

The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

To: Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

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Department: Council Services

Date of Report: August 31, 2021

Report Number: CL-10-2021

Subject: Communication Board Update

Recommendation

That the report of the Deputy Clerk dated August 30, 2021 (CL-10-2021) regarding the Communication Board Project be received.

Report

Past Accessibility Advisory Committee meetings held on June 1st and August 3, 2021, brought forward information and round table discussion regarding communication boards.

A communication board is used to convey information using symbols and/or pictures to facilitate communication for persons with limited expressive language ability. The board is used by pointing and gesturing or gazing at the various symbols and pictures. A communication board can be varying in size, can have as few or as many symbols and/or pictures as desired and can communicate a variety of messages.

In collaboration with members of the Committee it was decided a communication board project be commenced starting with placing a board somewhere in or around the Vollmer Culture and Recreation Complex. Information regarding an easy to use and inclusive board was also provided by representatives from the John McGiveny Children's Centre.

Provided in this report is an example of the final draft of the communication board. With the information provided by the Committee and in consultation with Administration, it was recommended that a 36 x 24 communication board be hung near both the indoor and and outdoor concession stands located at the Vollmer Culture and Recreation Complex. Proprietary and copyright matters were also considered prior to finalizing the project.

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Feedback from the Vollmer Staff will be provided in order to evaluate the benefits of this project.

Consultations

Members of Administration Mileva Vuletic, John McGivney Children's Centre Toni Southern, John McGivney Children's Centre

Financial Implications

Less than \$500.00 to purchase and install two communication boards.

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Link to Strategic Goals

- 1. Enhancing organizational excellence Yes
- 2. Strengthen the community's engagement with the Town Not Applicable
- 3. Grow and diversify the local economy Not Applicable
- 4. Build on our high-quality of life Yes
- 5. Sustaining strong public services and infrastructure Not Applicable

Communications

Not applicable.

Notifications

Not applicable.

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