

New City Hall Staff Parking Ramp - Amazing!

THE PATH ACCESS route from the staff parking to City Hall has been redesigned and brightened.

Facilities Operations have just completed the redesign of the PATH access route - the old stairs and elevator lift have been reconfigured into a fully barrier free accessible ramp and convenient stair.

Designed by David Balind Architect and constructed by **Martinway Construction Inc.**, this renovation was welcomed by the City Hall staff and the accessibility community. The old elevator lift required security assistance. With this renovation, staff and the public using mobility aids are better

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able to enter the City Hall basement without assistance. As Bernita Lee, Consultant from the Office of Equity, Diversity and Human Rights, describes it, “It’s a feature which will be so helpful to people with different abilities ... Amazing!”

Safety for City Hall staff was a major design requirement for his project. Over the years, City Hall staff would often short cut up the traffic ramp to get to their cars on their rush to get home. At the same time their colleagues would be driving down the ramp with their mind’s eye on picking up the kids at daycare. This potential safety hazard has been removed!

So, when you are walking to the City Hall staff parking – take the new stairs or accessible ramp. Please don’t take your life in your hands running up the forbidden traffic ramp. The new stairs make your trip shorter and safer! ■



The new stairs and ramp make it safer and easier to access City Hall



The new City Hall staff pedestrian ramp