

#### **ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE - DECEMBER 11, 2023**

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Item No. 4



# Accessible Parking: Roles & Responsibilities

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## **Role of Province:**

**Legislation, Enforcement & Permits** 

- Requirements for off-street accessible parking
   Reg. 191/11: Integrated Accessibility Standards
   AODA 2005, SO 2005, c 11
- Enforcement of penalties for non-compliance with AODA, including accessible parking standards
- 3. Management of Accessible Parking Permits Service Ontario



## **Role of Police:**

#### **Enforce Highway Traffic Act (HTA)**

York Regional Police responds to accessible parking violations under <u>Highway Traffic Act (RSO 1990 c. H.8)</u>

#### HTA Part III covers accessible parking permit offences:

- Fictious, altered or fraudulent permit
- Display of permit not in accordance to regulations
- Failure or refusal to surrender permit
- Use of permit not in accordance with regulations
- Use of permit by unauthorized user
- Use, loan, sale or other offer of fictitious or altered permit



## **Role of City:**

## Consultation with Accessibility Advisory Committee when developing new parking

- 1. Infrastructure Development ensures new City facilities comply with accessible parking requirements
- 2. Facilities Management ensures accessible parking spaces are signed on City properties
- 3. Traffic identifies locations for accessible on-street parking spaces
- 4. Roads installs accessible parking signage
- 5. By-law & Compliance
  - Enforces penalties for violations: misuse of accessible parking spaces under <u>Parking By-law</u>
  - Prescribes accessible parking space signage requirements under <u>Parking By-law</u>



## **Role of City:**

#### **Enforcement of Accessible Parking**

#### **Parking By-law Accessible Parking Violations**

Violation	Penalty
Stop or park in area designated for accessible vehicles	\$300
Park in designated accessible space	\$400
Fail to properly display Accessible Parking Permit	\$50

#### 1. Enforcement on City & Private Property

- Provincial Offences Officers enforce penalties for misuse of accessible parking spaces on City and private property
- Private security staff respond to misuse of accessible parking spaces on private property

#### 2. Zero Tolerance Approach

- Proactive and reactive (complaint based) enforcement
- Penalty notice for all accessible parking violations



## **Role of City:**

#### **Permit Inspections & Targeted Enforcement**

#### **Permit Inspections**

- Provincial Offences Officers (by-law) routinely request accessible parking permits for inspection
  - Permit serial number provides officers with information on permit holder; can be compared against government issued identification if necessary

#### **Targeted Enforcement**

- Increased patrols and additional monitoring for misuse of accessible parking spaces occurs during high-traffic times (i.e. weekends, rush hours, special events & holidays)
- When necessary, an officer will be assigned to monitor a specific area if flagged as high-violation location



## **Questions & Discussion**



# Playground Renewal Projects

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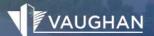
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Parks Infrastructure Planning & Delivery December 11, 2023 (7pm)

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## **Overview**

- Parks Delivery undertakes renewal of select playgrounds every year
- Playgrounds are typically replaced every 20-25 years
- Renewal process may include all or portions of:
  - playground equipment
  - safety surfacing
  - curbs
  - drainage



## **Playground Renewals**

At time of renewal, playground renewals include:

- Accessible surface
- Accessible route into the play area
- Accessible route from the park walkway to the playground
- Playground equipment that meets or exceeds requirements set by:
  - City of Vaughan's Inclusive Design Standards
  - Canadian Standards Association (Z614-20) Children's Playground, Equipment & Surfacing Standard
  - Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)



## **Neighbourhood & District Parks**

#### Neighbourhood Parks:

- Playgrounds between 500-700 m<sup>2</sup> in size
- Accessible compliant engineered wood fibre safety surfacing

#### **District Parks:**

- Playgrounds up to 1,200 m<sup>2</sup> in size
- Rubber safety surfacing where playgrounds are located next to community centres
- Engineered wood fibre safety surfacing where playgrounds are set back from a community centre



## **Playground Equipment**

- For all parks, new playground equipment selected through competitive bidding process, with consideration of existing play features and ability to providing new and expanded play value.
- For all playground renewals, new equipment meets or exceeds these standards:
  - 50% of all elevated activities must be accessible
  - 75% of all ground-based play must be accessible



## **Typical Accessible Features**

- All playground renewals include a range of accessible features and activities
- Typical accessible features include:
  - Barrier-free access into play area and onto structures



Ramp entry



Depressed curb



Ramp and deck



Transfer station



## **Typical Accessible Features**

• Inclusive movement experiences which also provide an interactive gathering spot







Spinner

Multi-generational activities which encourage creativity and social play



**Drum Circle** 



Market Stall



## Typical Accessible Features

• Sensory play which provide sound, touch & visual experiences for all ages or abilities



Touch panel



Sound panel



Colour wheel

• Inclusive swings which offer movement experiences and integrated social play



Supported seat



Saucer swing



Together swing



# 2024 Playground Renewals

**Representative Projects** 



## **Promenade Green Park**

- Transfer station on junior & senior structures for barrier-free access
- Rocker, spinner & supported swing seat providing motion experiences
- Touch panels for sensory play
- Market stall encouraging social & group imaginative play







## Mill Arbour Park

- Supported seat on the swing & track ride offering motion experiences
- Transfer station on junior structure & to senior slide
- Sensory wall and integrated panels encouraging users of all abilities to explore five senses
- Play features for sensory relief, individual play & gentle rocking motions









## **Dufferin District Park**

- Ramp & deck provides barrier free access to combined junior/senior structure
- Motion experiences offered through inclusive swing seats, glider, rocker & merry-go-round
- Sensory play encouraged with colour, touch & sound panels integrated into the play structure
- Market stall encouraging social & creative play
- Play features for sensory relief or individual play









## **Gilmore Park**

- Existing ramp & deck play structure in great condition; will remain in place
- Accessibility of play area enhanced with engineered wood fibre safety surfacing & new accessible entry ramp
- New accessible pathway will connect to existing swing bay with addition of an entry ramp & inclusive seat







## Thank you!

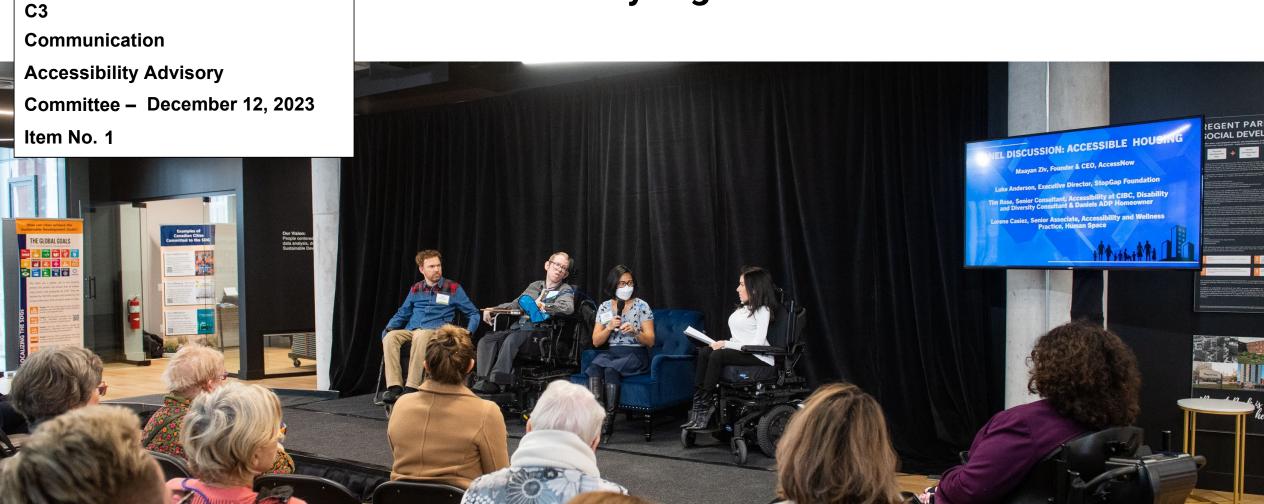
We would be happy to answer any questions the committee may have.





Introduction to a first-of-its kind community of accessibility & real estate industry organizations

# ACCELERATING ACCESSIBILITY COALITION



#### SITUATION

Canada has a **shortage** of housing that is accessible to people of all ages and abilities.

**Demand** is growing.

But **supply** isn't...

## **BARRIERS**

WHAT Inadequate requirements for

accessibility in building codes

Lack of awareness of & empathy for people's lived experience

Lack of awareness of gap between demand & supply, & the scope of the opportunity for home builders

**WHY** 

Lack of understanding of how accessible housing aligns with developer interests

**HOW** 

Lack of awareness of **how to build more accessibly** in a cost-effective way

#### **RESPONSE**

The Accelerating Accessibility Coalition (AAC) launched in November 2022 - a first-of-its-kind community of real estate development and accessibility leaders that is working to create an accessible Canada.

It is encouraging home builders to make physical accessibility a greater priority as they build the millions of new homes needed across Canada in the next decade.

#### **PURPOSE**

#### **VISION:**

That people of all ages & abilities in Canada have access to homes that are free of barriers, to support their ability to participate fully in society

#### **MISSION:**

To support the building of a more accessible Canada by significantly increasing the supply of new housing that is accessible & welcoming to people of all ages and abilities

#### WHO IS INVOLVED

## **Inaugural Co-Chairs**

**Luke Anderson** (2022-2024) Executive Director, StopGap Foundation

Heela Omarkhail (2022-2023) VP, Social Impact, The Daniels Corporation

## **Membership & Secretariat**

37 members to date from real estate, accessibility & civic organizations

**ULI (Urban Land Institute) Toronto**, a non-profit, serves as the secretariat

### What we've accomplished in Year 1

- Select inaugural Co-Chairs
- Confirm 37 members
- Add **22 tools** & resources to **Accessibility Toolbox**
- 12 news stories: CBC (online, radio, TV), NRU, yorku.ca, Storeys, Remi Network
- Secure \$173,800 for a research project with Sunnybrook Research Institute funded by Accessibility Standards Canada/the Government of Canada and a project to produce a video with The Daniels Corporation.





#### What we've accomplished in Year 1, continued

- Host Fundamentals of Accessibility with AccessNow for 70 registrants with sponsors Cadillac Fairview and The Daniels Corporation at BLG LLP
  - 81% of attendees reported satisfied/very satisfied
  - 78% reported the session gave them ideas on what they can do differently to support Canadians of all ages and abilities
- Produce marketing campaign with Seneca College's Design for Social Change class
- Broaden network of accessibility & real estate organizations through meetings with City of Toronto, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing Office, Canada's Chief Accessibility Officer, BILD Chair's event, People & Culture Committee, UN-Habitat & South Korean NGO

# HOW TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER

#### **City of Vaughan**

Promote the Coalition with Vaughan home builders

Contribute to and promote the <u>Accessibility</u>
 Toolbox

#### **Accelerating Accessibility Coalition**

 Highlight measures the City is taking to encourage accessibility

 Invite Accessibility Advisory Committee members to participate in future Coalition programs and communications

## **Questions/Discussion**

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