



Report
Staff Report
 The Corporation of the City of Brampton
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Subject: Rosalea Tennis Dome – Information Update

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the report from Sylvia Ingham, Accessibility Coordinator, City Clerk’s Office to the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of February 25, 2025, re: **Rosalea Tennis Dome – Information Update**, be received.

OVERVIEW:

- At the December 10, 2024 meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC), some members expressed concerns regarding the accessibility of the Rosalea Park Tennis Dome. Resolution ACC015-2024 was passed, requesting that an update be provided at the next AAC meeting on the status of the accessibility issues raised during the meeting.
- This update provides an overview of the Rosalea Park Tennis Facility and accessibility concerns.

BACKGROUND:

The Rosalea Park Tennis Dome was built in November 2024 and opened on December 9, 2024, at 38 Union Street, Brampton. It is a seasonal structure, and starting May 2025, it will be deconstructed annually and will be reassembled every September.

At the December 10, 2024, meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC), members raised concerns about the dome's accessibility. As a result, Resolution ACC015-2024 was passed, requesting an update at the next AAC meeting on the status of these accessibility concerns.

AAC015-2024

1. That the discussion at the request of Vanessa Tantaló, Member, to the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of December 10, 2024, re: **Accessibility Concerns at Rosalea Park Air Supported Structure Tennis Courts** be received;
2. That the request for information regarding the building permit and drawings for the construction of Rosalea Park Air Supported Structure Tennis Courts be referred to accessibility staff for discussions with the Planning department staff and possibly be brought to the Planning and Development Committee; and,
3. That an update be provided at the next Accessibility Advisory Committee on the status of the accessibility issues raised at the meeting.

Accessibility staff met with representatives from Planning, Building, Recreation, and Parks Maintenance & Forestry to discuss the concerns raised by the AAC. It was confirmed that the project had been reviewed and approved by the required City departments through the Site Plan Process.

CURRENT SITUATION:

Rosalea Park Tennis Facility Background

Opened on December 9, 2024, the Rosalea Park Tennis Facility offers year-round access with the addition of a seasonal air-supported dome, providing recreational tennis opportunities for all ages and abilities. The new facility features tennis lessons, drop-in court bookings, group programs, high-performance training, and tournaments.

With a commitment to providing accessible programs for all, the City is committed to providing at-risk youth with access to tennis programs, mentorship, and a supportive environment that fosters personal growth. Premier Racquet Clubs have also partnered with local school boards to introduce tennis programs in schools, creating more opportunities for young players.

In late December, the facility hosted its inaugural Wheelchair Tennis event, bringing together athletes, enthusiasts, and supporters from across the community reinforcing the commitment to inclusivity in tennis. Additionally, wheelchair tennis clinics were held throughout December to further promote inclusivity in tennis. The feedback from participants at these events was overwhelmingly positive, showcasing their immense love for tennis and their passionate commitment to making the sport accessible to everyone.

Accessibility Concerns and Staff Response

The project was not presented at AAC for review

The Rosalea Park Tennis Facility project was submitted through the standard City of Brampton Site Plan Application review process, during which the Accessibility Office provided input as part of the regular process.

The accessible washroom does not meet Ontario Building Code (OBC) requirements

The City of Brampton is dedicated to providing safe and accessible facilities for all to use and currently provides washroom trailers for guests to use at The Rosalea Park Tennis Facility.

As the City of Brampton continues work on the Riverwalk project, plans are underway for a new year-round comfort facility, which will feature permanent washroom amenities for both tennis players and park visitors.

The landing at the ramp outside of the accessible washroom does not meet OBC requirements

The City of Brampton is committed to ensuring to provide accessible amenities. The project team is actively exploring additional options to enhance accessibility further.

Doors and vestibule of the space (dome) do not have required clearance for turning space (1500 mm)

The barrier-free entrance airlock, located next to the revolving door, has been designed to comply with Ontario Building Code (OBC) accessibility standards and has been approved by the Building Department.

Accessible parking space is located next to a fence

The facility offers 59 parking spaces for both users and residents. Requirements state that three of these spots must be accessible; the facility currently provides four accessible parking spaces. These spaces are designed to meet the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) barrier-free standards and the City's Accessible Parking Manual requirements.

In response to visitor feedback, the City will be relocating one of the accessible parking spots from its current location near the fence to improve ease of access for getting in

and out of vehicles. This change aims to enhance the overall parking experience, ensuring that the facility remains inclusive and convenient for everyone.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

Nil

STRATEGIC FOCUS AREA:

This report responds to the City’s commitment towards accessibility and inclusion and supports the strategic focus area of Health & Wellbeing.

CONCLUSION:

This report fulfills Resolution AAC015-2024, by providing an information update regarding accessibility concerns raised by the AAC in relation to the Rosalea Park Tennis Dome. Any further updates may be provided at future AAC meetings.

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