



**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
HEALTHY, ACCESSIBLE COMMUNITY AND PARKS COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

THURSDAY July 18, 2024 – 3:00 p.m. - ZOOM

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommendation: *Be it resolved that the agenda as presented be approved.*

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Recommendation: *Be it resolved that the minutes of the Healthy, Accessible Community and Parks Committee from their meeting of April 25, 2024 be approved as circulated.*

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING / OUTSTANDING ITEMS

5.1 Workplan Update

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.1 Township of Essa Parks
- AODA Standards
 - Update on 2024 park projects

7. CORRESPONDENCE / INFORMATION ITEMS

- 7.1 Presentation by Brookfield Properties Development
- Baxter Heartland Park

8. OTHER BUSINESS/ ROUND TABLE

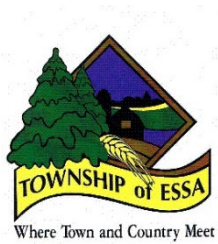
- 8.1 Essa Public Library Update
- 8.2 Parks and Recreation Update

9. ESTABLISH DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

- 9.1 Set date for next quarterly meeting.
- October 17, 2024 @ 3:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation: *Be it resolved that this meeting of the Healthy, Accessible Community and Parks Committee of the Township of Essa adjourn at ____p.m.*



TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
HEALTHY, ACCESSIBLE COMMUNITY AND PARKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
THURSDAY April 25, 2024
Meeting Conducted via Zoom

In Attendance:

Cheryl Jackson, Chair
Patricia Foster, Member
Stephanie McCann, Member
Chantele Mayer, Partner Member
Laura Mallory, Partner Member

Staff:

Sarah Corbett, Deputy Clerk, Secretary
Emily Nakeff, Essa Public Library

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The Committee Chair, Cheryl Jackson, opened the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution No: HACPC04-2024 Moved by: McCann Seconded by: Foster

Be it resolved that the agenda as presented be approved.

----Carried-----

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolution No: HACPC05-2024 Moved by: McCann Seconded by: Foster

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Healthy Community Committee dated January 18, 2024, be received.

----Carried-----

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING / OUTSTANDING ITEMS

5.1 Workplan Update – Cheryl/Chantele

**To be updated
and distributed
with agenda**

Resolution No: HACPC06-2024 Moved by: Foster Seconded by: McCann

Be it resolved that the Committee accepts the use of the developed Workplan, and that it will be updated by members/staff as necessary and attached to each Agenda.

----Carried-----

5.2 No Mow May Update - Stephanie

EPL to promote-twp to share post

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.1 Raised, accessible Community Garden Bed Discussion

More information required

7. CORRESPONDENCE / INFORMATION ITEMS

- 7.1 S. Corbett provided the Committee with correspondence from E. Ruffolo, re: Accessible Concerns.

Resolution No: HACPC07-2024 Moved by: McCann Seconded by: Foster

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Healthy Accessible Community and Parks Committee seeks Council's support in sending a letter to the County of Simcoe Accessibility Committee asking for them to review/audit the accessibility of the Linx Transit Stops in Angus and the accessibility of the pedestrian signals on Mill Street in Angus, and **THAT** the County of Simcoe Accessibility Advisory Committee is asked to provide the Township of Essa's HACP Committee with their findings and recommendations as presented to the County of Simcoe Committee of the Whole.

----Carried-----

8. OTHER BUSINESS/ ROUND TABLE

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| 8.1 | Essa Public Library
Emily Nakeff, Essa Public Library provided the Committee with an overview of the programming | No Action
Required |
| 8.2 | Parks and Recreation
Abbey McClinton Parks and Recreation Department, while not in attendance, provided an update to the Committee on the Parks and Recreation department. She provided an update on upcoming department projects including the Angus Arena Chiller, Stonemount Park, tennis court light installation and spring drop in programming. | No Action
Required |

9. ESTABLISH DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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| 9.1 | The next committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 18, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom. | SC to schedule. |
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10. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No: HACPC08-2024 Moved by: Foster Seconded by: McCann

Be it resolved that this meeting of the Healthy, Accessible Community and Parks Committee of the Township of Essa adjourn at 4:06 p.m.

----Carried----

Cheryl Jackson, Chair

Sarah Corbett, Deputy Clerk

Essa Township
Healthy, Accessible Communities and Parks Committee
Work Plan 2022-2026
Internal Document

Activity	Task	Timeline Start - End	Lead (L) & Others (O) Involved	Budget	Status O-Completed Δ-In progress X- Hold	Additional Information
MANDATE : The Healthy, Accessible Community and Parks Committee is dedicated to advise and assist the Township in promoting and fascilitating a barrier-free healthy community while improving the quality of life for all persons and promoting equal opportunity for citizens of all abilities.						
1.Promote healthy living and access to eating local food	Create a Healthy, Accessible Communities and Parks brochure outlining the committees goal, objective and community activities available	Q3 2023 – Q1 2024	(L)-Essa Township	N/A	O	2024.01.18 In progress to be printed and distributed 2024 Parks updates completed and distribution complete
	Assess expension and accessibility of community gardens – goal to have one raised bed that is wheelchair accessible at each Essa library location	Q2 – Q3 2024	??	Unkno wn	X	Volunteerism having an effect on existing gardens.
2. Promote Healthy Living and active lifestyles for	Promote active school travel through communications assets (e.g social media)	Q1 2024 - Ongoing	(L)-Essa Township	N/A	Δ	2024.02.07 – Promotion of Winter Walk Day completed through social media

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all residents and assit in planning future trails, sidewalks, canoeing and kayaking launches, as well as parks, and public spaces	Promote new parks and features of existing parks (healthy and barrier- free)					
	Attend Tansportation and Trails Master Plan Open Houses in order to bring back information to the committee for discussion and potential input on behalf of the HACP Committee	Q2-Q3 2024				
3. Promote safe roads, reduction in personal vehicle use and energy conservation	Promote active transportation through social media posts					
	Review and provide input on the Township of Essa Official Plan on behalf of of the committee				Δ	Work has begun to update the OP. Planning Staff/Consultant to present to Committee when appropriate.
	Promotion of Charged for Change Stations through communication assets.					
4. Advocate on behalf of persons with disabilities through the promotion of public awareness					Δ	

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and understanding the needs of disabled persons						
5. Monitor the status of municipality owned and/or operated buildings, facilities and public areas to ensure that they meet the needs of disabled people						
6. Identify any potential funding opportunities to assist Essa in becoming healthy and barrier free	Provide information on funding opportunity from Tree Canada.	Q4 2023	SMDHU	N/A	O	2023.10.19. Funding opportunity shared with municipal staff
	Provide information to Twp Departments RE:Inclusive Community Grants Program		Twp Staff(L)		O	2024-05-14 – Email sent to staff. Don't believe that any application has been made
7. Respond to relevant accessiblitiy issues as raised by individuals or community groups	Encourage residents of the Township of Essa through social media messages and other communication assets to reach out to the committee to raise accessibility issues.				Δ	On Going

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8. Provide a forum for discussion and coordination of recreational and healthy community initiatives and programs with other community groups and agencies	Bring awareness to the community through communications assets of pollinators and gardens in the Spring.	Q2 2024	(L)-Essa Public Library (O)-Committee	N/A	Δ	2024.04.25 - Can use messaging already created by <i>Conseil Canadien du COMPOST Council of Canada</i>
9. Work with Township staff in the maintenance of the Essa Accessibility Plan in accordance with the Ontarians with Disabilities Act	Provide verbal feedback of having accessible seating in new parks.	??	(L)-Essa Township	??	Δ	2024.01.18 – awaiting assessment of having a wheelchair accessible picnic table at new parks.
	Assess trail accessibility and mark which trails are accessible for all ages and abilities					
10. Support the development and implementation of program, policies and by-laws which promote and create a barrier-	Develop a policy for winter maintenance of sidewalks, paths and trails Develop standards for new park construction					

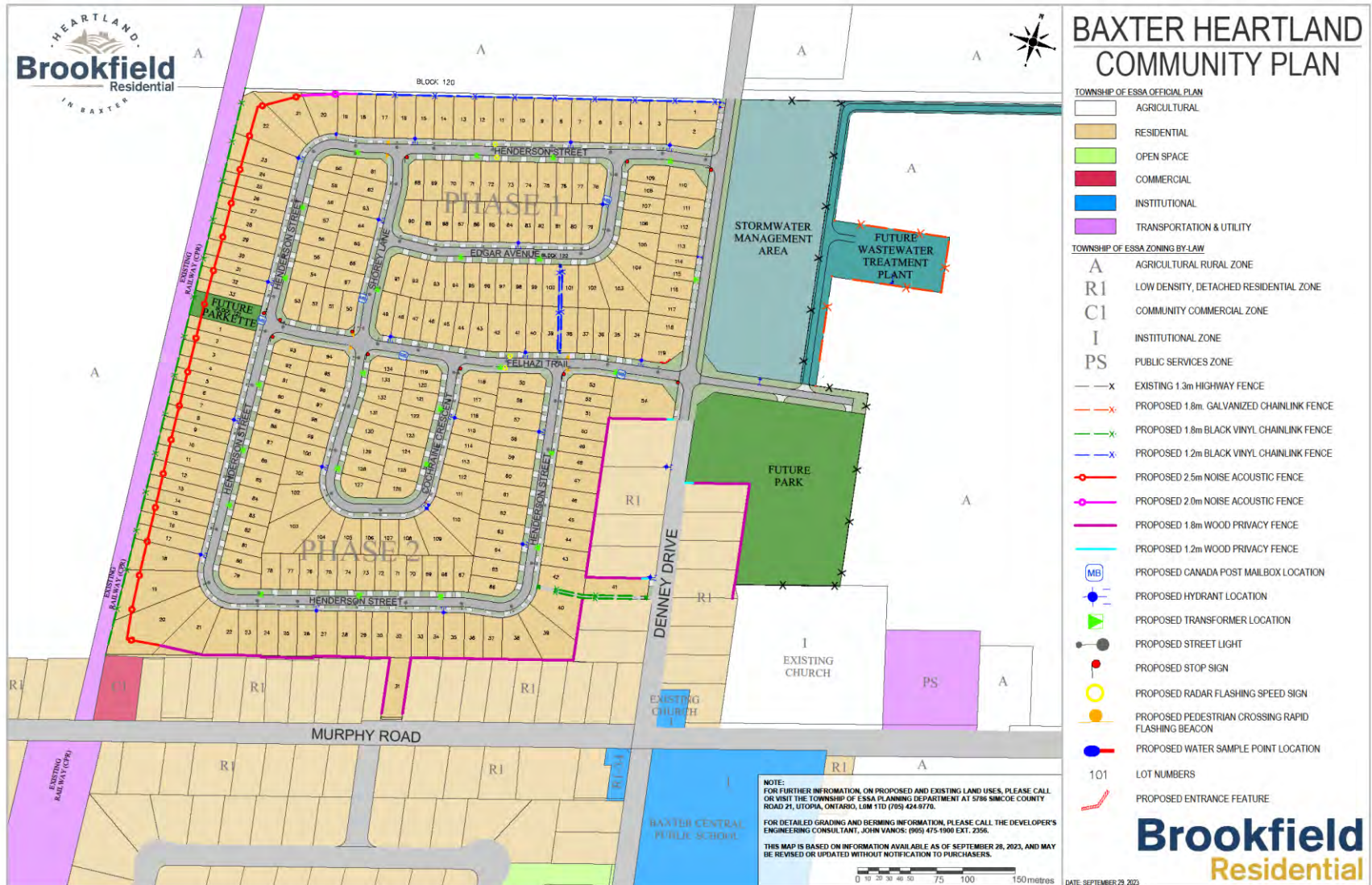
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free healthy community						
11. Provide advice to Staff and Council on policy matters and relating to the provision of recreational, cultural and related services, including special events for residents and visitors.						
12. Make recommendation to Council on strategies and policies to ensure that existing barriers are eliminated, and that no new barriers will be	Bring forward the recommendation that Council write a letter of recommendation to Simcoe County Council on eliminating accessibility barriers at Simcoe Links bus stops and recommending the installation of audible crosswalks in Angus.	Q2 2024	(L)-Township Staff, (O) Assist and give direction	0	Δ	Staff report written to Council and presented by S. Corbett. Carried by Council.

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created especially at parks and in public spaces						
13. Make recommendations to council on amenities to be contains in parks, park and facility planning and policies for park and facility use.						



Heartland Park in Baxter

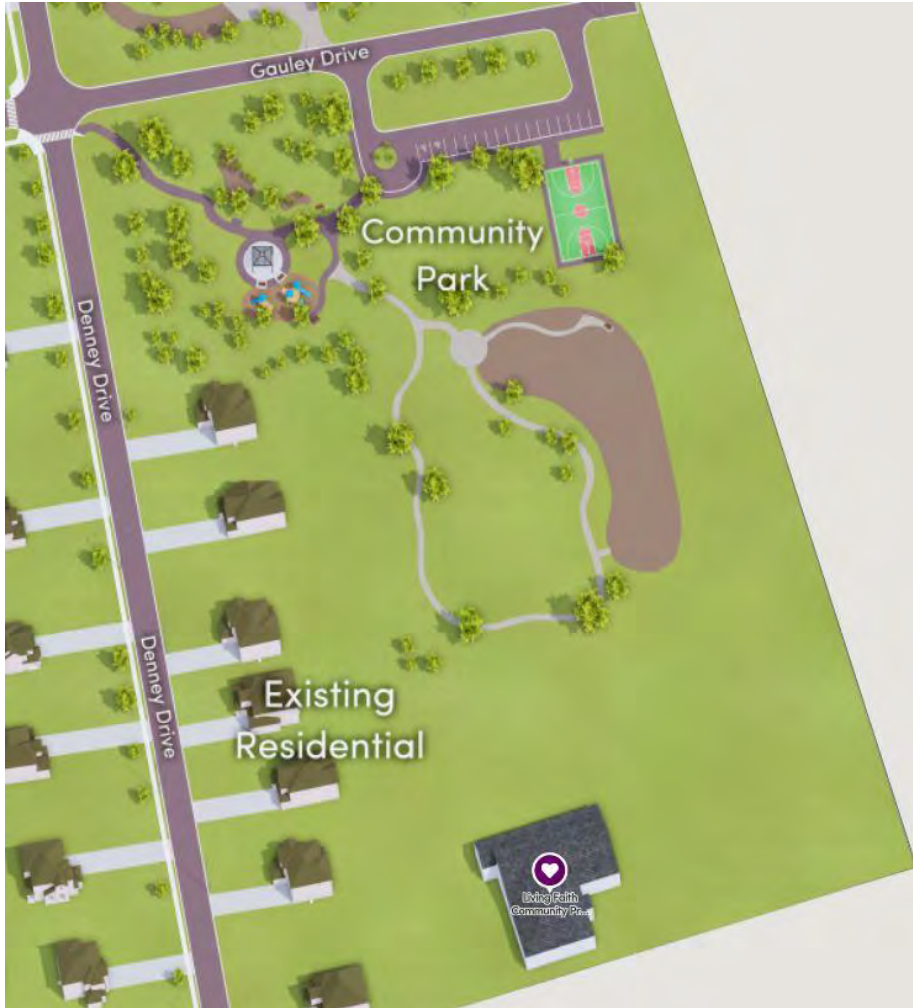
Heartland Community Plan



Heartland Development



Park Access



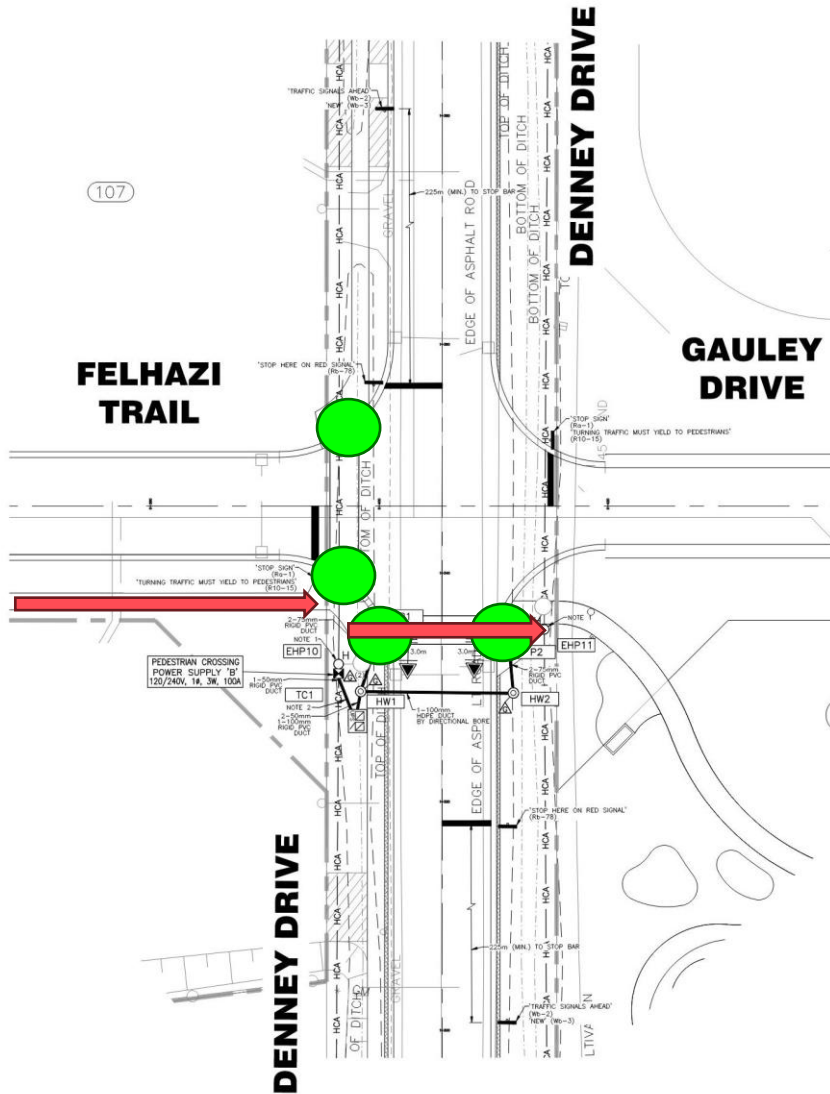
Gauley Drive



Denney Drive



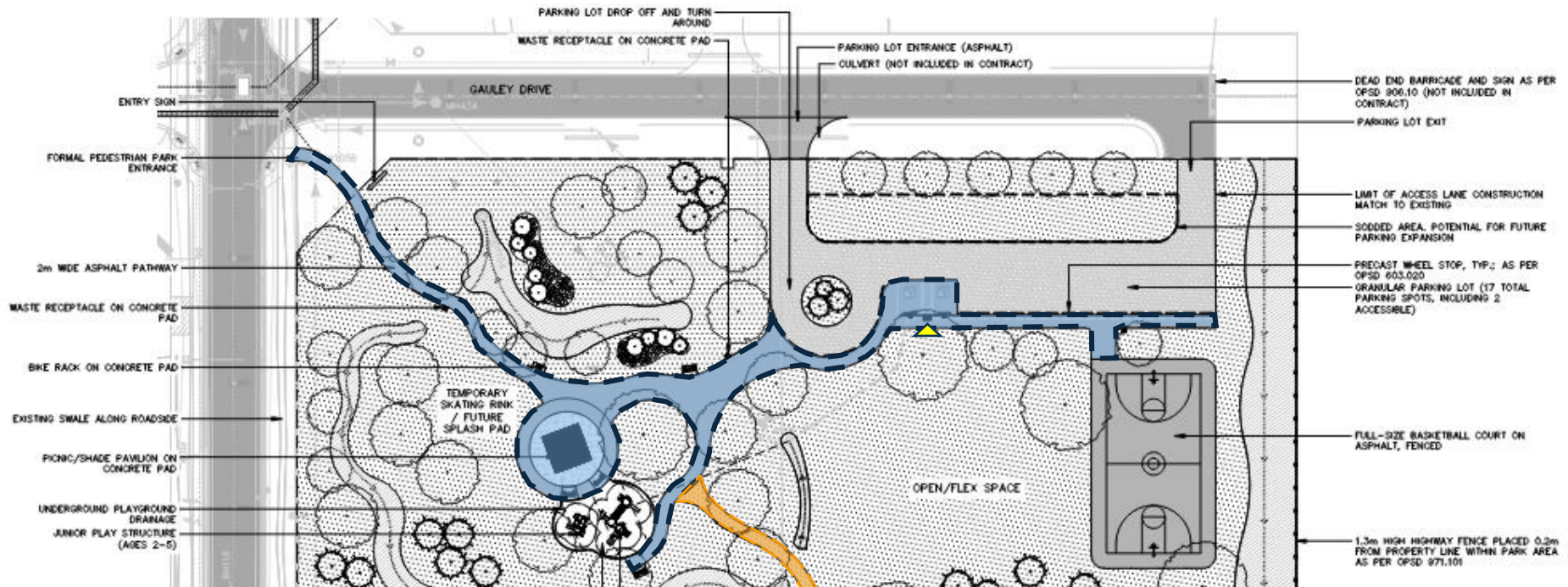
Pedestrian Crosssing



- Paved sidewalk
- Tactile Warning Plates
- Intersection Pedestrian Signal

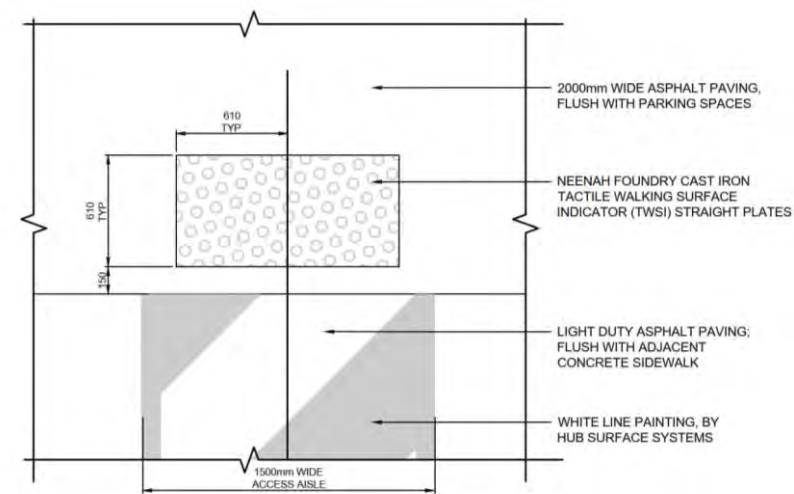
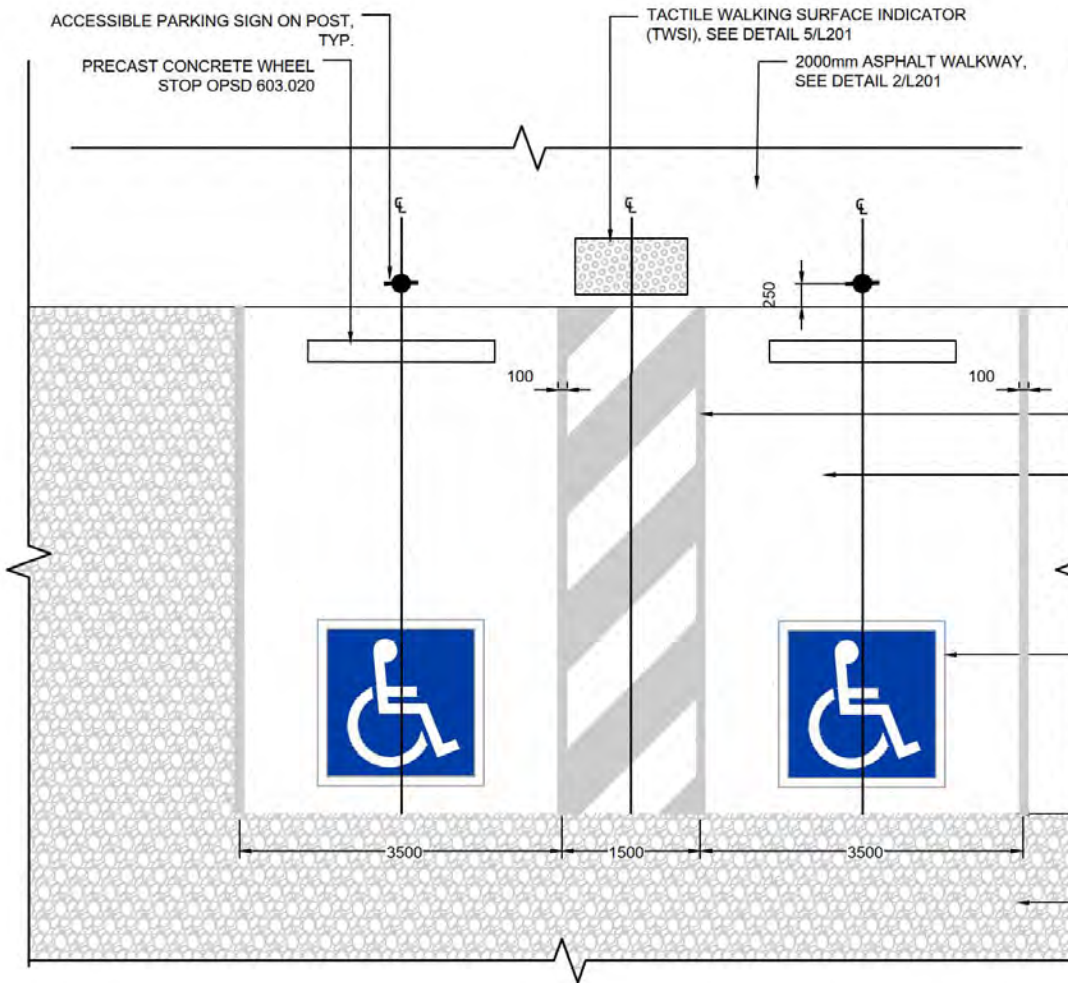


Accessible Access



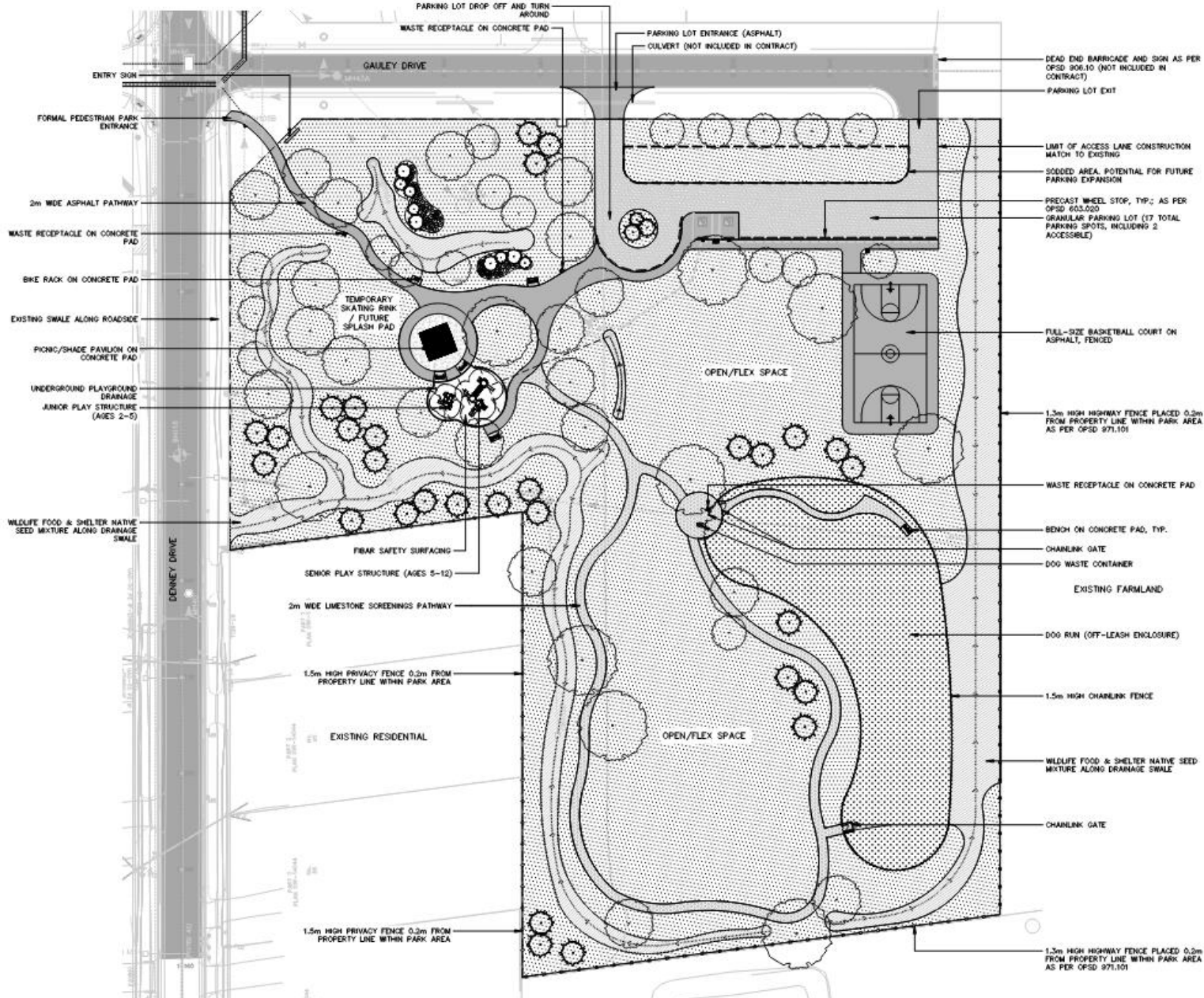
ACCESSIBLE PATHWAY
GRANULAR PATHWAY
TACTILE PLATES AT ACCESSIBLE
PARKING

Accessible Parking



2 TACTILE WALKING SURFACE INDICATORS
L201 1:20

1 DOUBLE ACCESS ACCESSIBLE PARKING STALL WITH PEDESTRIAN AISLE
L201 1:50



LEGEND

- 1.5m HIGH HIGHWAY FENCE
- 1.5m HIGH PRIVACY FENCE
- 1.5m HIGH CHAINLINK FENCE
- PLAYGROUND SUBDRAINAGE
- PROPOSED DECIDUOUS SHRUB
- PROPOSED CONIFEROUS TREES
- PROPOSED DECIDUOUS TREE
- PROPOSED VICTORIA PARK LAWN SEED MIXTURE
- PROPOSED WILDLIFE FOOD & SHELTER NATIVE SEED MIXTURE
- PROPOSED BARK MULCH
- PROPOSED GRANULAR PAVING
- PROPOSED LIMESTONE SCREENINGS PATHWAY
- PROPOSED CONCRETE PAVING
- PROPOSED ASPHALT PAVING
- PROPOSED BENCH
- PROPOSED WASTE RECEPTACLE



Dog Park

Play Structures

- Junior Play Structure (Ages 2-5)
- Senior play structure (Ages 5-12)



Match 3 Reach Panel



Sensory Systems Engaged	Motor Skills	Cognitive Skills	Social Skills
Visual Tactile Proprioception	Eye-Hand Coordination Fine Motor Motor Planning	Problem Solving Strategic Thinking	Cooperation Social Skill Development Imaginative Play

The Match 3 Reach Panel provides children with a fun way to work on patterns and sequences. They can play alone or with a friend as they challenge each other to see who can match three colored wheels in a row.

This panel is designed for easy roll up access for an individual using a wheelchair.

Ball Maze Panel



Sensory Systems Engaged	Motor Skills	Cognitive Skills	Social Skills
Visual Tactile Proprioception	Eye-Hand Coordination Fine Motor Motor Planning	Problem Solving Strategic Thinking	Cooperation Social Skill Development Imaginative Play

The Ball Maze Panel engages children in the process of moving the panel to maneuver the ball through the full maze. It helps them understand cause and effect as well as building cognitive reasoning skills during play.

Questions and Discussion