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Town of Aurora
Memorandum
Corporate Services

Re: Site plan application SP-2021-12 (Submission #1), 377 Hartwell Way

To: Accessibility Advisory Committee

From: Mateusz Zawada, Accessibility Advisor

Date: December 8, 2021

Recommendation

1. That the memorandum regarding Site plan application SP-2021-12 (Submission #1), 377 Hartwell Way be received; and
2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee comments regarding Site plan application SP-2021-12 (Submission #1) be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Background

The Accessibility Advisor has made comments on behalf of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

The following comments are conditions that must be met:

- Rest/seating areas to be provided along exterior path of travel, as long as it does not impede the minimum exterior path (sidewalk) clearance of 1,500 mm. Accessible routes shall incorporate level rest areas spaced no more than 30 metres (98ft. - 5in.) apart;
- Automatic door openers for all public access locations, including proper timed door delays;
- Installation of proper tactile indicators at the proposed staircases;
- All customer services counters, meeting rooms and seminar rooms to have an induction loop;
- All customer services counters to have an allocated accessibility spot;
- All drop-off locations to have a rolling curb depression providing access to the exterior path of travel;
- Accessible route or ramp to be provided to the stage in the gymnasium;

- Barrier-free parking running slope of 5% is steep. An accessible route, including the parking spot and access aisle, should aim for:
 - a firm, level surface with a maximum of 1.5% running slope for drainage;
 - a maximum cross slope of 1%.

The following comments are considerations:

- Barrier-free parking in childcare parking lot to be changed to a Type A spot, accommodating accessible vans for people using larger mobility devices, such as wheelchairs or scooters, who need more space to enter or exit vehicles;
- Consideration for emergency evacuation chairs to be provided at all staircase locations.

Please also note that there are new Design of Public Spaces (Built Environment) Standards enacted from the Province of Ontario, under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and revisions to the Ontario Building Code to help standardize and encourage barrier free access.

Attachments

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