

Parks and Recreation Community Disability Steering Committee

- Date: Thursday, June 25, 2026
- Time: 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Location name/room: Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre (TPASC), Leadership Room

Report Back Items

Committee members received an update on Adapted and Integrated (A&I) camp staff wage increases and changes to job titles and descriptions, A&I camp registration and staffing, and the repair of the automatic door opener at Rouge Valley Community Recreation Centre in Scarborough. However, updates on offering A&I Aquatics in North York, reestablishing a partnership with Ontario Developmental Services, increasing the visibility of programs with accommodations on the division's website, and the possibility of committee members visiting facilities before construction is complete to ensure consideration of feedback and increased accountability were deferred to the September 17 meeting.

Other Committee Business Items

A heartfelt tribute to recently deceased committee member Debbie Rolland (representing Community Living Toronto) was received, and possible organizations from which to recruit a youth with disabilities representative on the committee was discussed. In addition, the replacement of the current citizen Co-Chair was considered, with the formation of a recruitment and a Co-Chair replacement sub-committee recommended.

Other Updates

round table updates from Access Travel Club (participation uptake, sponsorships, and an upcoming Alberta trip), TDSB pool openings, Ontario Track 3 Adapted Sports Association programming, a new crisis support partnership between the Canadian Mental Health Association and the Toronto Public Library, a recently held educational accessibility townhall, the upcoming Disability Arts Festival, the East/West Toronto Island Shuttle Service, and a possible accessibility improvements site tour of the new Centennial Park soccer training facility were given.

TPASC First and Second Level Accessibility Improvements Tour

A site tour of the first and second levels of TPASC was given, and members provided accessibility improvement suggestions on things like visual accessibility and wayfinding, stairs and ramps, track and fitness areas, digital signage and information screens, physical accessibility and facility design in the accessible change rooms, washrooms, showers, other change rooms, and fitness centre, programming and recreation opportunities, communication and information access, safety and emergency procedures, customer service and vendor accessibility, and facility operations and maintenance. Things like a large mural to improve visual interest and wayfinding, consistent placement of Braille signage, higher contrast markings on stairs, a guide rail on the track, a transfer device in all change rooms, designated programming times for people with disabilities, increasing awareness of the facility's accessibility features, simpler wording on emergency signage, and a more consistent accessibility approach across vendor stalls were suggested.