

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY

May 04, 2017

Dear Councillors:

Re: ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUNDS

The Advisory Committee on Accessibility (ACA) expresses their support of Councillor Druh Farrell's Notice of Motion NM2017, May 8 for "Accessible Playgrounds".

ACA has been working with Council and Administration to make the City of Calgary accessible and inclusive for all in all City programs and services. We have collaborated with a number of business units to implement the Access Design Standards and improve the processes for project accessibility design reviews. This motion goes hand in hand with the work we are trying to achieve. This motion will assist in eliminating physical barriers in the built environment.

Calgary playgrounds and play spaces need to accommodate people of all ages and abilities. The play experience needs to be shared by everyone. Having accessible playgrounds will increase the ability of people with disabilities and seniors to fully participate in the social, cultural and recreation activities that occur in our playgrounds.

Accessibility, Access for All and Inclusion should be primary for all projects and not a second thought as they are sometimes considered now.

Councillor Druh Farrell has the full support of the Advisory Committee on Accessibility for her Motion on "Accessible Playgrounds". Let's make Calgary a fun and accessible place to play and enjoy!

Sincerely,



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