



Interoffice Memorandum

GEORGINA

Corporate Services Department

To: Mayor and Council

From: Samantha Naumoski, Committee Services Coordinator

cc: Rachel Dillabough, Town Clerk
Mamata Baykar, Deputy Clerk

Date: April 22, 2026

Re: Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee endorsement and budget request to support the Belhaven Park Accessible Pathway Project

At its meeting on February 24, 2026, the Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee was presented with the proposed design of the Belhaven Park Accessible Pathway, and discussed various concerns and suggestions related to user accessibility. The Committee recommended the addition of a rest area due to the length of the trail, as well as paving the trail to improve accessibility. Staff were requested to further investigate the suggestions provided by the Committee through research, consultation with the architect and design team, consideration of available options within the approved budget, and to report back at the next scheduled meeting.

At the subsequent meeting on March 31, 2026, Courtney Rennie, Senior Project Manager, Capital Projects – Vertical, provided an update on the proposed design for pedestrian access at the Belhaven Hall Baseball Diamond. Courtney addressed the recommendations put forward by the Committee. It was advised that paving the trail would exceed the approved budget and cannot be accommodated at this time. As a path forward, the project team will proceed with issuing the tender and constructing the trail in 2026 within the approved budget. This will include a provisional item for a bench to provide a rest area midway along the pathway, and continued coordination with the Belhaven Hall Board members.

In support of the project, the Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee passed the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. GAAC-2026-0012

Moved By: Charlene Biggerstaff

Seconded By: Michelle Radigan-Marriott

That the Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee formally endorses the Belhaven Accessible Pathway Project, and that the remaining Committee budget in the amount of \$9,925.00 be utilized to support this initiative; and further, that Council be requested to consider providing additional support as deemed appropriate.

Carried.

Please note that the resolution and comments are taken from the un-adopted draft minutes.