

CELOS INFORMATION BULLETIN: DUFFERIN GROVE PARK CURB CUT NEEDED

The story so far:

November 8 2006 to March 31 2008

October 30 2006:

A vehicle access road was added at the north end of the park, to give winter zamboni access to Dufferin Rink and also Parks vehicle access in other seasons. The road was repaved on Nov.12 2006 because of substandard work. But there was a problem - a higher-than-normal curb, with no curb cut, caused vehicles to bottom out when entering the path from Gladstone Avenue.

November 8 2006:

Request from Councillor Adam Giambrone's office to Andy Koropeski and Rick Helary for a curb cut to give access to the new asphalt path.

Acting park supervisor Dave Chapman suggested temporary wooden wedges, but they didn't work. Chapman said it would be hard to do a curb cut because of the catch basin located right there.



Vehicle access road to rink from Gladstone Avenue



Wedges made by the carpentry shop

November 24 2006:

Chris Gallop from Councillor Giambrone's office spoke to Rick Helary, who said it shouldn't be a problem for Transportation to rebuild the curb, even with the catch basin there. But they needed an official request from Parks in writing, to do the cut. Chris e-mailed Peter Leiss, asking him to send that request to Angie Antonioui, Manager Right-of-Way Management.

May 16 2007:

Chris Gallop wrote that they hope to get the curb cut moving in summer.

August 27 2007: Site meeting with Chris Gallop, Peter Leiss, three people from Transportation. They said the curb cut can be done when they get an official request from Parks, but that Parks had never sent them such a request.

January 5 2008:

Photo (right) of the lockable post with the path obstructed by snow that was plowed right up to it.



March 28, 2008



January 7 2008:

In spite of what Rick Helary told Chris Gallop, Peter Leiss writes that the curb cut can't be made until the catch basin is moved.

March 28 2008:

The City plumber says his truck bottoms out if he tries to approach straight on, so he has to go up on the sidewalk. The sidewalk connects with the path to the Dufferin Mall at exactly the place where the city vehicles drive up to avoid the deep curb. (see photo below left) The ground beside the asphalt path has large ruts.

Path still obstructed



Pathway to the Dufferin Mall



Deep ruts beside the asphalt path

What's needed: A curb cut where the paved path meets the road, with or without moving the catch basin. Also the locking post needs removal because the base is too high - even with the post in horizontal position, cars can rip out their mufflers (this happened to police).



Detail of drainage



Detail of catch basin