

Finnerty, Chrisanne

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**From:** Rooke, Andrew  
**Sent:** March-17-16 2:53 PM  
**To:** Turnbull, Kim; Finnerty, Chrisanne  
**Cc:** Kerwin, Dave  
**Subject:** RE: Accessibility Committee Contact and Website Information

Hi Kim and Chrisanne,

Again, thank you Kim for your help with this matter.

Chrisanne, I am following up on a matter of accessibility to College Manor Park that I had recently. I am sure Kim can fill you in on the details but if you need more information I will gladly provide. In reviewing the Town's multi year plan as well as progress I can see that the College Manor Park in 2014 had upgrades and with that would assume an audit on accessibility completed at the same time. I find it hard to believe that my issue with access was not identified 2 years ago and I truly hope that this decision to overlook access to the park was not based on financial concerns. Here is a summary I found on the Town's website:

Riverwalk Commons. Installing a new gathering space on the stage at Riverwalk Commons during the winter months. This 'lounge' like set up will have a wheel chair accessible ramp onto the stage and incorporate locations for a wheel chair. Ray Twinney Complex. Armstrong Park. College Manor. Foxtail Ridge. Haskett Park. Kirby Park. A standard in our playground updates, the following is completed each year on replacement playgrounds: All accessible access via ramp depressions in the curbs and wood fiber accessible mulch; all playgrounds now meet the requirements.

Further, Part IV.1 – Design of Public Spaces Standards (Accessibility Standards for the Built Environment Application (s.80.2) Ongoing. January 1, 2017 a) Applies to newly constructed or redeveloped public spaces on or after the dates set out. The Design of Public Spaces Standards will be under review and a strategy developed for each requirement during 2014.

So I am trying to determine why this barrier was not identified and why it is not on a project list currently. The response that I have received thus far is that I can access the park at the very opposite end of the entrance in question and then use the walking paths but I will have to double back to use the same entrance that is accessible which to me does not seem to be an adequate solution. I am looking forward to someone that could provide answers or insights on how to resolve this issue in a timely manner as it has been 2-3 weeks without a formal response from Town Staff. (although Kim has been of great help trying to reach out to internal departments).

Thank you and look forward to your response.  
Andrew

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**From:** Turnbull, Kim [<mailto:kturnbull@newmarket.ca>]  
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**To:** Rooke, Andrew  
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Hi Andrew

It was good to speak to you today. As requested I am sending along the Committee Coordinator's name and contact information for the Accessibility Advisory Committee, Chrisanne Finnerty is the committee coordinator and can be reached at [cfinnerty@newmarket.ca](mailto:cfinnerty@newmarket.ca), I have also copied her on my response to you so she is aware that you may be contacting her.

You may also want to visit the Town's website for the information that is posted on Accessibility as well as has the Town's Multi Year Accessibility Plan.

Please let me know if there is anything further I can assist with.

Best,



**Kim Turnbull**

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