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Memorandum

Date: June 29, 2020
To: Katherine Bibby, Planning and Development Services
From: Mat Zawada, Accessibility Advisor
Re: Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) Input and Comments for Site Plan Application SP-2020-06 (Submission #1)

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

The comments are as follows:

- Consideration for the developer to incorporate accessibility features, such as sensory and active play components, for children and caregivers with various disabilities into the design of outdoor play spaces; and
- Ensure that outdoor play spaces have a ground surface that is firm, stable and has impact attenuating properties for injury prevention and sufficient clearance to provide children and caregivers with various disabilities the ability to move through, in and around the outdoor play space.
- Consideration for the allocated outdoor space to have a minimum of 20% of its tables be accessible if used as an outdoor eating area.
- Consideration for washroom on main level that is served by the barrier-free path of travel and available to the public to be a universal washroom.
- Consideration for a rest/seating area to be provided at all building outdoor entrances.
- Consideration for automatic door openers for all public access locations, including proper timed door delays.
- Installation of proper tactile indicators at the proposed staircases.
- Consideration for the seating areas provided in the buildings to provide accessible seating.

- Consideration for any customer services counters to have an allocated accessibility spot.
- Consideration for a barrier-free parking spot to be provided on the outdoor lot.

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.

On behalf of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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