

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Terms of Reference

MANDATE

The mandate of the Accessibility Advisory Committee is to fulfill the duties of a Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee as outlined in the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* and to provide advice to Council on programs, policies and services provided to persons with disabilities and seniors.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Accessibility Advisory Committee is responsible for responsible for fulfilling the duties outlined under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*:

Duties of committee

(4) *The committee shall,*

- (a) advise the council about the requirements and implementation of accessibility standards and the preparation of accessibility reports and such other matters for which the council may seek its advice under subsection (5);*
 - (b) review in a timely manner the site plans and drawings described in section 41 of the Planning Act that the committee selects; and*
 - (c) perform all other functions that are specified in the regulations.*
- 2005, c. 11, s. 29 (4).*

Duty of council

(5) *The council shall seek advice from the committee on the accessibility for persons with disabilities to a building, structure or premises, or part of a building, structure or premises,*

- (a) that the council purchases, constructs or significantly renovates;*
- (b) for which the council enters into a new lease; or*
- (c) that a person provides as municipal capital facilities under an agreement entered into with the council in accordance with section 110 of the Municipal Act, 2001 [...]*

The Accessibility Advisory Committee will be available as a resource to staff, providing input on matters being pursued to achieve Council's strategic priorities.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee is also responsible for providing advice to Council on programs, policies and services provided to persons with disabilities and seniors. Furthermore, the Accessibility Advisory Committee is responsible for ensuring that its business aligns with, and serves to complement, City Council's strategic priorities.

COMPOSITION

The Accessibility Advisory Committee shall be organized as follows, with a total maximum membership between 9-15:

- In keeping with the requirements of the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*, a majority the members of the committee shall be residents with disabilities.
- At least two (2) members would be residents who are 60 years of age or older
- As much as practicable, the membership should reflect the City's diverse population.

The membership shall also include one (1) Member of Council in a liaison capacity.

REPORTING RELATIONSHIP

The Accessibility Advisory Committee shall report through the Finance and Corporate Services Committee to City Council; however, it may also report to another Standing Committee where appropriate, depending on the issue.