

To: Chief Administrative Officer **Date:** June 2, 2025
From: Jennifer Russell, Corporate Officer
Subject: **Recommendations from the Accessibility Inclusion and Diversity Committee**

Recommendation(s)

1. That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Master plan incorporate requirements for accessibility into the new design concept for all parks in Mission.
2. That Parks, Recreation and Culture staff look into budgeting for accessibility improvements at Mission Sports Park.
3. That the City engage the Chamber of Commerce, through the existing service agreement, to determine if they can identify gas stations that provide full-service options and explore ways to encourage businesses to clearly advertise accessible service options to the public.
4. That Council include the issue of snow clearing from foot paths (sidewalks and urban walkways) near schools as a discussion item on the agenda for an upcoming joint meeting with the School Board.
5. That as part of the Centennial Park Master Plan, accessibility to the dog park be examined.
6. That audible crosswalks be considered for the Downtown Business Area of Mission; and that this item be referred to the Transportation division of Engineering and Public Works for consideration.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present the recommendations of the Accessibility Inclusion and Diversity Committee (AIDC) from the meeting held on May 21, 2025.

Background

The AIDC most recently met on May 21, 2025 to review and respond to the public inquiries/requests received through the public feedback mechanism(s) and through the referrals from Council predating the public feedback form.

Recommendations of any committee for specific action by the City, such as for work to be completed by staff or consideration of expenditures, must be reviewed by Council and authorized by a Council resolution before any action is taken.

Discussion and Analysis

The AIDC reviewed six items received as feedback/requests through either the online public form or as referrals received through Council before the feedback form was available. An excerpt of the draft minutes from that meeting is copied here, as the minutes succinctly identify the issues discussed and the final outcome.

1. Accessibility at Mission Sports Park

Reported issue: **No accessible path to grass fields**

Moved and Seconded,

- a. That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Master plan incorporate requirements for accessibility into the new design concept for all parks in Mission,
- b. That Parks, Recreation and Culture staff look into budgeting for accessibility improvements at Mission Sports Park.

CARRIED

2. Gas Stations Accessibility

Reported issue: **Lack of full-service gas stations in Mission**

Moved and Seconded,

That the City engage the Chamber of Commerce, through the existing service agreement, to determine if they can identify gas stations that provide full-service options and explore ways to encourage businesses to clearly advertise accessible service options to the public.

CARRIED

3. Winter Accessibility

Reported issue: **Snow on Foot Paths at Windebank Elementary**

Moved and Seconded,

That Council include the issue of snow clearing from foot paths near schools as a discussion item on the agenda for an upcoming joint meeting with the School Board.

CARRIED

4. Accessibility at Centennial Park

Reported Issue: **Steep access to dog park**

Moved and Seconded,

That as part of the Centennial Park Master Plan, accessibility to the dog park be examined.

CARRIED

5. Accessible Gym Equipment

Reported Issue: **Gym Equipment not accessible for all**

The Committee suggested that signage be in the Leisure Centre to identify accessible equipment, and encourage use, acknowledging that staff may not always be immediately available to assist.

The Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture noted he would discuss with staff the possibility of social media posts and/or short instructional videos highlighting the availability and use of accessible fitness equipment.

6. Audible Crosswalks

Reported issue: **No accessible crosswalks in the Downtown Business Area**

Moved and Seconded,

- a. That audible crosswalks be considered for the Downtown Business Area of Mission;
and
- b. That this item be referred to the Transportation division of Engineering and Public Works for consideration.

CARRIED

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report. Resolutions regarding any changes to the City's operating and/or capital budgets would have financial implications and necessitate further investigation.

Communication

Committee recommendations that have been considered by Council are communicated to the applicable City staff for action as required.

Summary and Conclusion

The purpose of this report is to present the recommendations of the Accessibility Inclusion and Diversity Committee (AIDC) from the meeting held on May 21, 2025. The main purpose of this meeting was to review and respond to the public inquiries/requests received through the public feedback mechanism(s) and through the referrals from Council predating the public feedback form. Committee recommendations for specific action by the City, such as for work to be completed by staff or consideration of expenditures, must be reviewed by Council and authorized by a Council resolution before any action is taken.

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