

Township of Adjala-Tosorontio

Multi-Year Accessibility Plan
Yearly Status Update
for the year 2018



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Objective

This update provides the current status on the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio's Multi-year Accessibility Plan, which was released in accordance with the Accessibility Standards for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA).

Background

The AODA is the first law of its kind in Canada. Under AODA, the Province of Ontario is developing, implementing and enforcing accessibility standards. The goal of the act and the standards is to make the province accessible for all people with disabilities by 2025.

Since 2005, two regulations outlining accessibility standards have been made under the AODA. The first regulation was the Accessibility Standards for Customer Service (O. Reg. 429/07). The second was the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (O. Reg. 191/11) (IASR). Between them, they establish standards for accessible customer service, information and communications, employment, transportation, design of public spaces in the built environment, and for overall training, planning and reporting of accessibility initiatives.

Accessibility Advisory Committee Members

In 2018 the Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee were:

Committee Member

Doug Mein

Judith Miller – Greco

Margaret Bricknell

Chair / Public Representative

Vice Chair / Public Representative

Public Representative

Council Representative

Dave Rose

Councillor

Staff Resources

Kathryn Pearl

Deputy Clerk / Committee Co-ordinator

2018 Accessibility Initiatives

We are pleased to provide an update which outlines how we responded to our commitments to improving the quality of life for all persons with disabilities and promoting equal opportunity and a barrier free community.

Accessible Customer Service

- 2018 Municipal Election Accessibility Plan

Information and Communications

- Committee Chair attended the 2018 Abilities Expo and brought back information to share with Committee members and staff.
- Continue to make sure that content on website and print communications are created in a way that considers accessibility.
- Continue to provide accessible formats and communication supports, upon request.

Design of Public Spaces

- Provided feedback to Staff for a funding application based on the findings of an inspection of the Township office and provided comments on the accessibility needs of local municipal parks.

Next Steps

We will continue to identify, prevent and remove barriers where we find them. We will also consult with people with disabilities as we engage the ongoing process of reviewing and refining our policies and practices to better serve our community. Next year, we will report on the actions taken during 2019 to meet the commitments in our multi-year accessibility plan and address AODA requirements.