



Accessibility Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: March 20, 2025

FROM: Clerk's Department

DATE: March 11, 2025

SUBJECT: 2024 Accomplishments and 2025 Workplan

LOCATION: Town Wide

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee's 2024 Accomplishments and proposed 2025 Workplan be endorsed.

KEY FACTS:

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this item:

- Every year, following Council's established process, the town's Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) submits an annual report that includes accomplishments from the previous year and a work plan for the year ahead.
- Each year, the committee will focus on participating in consultation activities on AODA requirements and providing feedback on key town initiatives. The AAC will continue to work with staff to promote awareness about accessibility and the town's mission to create a vibrant and livable community for all.
- Town staff will solicit feedback from the AAC on the proposed 2025 work plan at its meeting on March 20, 2025.

As stated in the Committee's Terms of Reference, its' **mandate** is to provide advice to Town Council on accessibility initiatives to address requirements under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) in promoting accessibility for residents of all abilities. The **goal** of the AAC is to advise Town Council in identifying and eliminating barriers to people with disabilities about town programs, services, initiatives, and facilities.

The AAC accomplishes its mandate and goal through the following deliverables:

- a) Providing feedback on the town's multi-year accessibility plan and annual updates on accessibility initiatives to comply with the requirements of the *AODA*.
- b) Participating in consultation requirements under the *AODA*.
- c) Providing feedback on select site plan applications as described in section 41 of the *Planning Act*, as determined by the town.
- d) Creating an annual AAC work plan; working to meet the objectives and reporting annually to Council on the committee's achievements.
- e) Promoting awareness of accessibility and inclusion.
- f) Seeking support and guidance where necessary from town departments and other interested parties.

APPENDICES:

Appendix A – AAC 2024 Accomplishments and 2025 Workplan

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