



Accessibility Advisory Committees

AAC 101

It is not what you can do for your AAC,
it is what your AAC can do for you!



Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities ACT 2005 (AODA)

Municipalities with populations of 10,000 or more must establish an Accessibility Advisory Committee (hereafter AAC).



AAC Role

AACs have an important role in the province to advise municipal Council on all accessibility related issues, and other matters for which the Council may ask its advice.

AACs are a committee of Council.

“Being listened to and used as a resource by Council and Accessibility Coordinators is an important component of the perception that an AAC is effective.”



AACs Responsibilities under AODA

Section 29 Subsection 4-Duties of Committee

- a) Advising municipal council about the requirements and **implementation of accessibility standards** and preparation of **accessibility reports**.

- b) Reviewing in a timely manner the **site plans** and drawing described in section 41 of the Planning Act that the committee selects

- c) Performing **all other functions** that are specific in the regulation.



Municipal Functions Under AODA Transportation Standard

78. (1) ... shall consult with its municipal accessibility advisory committee ... in the development of accessible design criteria to be considered in the **construction, renovation or replacement of bus stops and shelters.**

(2) Every municipality to ...shall identify planning for accessible bus stops and shelters, including any steps that will be taken to meet the goal of accessible bus stops and shelters, in its **accessibility plan...**

3) Where a municipality has entered into arrangements with a person respecting the construction of bus stops and shelters in its jurisdiction, the municipality shall **ensure that the person participates in the consultation and planning as described in subsections (1) and (2).**



Municipal Functions Under AODA

Transportation Standard(cont'd)

(79. (1) ...shall consult with its municipal accessibility advisory committee,... **to determine the proportion of on-demand accessible taxicabs** required in the community...

(2) Every municipality shall identify progress made toward meeting the need for on-demand accessible taxicabs, including any steps that will be taken to meet the need, in its **accessibility plan ...**



What can an AAC bring to your table?

We are innovators and we have creative ideas worth listening to!

- We are charged with providing advice on helping to find the best possible way to remove and prevent barriers that will accommodate people with disabilities today and in the future.
- We are mindful of budget constraints and timelines.
- We have Council's ear.



Facts

Of the 414* municipalities/cities/townships/villages in Ontario

- 140 have an AAC
- 267 have a population less than 10,000
- 147 have a population more than 10,000
- 7 are not in compliance

If you haven't formed an AAC there is still time.

Source:Wikipedia.org 2016 census Stats Canada



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Bylaws

- Accommodate & designate accessible parking spaces,
- Fire route & designated accessible parking on private parking,
 - Designated Accessible Parking,
- Accessibility Standards for Customer Service,



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Policies

- Signage
- Customer Service
- Affordable Access to Recreation
 - Procurement
- Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation



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Plans

- Sustainability/Unity
 - Strategic
 - Accessibility
 - Official
 - Transit
- Downtown Community Improvement



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Odds & Sods

- Site Plan Requirements,
- Sidewalk Needs Assessment,
 - Website Development,
 - Events
 - Snow Removal
 - Projects