

## **Parks and Recreation Community Disability Steering Committee**

- Date: Thursday, September 18, 2025
- Time: 10 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.
- Location name/room: East Bayfront Community Recreation Centre, Multipurpose Room 1

### **Trinity Bellwoods Park Access and Circulation Study**

Committee members received a presentation on the Trinity Bellwoods Park Access and Circulation Study, covering an introduction to the project team, project background and site investigations overview, the community engagement process and what was heard from an accessibility standpoint, and next steps. Questions from committee members centred around winter accessibility of pathways and washrooms in the park, a lack of seniors and disability representation on the Community Advisory Committee (CAC), potential user conflicts between cyclists, playground users, and people sitting on benches, mitigation of tree impacts that result from widening pathways, and alternatives to the use of salt in winter. Feedback included directly engaging with park users through pop-up events, the inclusion of people with a diverse range of disabilities in the consultation process, and improved pathways and seating options throughout the park. Project coordinators invited suggestions for people with disabilities groups that they could get in touch with in order to increase representation, and provided their contact information for further feedback/follow-up.

### **Parks and Trails Wayfinding Signage Implementation Update**

An update was provided on developments around parks and trails wayfinding signage since it was last presented to the committee in June of 2023. Questions were asked about the use of tactile surfacing (e.g. Braille or raised lettering) on signs as well as sign visibility at night and lighting near wayfinding signage. Feedback included the use of liquid (digital or dynamic) signs in parks, implementing signage for construction and temporary closures, listing trail exits, escape routes, and distances on signs.

### **Other Updates**

An update on the committee web page (which is now live) was provided, and suggestions for enhancement from members were invited. Round table updates were received on Access Travel Club initiatives, Track3 Adaptive Sports Association's new hiking program, TDSB pools, a new AODA Alliance podcast, the Pegasus Community Project's film festival and Polaris program, and P&R Adapted and Inclusive Recreation unit. Jermeen also announced that she will be reassigned to a new role as of October 1 and be stepping down as committee Co-Chair, with a replacement to be announced.

### **East Bayfront CRC Accessibility Improvements Tour**

A site tour of East Bayfront was given, and members provided accessibility improvement suggestions on things like street signage outside the centre, under-stair clearance, staircase handles, automatic door buttons, colour contrast, lockers, and gym accessibility.