



## Accessibility Advisory Committee

**Meeting Date: March 10, 2022**

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**FROM:** Facilities and Construction Management Department

**DATE:** March 1, 2022

**SUBJECT:** North Park Community Centre and Public Library

**LOCATION:** 3070 Neyagawa Blvd, Oakville

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That all aspects of Oakville Universal Design Standard (OUDS), applicable to the North Park Community Centre and Public Library project, be endorsed.

### **KEY FACTS:**

- The total footprint of the new Community Centre and Library is 82,768 ft<sup>2</sup>.
- Diamond Schmitt Architects Inc. (DSAI) has been retained by the Town of Oakville to act as the prime consultant for the design and contract administration of the project.
- Construction will be tendered according to design-bid-build project delivery, and it is anticipated that the construction will start in the last quarter of 2022 and finish in spring 2024.
- The scope of design of the project follows the standards set out in the Oakville Universal Design Standards for town facilities.
- For the outdoor spaces, the following measures were taken:
  - Barrier Free Parking & Vehicle Access with close proximity to accessible entrances and a direct view of the entrance
  - Accessible walkways connecting the building to the major pedestrian pathways and to the parking lots.
  - The use of Tactile Surface Indicators.
  - The use of accessible sloped pathways to connect outdoor areas of different surface levels, especially to the south parking lot P4
  - Visual identification of main pathway and outdoor terrace edges
  - Adequate lighting levels in all outdoor accessible pathways
  - A Passenger Loading Zone at main building entrance

- Site furnishings are *AODA* compliant.
- Outdoor wayfinding signs to be incorporated
  
- For the indoor spaces, the following items were provided:
  - All main entrances are accessible
  - Barrier Free washrooms and a Universal washroom w/ power adult change table
  - All washrooms to be equipped with hands-free flush valves, faucets, soap dispensers and hand dryers
  - Interior Accessible Paths to all Community Centre and Library activities
  - Operable Controls and Mechanisms
  - Clear Floor Spaces
  - Proper Turning Circles
  - Accessible ramp entry to both pools. Hoyer Lift will also be available.
  - Library book shelving design to follow OUDS so that books will be within the reach of all people
  - Enhanced Acoustics, especially in the library Design intent will be to minimize unnecessary background noise and allow for comprehension by persons with limited hearing
  - Interior Illumination Levels to follow OUDS requirements including the introduction of natural lighting to all public spaces. Quality of light to be close to a full spectrum as possible to aid in edge and colour definition by persons who have visual impairments
  - The Signage and Information System package to be designed according to the Town Sign Standard as well as OUDS requirements
  - Materials and finishes will be carefully selected to reduce glare and ensure that persons with low vision can navigate safely. Floor materials should be non-slip.
  - Maintain good colour/tonal contrast between horizontal and vertical surfaces and with furniture & fixtures
  - Visual fire alarms throughout
  
- Town staff will be soliciting feedback from the AAC on the design of North Park Community Centre and Library at its meeting on March 10, 2022.

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