Executive Summary

The City of Shakopee, MN worked with the accessibility consulting firm Julee Quarve-Peterson, Inc. (JQP, Inc.) to prepare an accessibility report and transition plan.

The report was created after conducting site visits to the following facilities in summer 2025:

- Community Center
- Ice Arena

The following documents were uses as the basis for recommendations:

- Americans with Disabilities Act, Title II
- Americans with Disabilities Act 2010 Standards for Accessible Design
- Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act
- Minnesota Building Code, Chapter 1341 (Accessibility)- 2020

The purpose of the report is to assess the current level of accessibility and identify opportunities for improvement in order to support the programs and services offered by the city. The recommendations in this report have been prioritized on a 1-4 scale, with the highest priority (1) being given to areas heavily used by members of the public. The organization of the report includes the components of a transition plan (as required by the ADA for municipalities). *For a full description of the priority definitions and report format, see* Introduction.

Findings Highlights

These facilities were constructed after the passage of the ADA in 1991 and have undergone significant alterations and additions since the 2010 update. Features of accessibility have been incorporated as part of these projects.

Features of accessibility currently provided include:

- Designated wheelchair viewing spaces at the Ice Arena
- Family locker rooms in the Community Center
- Single-user (family) toilet rooms in the community center and ice arena
- Creation of an accessible route to the walking track via platform lift
- Access in to the water at the swimming pool and spa
- Accessible service counters
- Signs with tactile and braille characters

While features of accessibility are provided, they do not all fully comply with the current design standards. Details such as mounting heights and position of accessories in toilet rooms are a reoccurring issue identified in the report (grab bars are installed but not necessarily the correct configuration or mounted at the correct height or toilet paper dispensers mounted in a location that obstructs use of the grab bars).

In addition to providing physical access to sites and facilities, this report addresses other disabilities such as visual (providing signs with raised and Braille characters and directional signs with contrast) and hearing (providing assistive listening systems in assembly areas).

Recommendations

The following issues were identified and have been assigned a high priority for corrective action due to the high level of public use or are reoccurring issues:

- Improvements to accessible parking (not striped at time of site visit)
- Replacing and relocating accessories within public toilet rooms
- Providing access on to the ice and into the team seating areas
- Providing adjacent companion seating at the wheelchair space at Rink 1

Visual Summary

The red - yellow - green chart is a visual representation of the current level of facilities accessibility for each facility.

The key for colors used to describe the level of accessibility at each site is as follows:

Green		The element is fully accessible or useable by persons with disabilities. Additional modifications *may* be necessary.
Yellow		Minimum modifications are necessary to make the element accessible. Modifications can typically be completed by staff or are of minimal expense.
Red		The element is inaccessible or requires services of an architect or engineer and identification of funding.

	Overall	Parking	Exterior Route	Entry	Interior Route	Access Between Levels	Toilet Rooms	Drinking Fountains	Signs	Door Hardware	Service / Concession Counter	Locker / Shower Rooms	Spectator Seating
Community Center													
Ice Arena													
Exterior Site													