

Advancing the Full Implementation of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)

WHEREAS the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) was enacted with the goal of creating a barrier-free Ontario for all people with disabilities by January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS multiple legislative reviews and community feedback have identified challenges and inconsistencies in the enforcement, planning, and reporting mechanisms related to AODA implementation; and

WHEREAS the Town of Oakville remains committed to fostering community belonging and removing barriers to participation through local implementation of AODA standards and continued advocacy to the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) has reviewed the staff report entitled Update on Ontario's Progress Toward an Accessible Province by 2025, dated June 3, 2025, and recommends that Council demonstrate continued support for the ongoing advocacy efforts;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Province of Ontario be called upon to support the goal of the AODA and champion its full implementation by:

- Developing and releasing a comprehensive provincial action plan with clear and achievable timelines;
- Establishing measurable accountability frameworks to track progress; and
- Committing to regular public reporting on the status of accessibility initiatives across Ontario; and

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the town's Accessibility Advisory Committee, Halton Region Accessibility Advisory Committee, Accessibility Advisory Committee's of the Halton area municipalities, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), Premier Ford, Ontario's Minister for Seniors and Accessibility, and Members of Provincial Parliament and members of Parliament who ridings are located in the Town of Oakville.