

**Subject:** Fwd: Handicap curb drop on Curling to Belle Isle Place pathway

**From:** Douglas Curran <dougcurran@shaw.ca>

**Date:** Wed, 4 May 2011 09:33:17 -0700

**To:** Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca>

Corrie,

Please include the email below as an agenda item for the next FONVCA meeting. It may be of interest to other community associations that are struggling with obtaining small local improvements.

Doug

Begin forwarded message:

From: Douglas Curran <[Dougcurran@shaw.ca](mailto:Dougcurran@shaw.ca)>

Date: May 4, 2011 9:28:12 AM PDT (CA)

To: Len Jensen <[JensenLm@dnv.org](mailto:JensenLm@dnv.org)>

Cc: "[bmcp@shaw.ca](mailto:bmcp@shaw.ca)" <[bmcp@shaw.ca](mailto:bmcp@shaw.ca)>, Ron McCall <[McCallR@dnv.org](mailto:McCallR@dnv.org)>, Brian Meslo <[MesloB@dnv.org](mailto:MesloB@dnv.org)>

Subject: Re: Handicap curb drop on Curling to Belle Isle Place pathway

Good Morning Len,

This is fantastic news! Thank you. This pathway has been, despite its deficiencies, the most preferred route for pedestrians and cyclists traveling through the community.

With its recent improvements of lighting, drainage and grading - and now the drop pan - it will allow greater numbers of people to use this route, under the trees and along the quiet of Belle Isle. This will make a significant improvement to the quality of life for many people, both for those in the immediate neighbourhood, as well as others transiting through our community.

We are very appreciative of this work by your department.

best regards, Doug

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On 4-May-11, at 8:39 AM, Len Jensen wrote:

Thank you for your requests. Our Senior Foreman, Ron McCall, has had a look at the sight and we will be installing a drop in the curb once we after the temporary hydrant feed has been removed.

Thank you again for your e-mails

Len Jensen

Engineering Operations

From: Nick Brouwer  
Sent: Friday April 29, 2011 8:41 AM  
To: 'Douglas Curran'  
Cc: Len Jensen  
Subject: RE: Handicap curb drop on Curling to Belle Isle Place pathway

Mr. Curran: I'm pleased that the drainage issue has been resolved to your satisfaction. In regard to your request for wheel chair access to the path as described below, I will forward this request to Mr. Len Jensen, Engineering Operations Manager for further comments. Sincerely,

Nick Brouwer  
Utilities Section Manager

From: Douglas Curran [<mailto:Dougcurran@shaw.ca>]  
Sent: Thursday April 28, 2011 10:06 PM  
To: Nick Brouwer  
Cc: Brian Meslo  
Subject: Handicap curb drop on Curling to Belle Isle Place pathway

Dear Mr. Brouwer,

The drainage improvements to the Belle Isle to Curling Road pathway, conducted last year by your department, have made a dramatic improvement to the ease and use of the pathway. There are no longer 5" deep standing pools of water across the path during rain storms, nor broad pools at the north end, hampering pedestrians.

The improvements have allowed far greater numbers of people to use the path, and the subsidence issue caused by flooding of my property has abated.

This is another part of the situation that I would like to draw your attention to. The curb at the south end of the path is a full curb, with no drop pan for use by disabled or wheelchair bound residents.

We have a couple of local residents who are reliant on either wheelchairs or mobility scooters in order to navigate around the area. For one Belle Isle resident, the curb means that she has to travel a long circuitous route to reach either Park Royal or other southern parts of the neighbourhood. Too many of the elderly have a difficulty in dragging loaded shopping buggies up over the curb as it necessitates a nearly straight lift.

I am writing to ask if a handicap drop curb could be installed at the southern end of the pathway to ease this situation for those with mobility issues. Additionally, as the new bicycle route directs cyclists down this path it would help riders to transit from the path onto Curling Road.

Presently a portion of the sidewalk opposite the path has been cut through for a temporary hydrant feed. When the time comes that the sidewalk is returned to its original state it might be an opportunity to do the necessary work for the drop curb on the pathway at the same time.

I would appreciate hearing back from you on this situation. Given the profile of aging in our community I can only project that the need for these small conveniences are going to increase in the future.

Thank you,

Doug

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