clarify the committee will not reimburse extra costs, and outline the follow up procedure after a purchase is made.

Action: BEC to amend the Access Fund Guidelines
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c) Dates confirmed for the 2016 meeting schedule

1. Friday January 15, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
2. Friday March 18, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
3. Friday May 20, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
4. Friday September 16, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
5. Friday November 18, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Additional meetings may be added throughout 2016 as required.

Accessibility Reviews

**a) Application for Site Plan Approval
SPC-904, 1253 Lansdowne Street West (43 unit residential building)**
Presented by Keith Payne, Urban Design Technician

Keith Payne presented the relevant information and drawings. There was much discussion on the design of the pedestrian walkway network throughout the site and specifically in the area of the accessible parking spaces. There was also emphasis on the need to make as many units possible as accessible or accessible ready to meet the needs of the Peterborough market.

Summary of recommendations from the Built Environment Sub-Committee:

1. Delete ramps protruding into the aisles of the accessible parking spaces and provide depressed curbs or curb ramps as part of the concrete walkway located between the parking spaces and the building.
2. Provide a depressed curb along the entire length of the accessible parking spaces and aisles serving them.
3. Provide one accessible parking space for every accessible unit required by Ontario Building Code (OBC).
4. Provide a pedestrian connection to the sidewalk on Lansdowne Street.
5. Provide more accessible residential units than required by OBC to meet the needs of Peterborough's population of older adults.
 - Provide accessible door widths throughout the building, not just doors in a barrier-free path of travel, meeting the 860mm clear opening required under OBC 3.8.3.3.(1).
 - Design unit entrance areas to allow for a wheelchair, scooter, walker and storage of such equipment, including a receptacle for equipment charging.
 - Provide stud wall reinforcement (typically plywood backing) to permit the future installation of grab bars for toilets, showers and bathtubs.
 - Increase space within washrooms to allow a person using mobility devices to easily turn in the space.
 - Provide lever style door handles for all doors.
 - Provide adequate clearance at the lever side of all doors. For example, provide 600mm space between edge of a door opening into a washroom to the nose of an adjacent vanity countertop.
 - Consider window heights to allow viewing by people in a seating position.
 - Mount light switches at 1100mm above floor (lower than standard) and mount electrical receptacles at 600mm above floor (higher than standard).
 - Provide electrical rough-in at all suite entrance doors to accommodate the future installation of a power operated door.

- Adjust the tension of all doors equipped with automatic door closers and power door operators to ensure minimal force to open a door manually.
- 6. Provide an elevator and ensure elevator cab size accommodates wheelchairs, scooters, strollers and bicycles.
- 7. Provide locked storage for E-bikes and larger scooters, complete with electrical receptacles for charging.
- 8. Lighting: Provide high level exterior illumination for all ramps, walkways and parking areas. Use down lights, not flood lights.
- 9. The committee emphasizes the need to consider the **marketing value of constructing all units as accessible as possible** to meet the needs Peterborough's high population of seniors in Canada.

New Business

- a) **Access Fund Request for King Edward Park Washroom Building project**
Presented by Mary Gallop, Manager of Facilities and Special Projects
(Appendix B – attached)

Mary Gallop explained that the request of \$12,553 is to cover the cost of a concrete sidewalk linking the sidewalk on George Street to the new washroom building.

Approved by the committee.

Action: Accessibility Office to coordinate release of funds.

- b) **Awards and Ceremonies**

Mark noted there are two open calls for nominations related to volunteerism and accessibility awards:

- [June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award for Voluntarism in Ontario](#)
Call for nominations are due on December 5, 2015.
- [David C. Onley Award for Leadership in Accessibility](#)
Call for nominations are due on December 3, 2015.

- c) **Evaluation Surveys for the Active Together Project**

Mark noted the Council for Persons with Disabilities currently has evaluation surveys available related to the Active Together Project. The deadline for completing the surveys is November 5, 2015.

- [Survey for Individuals who live with a disability](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DHZY3XQ)
(<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DHZY3XQ>)
- [Survey for Recreation Service Providers](#)

(<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YLQ3Q5F>)

- [Survey for Organizations who work with individuals with disabilities](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YL3CZ26)
(<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YL3CZ26>)

d) International Day of Persons with Disabilities – December 3, 2015

The International Day of Persons with Disabilities has been commemorated since 1992 to promote awareness and mobilize support for critical issues relating to the inclusion of people with disabilities in society and development.

The theme for 2015 is:

[Inclusion matters: access and empowerment of people of all abilities](http://www.un.org/disabilities/default.asp?id=1637)
(<http://www.un.org/disabilities/default.asp?id=1637>)

e) Noise level of hand dryers

The committee discussed the noise level of some newer hand dryer models. There is concern the noise level has an impact on people with special needs and children. The committee requested information on maximum noise level.

Action: Accessibility Office to research maximum noise levels and determine if there is a recommended standard or legislation in place. The committee suggested consulting with Canadian Hearing Society and Five Counties Children's Centre.

f) Committee members

The committee briefly discussed committee member make-up and requested clarification on recruitment matters such as:

- Are new members needed?
- Should the committee include an architect?
- Should the committee include a representative from the Canadian Hearing Society or Five Counties Children's Centre?

Action: Accessibility Office to coordinate terms of reference discussion

Next Meeting

The next AAC Built Environment sub-committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 25, 2015 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at City Hall in the City Board Room.

Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

AquaTrek Aquatic Wheel Chair (AQ-250PC-WC)

Specifications

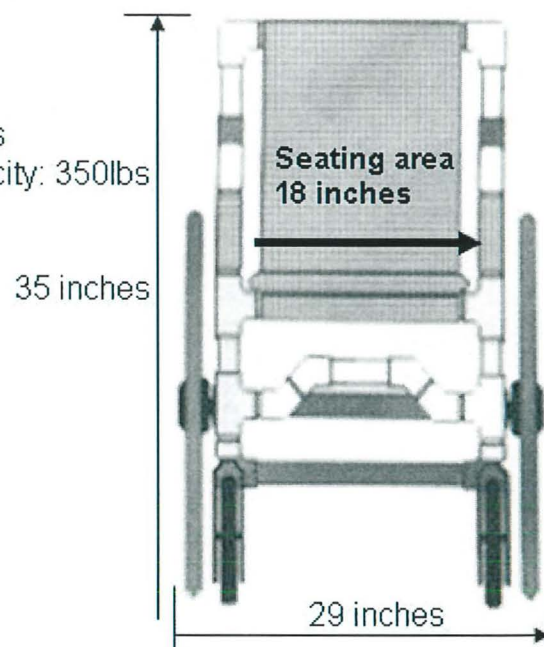
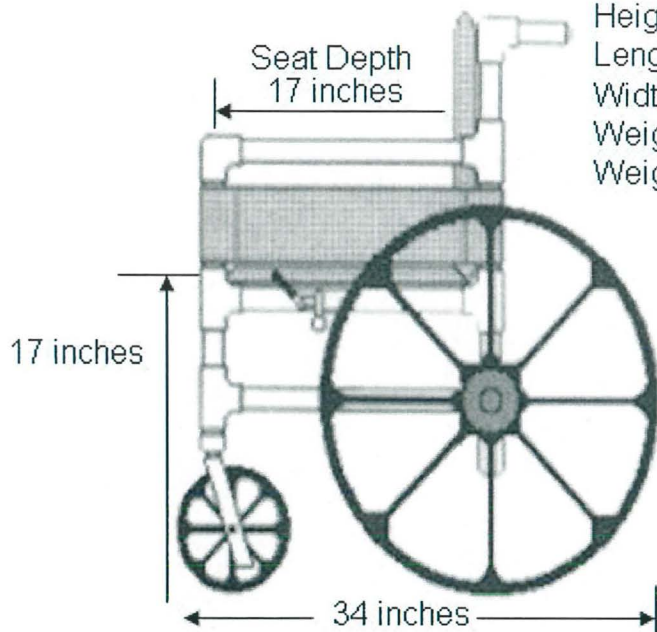
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Weight Capacity: 350lbs

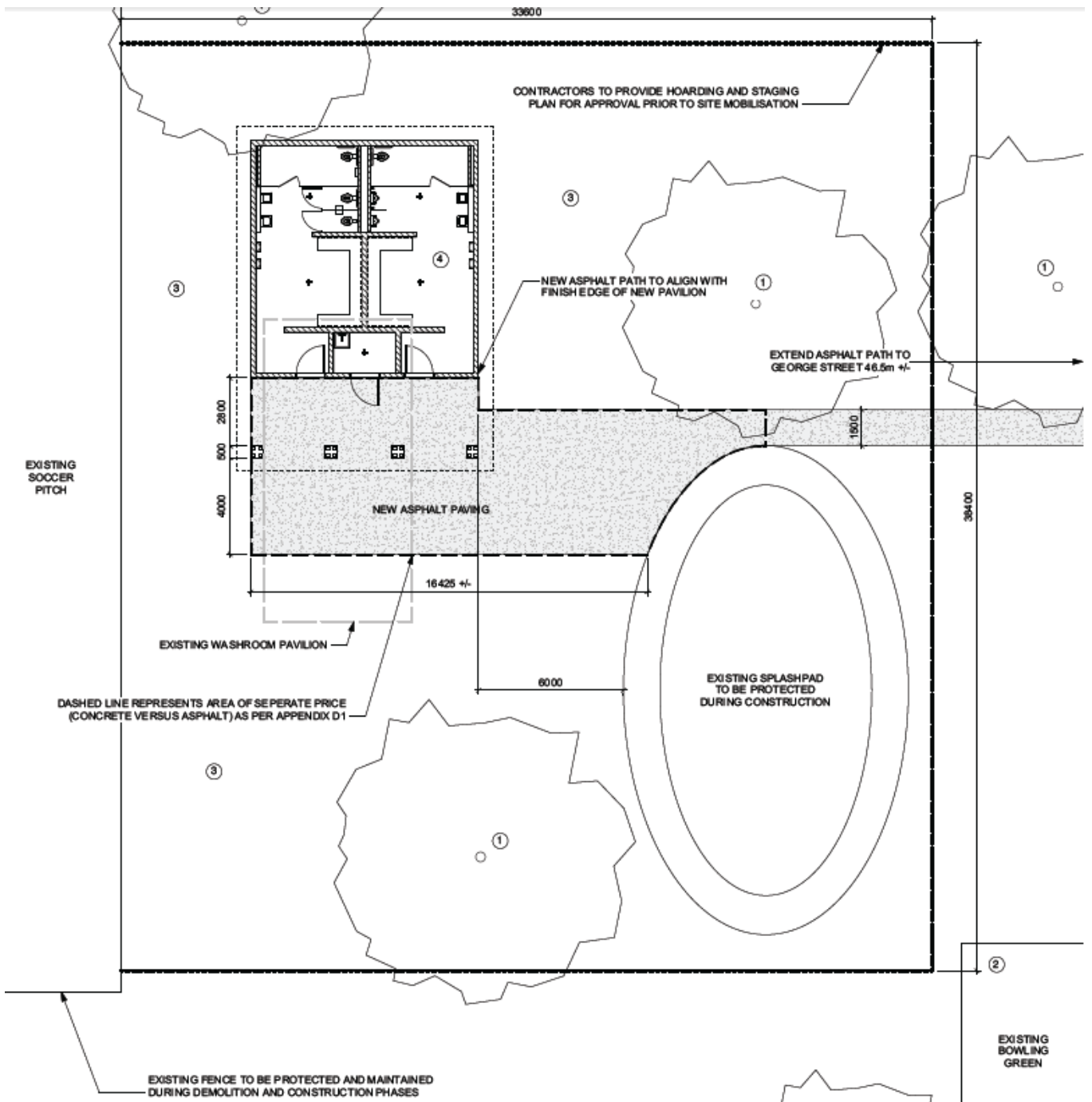


- Durable and Lightweight
- 7 & 24 inch Mag Wheels
- Reduced Seat Depth for Proper Posture
- Totally Submersible
- Safe & Comfortable
- Stainless Steel Fasteners
- Stainless Steel Axle
- Full One-Year Warranty
- Black Graphite Hand Rings
- Open Swing Arm
- Retractable Foot Rest
- Additional options
 - Seat Belt
 - Shoulder Harness
 - Anti-Tip wheels

All **AQUATREK** aquatic wheelchair models are designed for use in and around water. Its unique design allows full usage in swimming pools, spas, splash pads, leisure rivers and showers. Its construction from PVC plastic and stainless steel fasteners makes it both durable and non-corrosive.

Part D – Photo of Existing Conditions / Product Specifications

Insert photos of Areas Affected or Product Specifications
(ie/ area of renovation, area where equipment will be placed, equipment specifications, etc.)



Shaded area above represents proposed hard surface walkway for this funding request

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