



CORPORATE FACILITIES MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR J. LEHMAN AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FROM: J. LIEFL, MANAGER OF FACILITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

NOTED: R. PEWS, DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE FACILITIES

D. MCALPINE, GENERAL MANAGER OF COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE SERVICES

M. PROWSE, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

RE: BARRIE SIMCOE EMERGENCY SERVICES CAMPUS – PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY INQUIRY

DATE: JANUARY 21, 2019

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide members of Council with an update concerning an inquiry initiated at General Committee on Nov 19, 2018 regarding a pedestrian walkway linking Mollard Court to the Barrie Simcoe Emergency Services Campus (BSESC).

Public Access and Barrie Transit

Staff recognize that there are concerns regarding pedestrian access in getting to and from the facility for those whom travel via the City's conventional transit services. It was suggested by Council that a potential pedestrian walkway linking Mollard Court to the BSESC's main pedestrian entrance would be the shortest and most convenient option for pedestrians using the City's transit services. Although it was initially believed that the closest existing transit service stop to the BSESC's entrance is located at the corner of Bayview Ave. and Mollard Court, staff have determined that the transit stop at the corner of Fairview Road and Little Ave. is closer to the main pedestrian entrance of the facility. As part of the project scope, the existing sidewalk from Little Ave will be extended South along the East side of Fairview Road, leading to the entrance of the BSESC. This sidewalk extension will occur prior to the opening of the campus. It is also of note that neither Mollard Court nor this portion of Bayview Drive currently have a sidewalk. .

The City's transit staff noted that for initial conventional transit services to be introduced along Fairview Road, accessible pedestrian transit infrastructure is required (as per Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act legislation) along the East side of Fairview Road adjacent to site. Once this infrastructure is in place, transit staff will work to extend the existing Route 11 to provide a one directional conventional transit service along the East side of Fairview Road. It is anticipated that this one directional conventional transit service will be implemented within a relatively short period after the opening of the campus, once there is sufficient demand to support the change to the route.

In the future, once Fairview Road is fully urbanized transit staff will work to install accessible infrastructure on both sides of Fairview Road to accommodate the potential for two directional transit services with accessible pedestrian crossings and movements in the area of the BSESC, industrial businesses and the ONroute facilities. This future transit service would directly connect transit services from this area to high travel demand locations or service connection hubs within the City of Barrie. The timing of the capital works to fully urbanize Fairview Road will be subject to future capital plans.

Barrie Police Security Requirement

Barrie Police have also expressed significant security concerns about the possibility of a pedestrian walkway along the South perimeter of the site. Barrie Police Service's Chief Greenwood has provided City staff an email outlining the security concerns regarding the walkway. The email is attached as Appendix 'A' for your reference.



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Site and Engineering Constraints

City staff have requested that the BSESC engineering project team from AECOM to further investigate the addition of the public walkway and they have responded with the following site and engineering concern:

"The walkway would need to be in an unsecured area outside of the perimeter fencing. At this time there is security fence around the site which does not leave any room along the southern edge of the site from the east side to the west side.

If the fence was to be moved north to accommodate a pathway, there would not be enough room within the site to accommodate the necessary surface drainage which is already designed at optimum as space is at a premium."

We hope that Council finds the information above satisfactory to address this inquiry.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at extension 4478.

APPENDIX A

Barrie Police Security Email

From: Kim Greenwood
To: Paolo Bovolini
Subject: Security Concerns
Date: Friday, November 30, 2018 8:47:22 AM

Mr. Paolo Bovolini,

In the last 30 years, police and government buildings have experienced challenges that have resulted in changes to the way safety and security of such facilities are addressed.

Police Services have been targeted by armed individuals. Damage to police property, vehicles and attacks on personnel have created a need to address a safe and secure environment for all employees, and persons in attendance.

Police Services across Canada are target hardening and securing their facilities against needless damage and assault. In Barrie, the Service has already experienced damage to both police vehicles and buildings.

Fences and gates are now customary at such facilities. Bollards, bullet resistant glass, security cameras and controlled access cards are the standard.

The safety and security of our new police headquarters is an important consideration of the design team and our Service.

Access for the public has been designed so that the main and only public entrance is on the west side of the property facing Fairview Road. Public parking and bus routes were considered throughout the design phase. Barrie Transit will redirect a bus route to travel in front of the station.

Public/pedestrian access to the secure portion of the property cannot be permitted. The safety and security of the site, and all persons is of paramount importance.

Regards,

Kimberley Greenwood
Chief of Police #8094
Command - Administration



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