



**Subject: Accessible Parking Expansion – Tillsonburg Community Center**

**Report Number:** RCP 23-30

Department: Recreation, Culture and Parks Department

Submitted by: Matt Johnson, Manager of Parks and Facilities

Meeting Type: Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2023

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT report titled “RCP 23-30 Accessible Parking Expansion – Tillsonburg Community Center” be received as information and that a motion be put forth to the committee to accept the locations of the new accessible parking stalls at the TCC.

**BACKGROUND**

Staff have identified an urgency to expand the accessible parking stalls from the current six located on the Tillsonburg Community Centre grounds, to a total of 11 accessible stalls. RCP is recommend that the eight non accessible parking spots that run along the length of the Aud’s exterior wall (east parking lot) be converted to 6 accessible parking stalls. Installing these stalls would allow those with accessibility issues to have a shorter distance to access to the sliding door entrance, to gain access to the elevator. The three accessible parking spots located on the west side of the pool are within the construction zone and are non-accessible for those in need. The ice build-up that has occurred in this area in the past has been addressed and will not be a concern going forward. Until the expansion of the overflow parking located south of Rotary Park playground takes, staff believe this these proposed locations will be sufficient for those with accessibility issues.

**DISCUSSION**

In 2023, Tillsonburg will be undertaking a project that includes the renovation of the aquatics area of the Tillsonburg Community Center. The area will see new change rooms, storage options and a new CSR welcome area. Until 2023, users of the pool, change rooms, senior center and squash courts could use the stairs of the SW entrance of the facility or via the north and east entrances which do not have a direct route to the

pool change rooms and viewing areas. During the design phase of the project it was decided that accessibility on this side of the facility was lacking or nonexistent. More specifically, that more accessible parking was needed as there are only three accessible parking sites on the west side of the building. Originally the designers had expanded the existing accessible parking area by doubling the area and installing 3 new accessible spots to complement the existing locations. Due to a variety of concerns, it was decided by Town staff that the expansion of this existing area into 6 accessible parking spots wouldn't be sufficient in terms of spacing and budget.

After further consultation with Town staff, it was determined that the new accessible parking areas would be then placed north of the east entrance doors (sliding doors), along the exterior wall of the Aud, 6 additional spaces will be added to existing parking stalls along the Aud section of the complex.

## **CONSULTATION**

Director of recreation, Culture and Parks, Chief Operator of the TCC, Manager of Parks and Facilities, Supervisor of Facilities, Town of Tillsonburg Chief Building Official, Director of Operations and Development.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE**

Funding for the installation of the 6 accessible parking lot stalls will come from monies received from the "Canada Infrastructure Program" as part of the pool area renovations.

## **CORPORATE GOALS**

How does this report support the corporate goals identified in the Community Strategic Plan?

- ☒ Lifestyle and amenities
- ☒ Customer service, communication and engagement
- ☐ Business attraction, retention and expansion
- ☐ Community growth
- ☐ Connectivity and transportation
- ☐ Not Applicable

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Does this report relate to a specific strategic direction or project identified in the Community Strategic Plan? Please indicate section number and/or any priority projects identified in the plan.

**Goal** – Within the community, Tillsonburg will strive to offer residents the amenities, services and attractions they require to enjoy balanced lifestyles; Engage community groups, including advisory committees and service organizations, in shaping municipal initiatives.

**Strategic Direction** – Update municipal sports facilities consistent with modern standards; Maintain and enhance programs and facilities to support an active, engaged senior population;

**Priority Project** – Community Centre rehabilitation (1–3 year implementation)

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Appendix A –