

MEMO

To: Accessibility Advisory Committee

From: Deputy Clerk & Accessibility Coordinator

Date: November 7, 2023

Subject: Woodlands Cemetery Accessible Audit Overview

On October 30th, 2023 members from the Accessibility Advisory Committee performed an audit at the Woodlands Cemetery. In accordance with the *Design of Public Spaces Standard* under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)*, 2005, the following improvements should be made.

- Accessible parking spaces added to the parking lot at the main gate of the cemetery.
- Cracks and ledges need to be painted yellow or white for visibility.
- Hedges to pathways need to be trimmed .
- Pathways need to be wider. Would like to see less pathways and make the ones remaining better. Would also like to see the pathways lined with yellow or white paint.



- Fix plastic sticking out of ground.
- Better transition from pavement to pathways.
- Transition from pavement to bridges, extend handrails on bridges.
- Trim hedges beside bridges



- Remove signage from side of building as it is not accessible. Place newer signage in an accessible area.
- Upgrade path to Niche walls.
- Take path beside one Niche wall out, as it is a hazard (big drop off).



- Extend bricks around parts of Niche Walls to widen and make accessible.
- Cedar trees at back of cemetery need to be trimmed for accessibility to pathway.
- Possible parking area in the future at back of cemetery.
- Building should not be open to public, it is meant for staff and storage.



Typically the design of public spaces standard applies to newly constructed or redeveloped public spaces that are undergoing major reconstruction, however the standard also covers the maintenance and restoration of public spaces. The maintenance portion would apply to the cemetery.

Upgrading the cemetery will be looked at come Spring 2024. Bigger upgrades and updating will be discussed during budget process each year.

Respectfully submitted,

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