

Accessibility Advisory Committee

2024 Accomplishments

In 2024, the AAC accomplished its mandate and goal through the following deliverables:

1. **Continue to work with town staff to promote awareness and ensure barriers to accessibility are identified and eliminated for improved accessibility in the community.**

2. **Town initiatives and consultations**

Deliverables: Providing feedback on the town's multi-year accessibility plan and annual updates on accessibility initiatives to comply with the requirements of the AODA, and consultation requirements under the AODA

The AAC received presentations and provided feedback on:

- 2024-2029 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan
- 2024 Annual Accessibility Status Update
- Facility Services Capital Projects Accessibility Update
- Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility Multi-Year Plan, 2024-2028
- Accessibility Map Refresh
- Oakville Transit Annual Accessibility Plan 2024
- Oakville Transit Five-Year Business Plan
- 2024 Oakville Universal Design Standards (OUDS) Update
- Oakville Transportation Master Plan Development
- Kerr Village and Bronte Village Streetscape Studies
- 2026 Municipal Election Accessible Voting Initiatives
- Fire Hall 9 Accessibility Update

3. **Review and provide feedback on selected site plan applications as determined by the town, as described in section 41 of the Planning Act.**

Information was presented to the committee on locating site plan applications on Town of Oakville website.

4. **Community awareness and collaboration**

Deliverable: Promoting awareness of accessibility and inclusion

In addition to quarterly meetings, staff and committee members continued to seek out opportunities to increase community awareness and collaboration in 2024 through community awareness information items, and participating in the following events and raising awareness through social media:

- A Call to Action to meet the Deadline of an Accessible Ontario by 2025
 - Plain language guide standard (Accessibility Standards Canada)
 - Electric Kick-Scooters Pilot Program Extension (MTO Pilot)
 - Oakville Trafalgar Community Centre Facility Tour (May 2024)
 - National AccessAbility Awareness Week
 - Town of Oakville 2024 Community Spirit Awards
 - International Day for Persons with Disabilities
5. **Presented the AAC's annual report on 2023 Accomplishments and 2024 Work Plan, to Council, through receipt of the committee minutes.**

Accessibility Advisory Committee 2025 Proposed Work Plan

All actions in the AAC's proposed 2025 work plan align with Council's strategic mission to serve the community in a responsible, inclusive way, dedicated to building environmental, social, and economic sustainability, creating a vibrant and livable community for all.

1. Continue to work with town staff to promote awareness and ensure barriers to accessibility are identified and eliminated for improved accessibility in the community.
2. Participate in consultation activities and provide feedback on:
 - Diversity and Inclusion initiatives related to the town's Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility Multi-Year Plan 2024-2028
 - Town construction, renovation, and planned projects, including the Town Square project, Downtown Cultural Hub, and park redevelopments
 - Facility Services Capital Projects Accessibility Updates for accessible improvements at facilities,
 - Accessibility related areas of focus of the Parks, Recreation and Library Facilities Master Plan
 - Updates, if required, to the recently approved Oakville Universal Design Standards 3.0 for town facilities
 - Oakville Transit Annual Accessibility Plan 2025
 - Oakville Transit accessibility initiatives
 - Annual Accessibility Status Update to the town's 2024-2029 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan
 - Accessibility Map Refresh
 - Updates to the towns' procurement policy by-law to reflect amended requirements to the Accessible Customer Service Standard and the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation
 - Outreach opportunities including accessibility and inclusion promotional materials
3. Review and provide feedback on selected site plan applications as determined by the town, as described in section 41 of the *Planning Act*.
4. Promote community awareness by:
 - participating or raising awareness through digital communication and/or social media the following events:
 - Local events (such as the Inspire AccessAbility Showcase and other town events and festivals)
 - Significant days/weeks (such as National AccessAbility Week and International Day for Persons with Disabilities)
 - Community Spirit Award for accessibility

- participating in joint Halton Region initiatives
 - participating in provincial and federal government accessibility legislation consultations, as scheduled
 - networking with local agencies, businesses, and seek support and guidance where necessary from town departments and other key groups
5. Present the AAC's annual report on 2024 Accomplishments and 2025 Work Plan, to Council, through receipt of the committee minutes.