



Parks and Recreation Community Disability Steering Committee

- Date: Thursday, February 19, 2026
- Time: 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Location name/room: Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre (TPASC), Leadership Room

Trinity Bellwoods Park Access and Circulation Study

Committee members received an update 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, draft recommendations, and next steps. Questions and discussion from committee members centred around the inclusion of the homeless community in the consultation process, tactile surface indicators on paving, improved lighting in the park, Braille on wayfinding signage, making the space more inviting for users, trees proposed for removal, rest areas along primary paths, and the inclusion of more physically accessible seating off path. Additional feedback included not deterring wheeled use on secondary paths, keeping the path adjacent to Gore Vale Ave for maintenance purposes, including more shading and quiet areas, and the need for water facilities to have water for pets as well as water bottle fillers. Designated social areas and the addition of emergency call buttons throughout the park were also suggested. Project coordinators also provided their contact information for further feedback/follow-up.

Other Updates

A round table update on the availability of some Alcoholics Anonymous related books in Braille was received.

TPASC Lower-Level Accessibility Improvements Tour

A site tour of the lower level of TPASC (which one committee member believed was premature and “lip service” was given, and members provided accessibility improvement suggestions on things like the accessibility buttons and colour contrast in the Leadership room, hallway, washroom, gym/fieldhouse, change room, and pool area accessibility. The need for more Braille signage (e.g. on lockers and posters) and tethering hooks, easier to reach elevator buttons, accessibility and emergency distress buttons as well as doorways not being blocked, and an increased number of programs for marginalized groups at the centre were stressed.