



Parks and Recreation Community Disability Steering Committee

- Date: Thursday, November 27, 2025
- Time: 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Location name/room: Rouge Valley Community Recreation Centre, Multipurpose Room 2

High Park Movement Strategy Implementation

Committee members received an update presentation on the implementation of the High Park Movement Strategy (HPMS), covering a background and overview of the project and its accessibility principles, changes made since its adoption in 2023, scope of the road design project, the engagement process, and accessibility related feedback received during phase 1 of the consultation. Questions from committee members centred around the accessibility of the bus used for shuttle service within the park, the length of the first phase of consultation, previous studies of the usage of sports fields, arenas, and pools, measures taken to keep mobility device users separate from pedestrians and those using electric scooters, the availability of water bottle filling stations, and the safety of road crossings and general accessibility considerations for people who are blind or partially sighted. Feedback included consideration of the use of the park's amenities by people with disabilities during emergencies, improving digital accessibility, making the accessibility audit public, and scheduling diverse representatives from disability organizations as well as ensuring accessible venues and formats (e.g., virtual options and the provision of ASL interpreters). Project coordinators provided their contact information for further feedback/follow-up.

Adapted and Inclusive Recreation Portfolio Update

This presentation covered a description of the difference between and the benefits of participating in adapted programs and inclusive services, the steps involved in the A&I intake process, the criteria for the two types of memberships that can be issued, and a comparison of the types and number of A&I programs offered in each of the five operational districts during the fall, winter, spring, and summer sessions. Registration numbers by season were summarized, and the Adapted and Inclusive unit's annual events, staffing structure, 2025 accomplishments, and work plan going forward were highlighted. Questions were asked about Adapted Aquatics, partnerships that could help to avoid repetition of steps during the intake process, the allocation of program spaces, and the absence of inclusive services during summer evenings and weekends. Feedback included the need to bolster current Adapted and Inclusive programming as well as to simplify and shorten the intake process.

Other Updates

Suggestions for enhancement to the committee web page (which is now live) from members were invited. In addition, a round table update was received on the 2025 Toronto Sports Summit.

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Rouge Valley CRC Accessibility Improvements Tour

A site tour of Rouge Valley was given, and members provided accessibility improvement suggestions on things like seating and lighting in the gym, contrast on corners throughout the building, regular and Braille signage, safety (e.g. gaps between railings and overly tall chairs), automatic door buttons at the main entrance, colour contrast, and the height of the buttons in accessible washrooms.