



Parks and Recreation Community Disability Steering Committee

- Date: Thursday, January 22, 2026
- Time: 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
- Location name: Virtual Via MS Teams

Accessibility-Related Attributes of Community Recreation Facilities

Committee members received a presentation on how the division's asset databases (via the Enterprise Work Management System) capture accessibility-related attributes of facilities, covering a brief project background, the feature categories included, and proposed actions for expansion. Committee members found the existing information useful but insufficient, and expressed strong support for making data available at the individual room rather than at just the facility level. They suggested that potential visitors with disabilities would benefit by having information about such things as low-lighting, quiet room space availability, mental health supports, the delineation of accessible seating, elevators, fitness equipment, power doors, Braille signage, and languages spoken by front desk staff available to them before visiting. Questions centred around the implementation of an accessibility deficiency classification system for facilities, the possibility of committee members doing an accessibility audit of newly constructed facilities prior to finalization, and why accessibility-related feedback offered by members is often not implemented in a timely manner. Further feedback included having a 3D model of new facilities online, listing programs that have accommodations as well as what amenities are on each floor of multi-level facilities on the website, and having a subject matter expert/points person at each facility to field accessibility inquiries, with the SME's contact information available online. Project coordinators provided their contact information for additional feedback/follow-up.

Other Updates

Suggestions for enhancement to the committee web page (which is now live) from members were provided, members reaching out to their distribution networks to facilitate recruitment from various groups was suggested, and the idea of committee members giving educational presentations to City staff and/or the committee on the disability they serve as well as the feasibility of having Lindsey Mazza (inspirational speaker/inclusion leader) guest speak at an upcoming meeting were discussed. In addition, a motion to update the committee's Terms of Reference to reflect the new division name was adopted, and round table updates on potential partnership opportunities with Access Travel Club, Community Living Toronto's winter programs calendar, upcoming workshops offered by Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital, P&R Adapted and Inclusive Recreation winter, spring, and summer registration, Silent Voice Canada's retreat for deaf and hard of hearing youth, and Braille Literacy Month were received.