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ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Accommodation & Facilities Directorate [AFD]: Accessibility Interim Report, July 1st, 2002 to June 30th, 2003.

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The University Administration, through the Accommodation and Facilities Directorate [AFD], submits for information to Governing Council through the Planning & Budget Committee the report of the Standing Committee on Barrier Free Accessibility.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

The Standing Committee on Barrier Free Accessibility is Chaired by Ms. Susan Addario, Director of Student Affairs. The membership of the Standing Committee is outlined in an administrative response to the Planning & Budget Committee dated June 20th, 2001. The membership includes the Disability Coordinators from the St. George, UTM and UTSC campuses, representative(s) from Facilities & Services, the Student Councils, AFD, and the academic community.

The report is required to be submitted to Governing Council each year for information.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

The Report of the Standing Committee on Barrier Free Accessibility prepared by Ms. Susan Addario is attached.

In submitting this report to Planning and Budget it is important to recognize the extensive commitment from students, administrators, faculty, planners and implementers across the University to improve accessibility on all fronts. The University is certainly committed to develop the long range plan that will make as much of the University accessible as is possible. Of particular and current significance is the on-going commitment by SAC-WAC to identify and work progressively and systematically in creative partnership with the University to advance accessibility on all fronts, project by project. The availability of greater funding to do more is always an issue; there are competing demands for all funds to expand our space inventory to

address the double cohort, student study space, safety issues notably asbestos abatement and PCB removal, the greening of the campus and many others.

Nevertheless significant progress, as partially indicated in the Report of the Standing Committee on Barrier Free Accessibility is being made. Accessibility specific projects are being identified and funded. Below a number of benchmarks are identified that can be collectively used to confirm that effective progress is being made.

- The current Capital Plan of the University [1990-2006] will add some \$750-850 million of new construction to the three campuses. There are some 33 new capital projects and in every one of these projects accessibility issues are being corrected and addressed. The Bahen Centre for Information Technology [BCIT] alone adds 400,000 square feet of accessible space, and represents some 4% of the University space inventory. As each Building is completed, the overall accessibility measure is improved. Nevertheless, we still need to address and develop a realistic plan to improve our many beautiful, but regrettably inaccessible, heritage buildings.
- Each year a University of Toronto St. George Campus map is produced. The map provides a macro indicator of which buildings are accessible. While we certainly need to refine what precisely is meant by a building being accessible [to what floor] it is significant that the new map currently being printed will add the following buildings to the growing list of accessible U of T buildings. These are: the Birge-Carnegie Library, Medical Sciences Building, Munk Centre for International Studies, North Borden Building, Sussex Court, and the Transitional Year Programme.
- There are still too many of our buildings that are not accessible, most notably the Awards & Admissions Building and a good many others that need to be changed. A plan to address these buildings, the cost and the priority will be developed with input from the AFD. Such plans must consider the global condition of each building, the timing and when both renovation/ demolition and accessibility can be simultaneously addressed. Current projects within the Capital Plan also work to advantage so that renovation can simultaneously address accessibility, i.e. the School of Continuing Studies Building, the Economics Building etc.
- At this time the Report of the Standing Committee on Barrier Free Accessibility is being tabled for information. A number of recommendations are contained in the report and these will be fully discussed within the AFD, specifically
 - a.) the auditing of new buildings to ensure true accessibility, the resources to undertake the audit and the broad acceptance of accessibility needs, and
 - b.) the integration of accessibility information into user friendly aids to enhance movement around all parts of the campus.

RECOMMENDATION:

Report is for information only.

**Accommodation and Facilities Directorate Standing Committee
Standing Committee on Barrier Free Accessibility
Interim Report - August 2003**

**A. The listing of all projects identified for support from the Facilities Renewal Program/
SuperBuild Funds in each of the years 2001/02 and 2002/03 are provided:**

A.1 For 2001/02

1 FALD Building Elevator, 203 Collge Street	\$245,000	
2 Faculty of Nursing Building Elevator, 50 St.George Street	\$450,000	
3 Faculty of Physical Health & Education: Warren Stevens & Benson Buildings	\$20,000	
4 Gerstein Science Info Centre	\$250,000	
5 McLennan Laboratories	\$90,000	
6 Sidney Smith Hall	\$30,000	
7 UTSC Main Building. Elevator Refurbishment	\$60,000	
Total	\$1,145,000	\$1,145,000

A.2 For 2002/03

1 Faculty of Music: Edward Johnson Building Upgrade one elevator	\$180,000	
2 Faculty of Medicine: Best Institute, Upgrade two elevators	\$380,000	
Total	\$560,000	\$560,000

A.3 Other accessibility projects which have been approved include:

1 Robarts Library: Access Project	\$225,000
2 UTM: Accessibility Testing Room	\$98,432
3 Benson Bldg. Washroom accessibility improvement	\$85,000

B. 2002/3 projects supported through SAC-WAC and other University Funding

1 Hart House elevator & accessible washrooms	\$730,000.00	
SAC-WAC	\$100,000.00	
Hart House	\$630,000.00	
2 Hart House Tunnel Entrance	\$470,000.00	
SAC-WAC	\$75,000.00	
Hart House	\$395,000.00	
3 Bissel Building Wheel Chair Access	\$13,800.00	
SAC-WAC	\$6,900.00	
AFD	\$6,900.00	
4 Faculty of Medicine Wheel Chair Access within MSB		
SAC-WAC	\$15,000.00	\$55,000.00
Faculty of Medicine	\$25,000.00	
V-P Human Resources	\$15,000.00	
Total	\$1,268,800.00	\$1,268,800.00

C. 2002/03 Projects supported by ZOOM funds

21 Sussex Wheelchair Lift		\$150,000.00
ZOOM	100,000	
SuperBuild	50,000	
Total		\$150,000.00

D. Recommended projects to be supported through the 3-year SAC-WAC Extended Partnership (2002-2005)

Year I (2003) UTM	\$30,000	[listing to be provided]
Year I (2003) UTSC	\$30,000	[listing to be provided]
Years II & III (2004/05) St. George	\$120,000	
Earth Sciences Bldg		6 door openers
Bio-Ethics, College Street		1 door opener
Haultain Bldg		various door openers
		wheelchair pushpads
Faculty of Law		door openers [Flavelle, Moot Court, Bennett Lecture Hall]
Fields Institute/ Ombudsperson		1 door opener
Career Centre		4 door openers

E. SACWAC Annual Partnership. November 2002: 5 year Partnership with SAC-WAC and AFD. Each contributes \$70,000 per year for 5 years for a fund of \$700,000.

Years I & II	University College: Sloped sidewalk, wheelchair lift & accessible washroom [UC Lit. Offices, JRC & Peace & Conflict Studies to be accessible]		
	SAC-WAC support	\$100,000	
	AFD support	\$100,000	
	UC, other support	\$117,000	
Total			\$317,000

F. Audit of recently constructed buildings

The barrier free design audit has been scheduled for October and will include recently completed residences and teaching spaces

G. Space Management Database Update

The Committee also recommends that a comprehensive audit of key campus buildings be undertaken on all three campuses to enable the Office of Space Management to update its website information regarding accessibility. The Committee also recommends resources be made available to create links between the Faculty Calendar information and Space Management information. This will permit students who require barrier free access to determine easily whether or not their classes are scheduled in physically accessible locations, and the location of nearby entrances/ exits and barrier free washrooms.