

Access Dufferin Agenda Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. W & M Edelbrock Centre, Edelbrock Room, 30 Centre Street, Orangeville ON

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest by Members

- ACCESS DUFFERIN May 17, 2023 ITEM #1 Welcome and Introductions
- 2. ACCESS DUFFERIN May 17, 2023 ITEM #2 Access Dufferin Terms of Reference

A review of the previous Joint Accessibility Committee Terms of Reference and discussion regarding the draft Access Dufferin Terms of Reference for the 2023-2026 term.

 ACCESS DUFFERIN – May 17, 2023 – ITEM #3 Joint Multi-Year Accessibility Plan – 2022-2025

An overview of the Joint Multi-Year Accessibility Plan – 2022-2025.

Next Meeting

TBD

If you require an accommodation to participate in this meeting, please contact the Clerks Division at info@dufferincounty.ca or 519-941-2816 x2500 in advance.

Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (Dufferin County and Orangeville)

Terms of Reference

The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act allows for two or more municipalities to establish a joint accessibility advisory committee. 2005, c. 11, s. 29 (7).

Mandate:

The Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee will be a joint committee between the County of Dufferin and the Town of Orangeville.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee shall,

Duties of the Joint Committee (Section 29 (4))

- (a) advise the respective councils 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) of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act;
- (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.

Duty of the councils (Section 29 (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* or section 252 of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*. 2005, c. 11, s. 29 (5); 2006, c. 32, Sched. C, s. 1.

Supplying site plans

When the committee selects site plans and drawings described in section 41 of the *Planning Act* to review, the council shall supply them to the committee in a timely manner for the purpose of the review. 2005, c. 11, s. 29 (6).

The Committee may also provide advice on matters Council is considering which affect persons with disabilities, seniors and other citizens with access issues, and report to Council or to another Committee designated by Council for that purpose.

Enabling Legislation, By-Law, Reports:

Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, S.O. 2005, c. 11

O. Reg. 191/11 Integrated Accessibility Standards

Goals/Objectives:

The Goals of the Accessibility Advisory Committee are to encourage and facilitate accessibility on behalf of all persons by:

- 1. Soliciting feedback from the community on issues relating to people with disabilities and other citizens with access issues, and bring to the relevant Council matters identified by the Committee as requiring action by the municipality.
- 2. Working with both Councils for the preparation, implementation and effectiveness of its accessibility plan.
- 3. Working cooperatively with municipal Departments, Boards, Commissions and Committees whose activities affect access issues, including to:
 - a. provide advice and information on directions for future planning of municipal services, programs and facilities; and
 - b. monitor municipal services, programs and facilities to ensure full participation of all citizens; and
 - c. evaluate the progress of accessibility activities.
- 4. To inform citizens of the existence and mission of this Committee and to work with them to identify existing social and physical barriers to access and participation.

- 5. To work with Council and staff to increase public awareness of the issues of accessibility and inclusion for people with disabilities and all citizens.
- 6. To work with local government to change policies, as required, as they pertain to people with disabilities.

Committee Composition:

As required by the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, a majority of the members of the committee shall be persons with disabilities (Section 29 (3)).

The Committee shall be comprised of a maximum of twelve (12) members.

A minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) members will be appointed by the County to represent areas outside of Orangeville.

The Committee membership shall be a combination of persons with disabilities, service providers familiar with accessibility issues and members of the general public.

Quorum:

A majority of its members

Budget

The Dufferin Members will not vote on budget items that relate solely to the Town of Orangeville.

Term of Chair:

The position of Chair shall be appointed by Orangeville Council.

Budget

The Budget will be determined by the respective Councils.

Reporting to Council:

- circulation of monthly minutes to both Councils
- presentations/delegations as necessary

Skills Requested

- passion for accessibility/barrier free community
- background in one or more areas of focus, including persons with disabilities, barrier free access and or inclusivity communities

Administration

Department Linkage:

Community Services Department – Orangeville Corporate Services Department - Orangeville Corporate Services Department – Dufferin County

Staff Support:

Administrative Support: Committee Coordinator, Corporate Services – Orangeville and/or County Technical Expertise Community Services staff, as needed County Representative: Emergency Management/Accessibility Coordinator

Meeting Frequency:

Monthly or at the call of the chair

Access Dufferin Accessibility Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

Mandate

Pursuant to the requirements of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, section 29 (4) and (5), Access Dufferin shall

- a) Advise Council about the requirements and implementation of accessibility standards and the preparation of accessibility reports;
- b) Review site plans and drawings submitted under the Planning Act, as selected by the County and local municipalities without their own accessibility advisory committees;
- c) Advise Council on the accessibility of a building, structure, or premise that the County purchases, constructs, significantly renovates or for which the County has entered into a new lease;
- d) Provide other advice on matters Council is considering which affect persons with disabilities, seniors, and other citizens with access issues; and
- e) Perform all other functions that are specified in the Act.

Goals and Objectives

Access Dufferin seeks to encourage and facilitate accessibility on behalf of all persons by:

- a) Solicitating feedback from the community to identify existing social and physical barriers to access and participation and bring the relevant matters to the attention of Council;
- b) Evaluating the effectiveness of the County's Accessibility Plan and offering suggestions for improvements and implementation;
- c) Working with Council and staff to increase public awareness of the issues of accessibility and inclusion for people with disabilities; and
- d) Working cooperatively with County and local municipalities whose activities affect access issues to
 - i. to provide advice and information on directions for future planning of municipal services, programs, and facilities;
 - ii. monitor municipal services, programs, and facilities to ensure full participation of all citizens; and
 - iii. evaluate the progress of accessibility activities.

Composition

Access Dufferin will be composed of the following members:

Role	Member
Committee Chair	To be filled by the member of Council
Community Members	3 – 5 members appointed from the community
Council Representation	1 – 2 members of County Council
Support Staff	As required

As required by the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, a majority of the members of the Committee shall be persons with disabilities.

Members should have a passion for accessibility and the creation of a barrier-free community.

Remuneration

Remuneration will be provided in accordance with Policy 1-2-2 – Committee Structure and Mandates.

Term of Office

The Committee members shall be appointed for the term of Council (4 years).

Meetings

The Committee will meet a minimum of 2 times per year or at the call of the Chair.

Quorum

Committee quorum requires that the majority of members be present. If quorum is not attained within the first 10 minutes of the meeting, the formal meeting cannot proceed and the support staff member is not required to remain and/or provide notes. If members present choose to remain, they may do so for an information exchange only.

THE JOINT MULTIYEAR ACCESSIBILITY PLAN 2022-2025

Background: Accessibility and the Province of Ontario

There are currently two active pieces of legislation in Ontario that specifically address accessibility: The Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001 (ODA) and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, (AODA).

The purpose of the ODA is to improve the quality of life and experiences of persons with disabilities by identifying, preventing and removing any barriers that may limit opportunities for individuals with disabilities to fully participate in society.

The AODA advances the goals of the ODA by requiring public, private and non-profit organizations to identify, remove and prevent barriers to accessibility in order to make the Province of Ontario fully accessible for all persons with disabilities by 2025. Through the AODA and the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (IASR) (Ontario Regulation 191/11), the Government of Ontario has identified key areas for the development of common accessibility standards that are intended to ensure all sectors and organizations canprovide fully accessible services and environments for Ontarians. The goal of these standards is to facilitate the full participation of persons with disabilities in society.

Key areas identified under the AODA are Customer Service, Information and Communications, Employment, Transportation and the Design of Public Spaces.

There are two definitions provided within the AODA that we want to ensure are understood by everyone however and they are as follows:

Definitions

"disability" means,

(a) any degree of physical disability, infirmity, malformation or disfigurement that is caused by bodily injury, birth defect or illness and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, includes diabetes mellitus, epilepsy, a brain injury, any degree of paralysis, amputation, lack of physical co-ordination, blindness or visual impediment, deafness or hearing impediment, muteness or speech impediment, or reliance on a service dog or other animal or on a wheelchair or other remedial appliance or device, (b) a condition of mental impairment or a developmental disability, (c) a learning disability, or a dysfunction in one or more of the processes involved in understanding or using symbols

or spoken language, (d) a mental disorder, or (e) an injury or disability for which benefits were claimed or received under the insurance plan established under the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997;

"barrier" means,

anything that prevents a person with a disability from fully participating in all aspects of society because of his or her disability, including a physical barrier, an architectural barrier, an information or communications barrier, an attitudinal barrier, a technological barrier, a policy or a practice;

Commitment to Accessibility

Our goal is to ensure accessibility for our employees and the public we serve in our services, products and facilities. Employees need to be able to function effectively and customers need to receive timely, high quality services in a way that works for them.

We want to provide excellent public service for all Ontarians. We want to reflect the publicwe serve in everything we do and we want to attract the talented people we need to fill jobs. Building a dynamic and accessible organization will help us reach these goals.

The nine municipalities that make up the County of Dufferin are committed to:

- The continual improvement of access to municipal facilities and services for people with disabilities
- The participation of people with disabilities in the development and review of itsmulti-year accessibility plan
- The provision of quality services to all members of the community
- Meeting and, where possible, exceeding the accessibility requirements under the AODA

Accessibility Plan

Since 2004 all municipalities in the Province have had a legal obligation under the ODA to develop annual accessibility plans. Under the AODA, accessibility planning requirements shift from annual to multi-year plans which must outline an organization's strategy to prevent and remove barriers and meet the requirements under the Integrated AccessibilityStandard Regulation (IASR).

This Plan describes:

- The measures that the municipalities have taken over previous years to remove barriers to people with disabilities
- The process by which the municipalities are identifying, removing and preventing barriers to people with disabilities
- The ongoing activities the municipalities will take to remove barriers to people with disabilities
- How this plan will be communicated with the community

Accessibility Advisory Committee

The Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee is comprised of members from across Dufferin County, the majority of whom live with a disability.

The Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee is a legislatively mandated Committee that formed in 2019 when Access Orangeville and Access Dufferin amalgamated to provide a more consistent approach to accessibility initiatives across the County.

- As required by the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, a majority of the members of the committee are persons with disabilities (Section 29 (3)).
- The Committee shall be comprised of a maximum of twelve (12) members.
- A minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) members will be appointed by the County to represent areas outside of Orangeville.

The Committee advises Council about the preparation and implementation of the Multiyear Accessibility Plan, on promoting and facilitating a barrier-free municipality for citizens of all abilities. The Committee's role in helping foster a community approach to accessibility and inclusion involves the review of municipal policies, programs and services and the identification, removal and prevention of barriers faced by persons with disabilities.

Consultation

In the preparation of this plan the municipalities conducted the following consultation activities:

- Consultation with the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee to ensure input is received from all members
- Consultation with residents.
- Consultation with staff.

Communication of the Accessibility Plan

The approved Multiyear Accessibility Plan shall be posted on the municipality's website and be provided in an accessible format upon request. The Plan will also be available for review at all Public Library Branches and all municipal offices.

Contact Information

The municipality is committed to ensuring accessibility is a reality throughout all facilities and business operations. Please contact us with your questions, ideas or comments.

Amaranth, Township of 519-941-1007 info@amaranth.ca

Dufferin, County of 519-941-2816 info@dufferincounty.ca

East Garafraxa, Township of 226-259-9400 info@eastgarafraxa.ca

Grand Valley, Town of 519-928-5652 mail@townofgrandvalley.ca Melancthon, Township of 519-925-5525 Info@melancthon.ca

Mono, Town of 519-941-3599 info@townofmono.com

Mulmur, Township of 705-466-3341 info@mulmur.ca

Orangeville, Town of 519-941-0440 info@orangeville.ca

Shelburne, Town of 519-925-2600 info@shelburne.ca

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TOWNSHIP OF AMARANTH GOALS¹

¹ **Report to Council 2022-007 –** 2022-2025 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan **BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Council approve the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan as presented. **CARRIED.**

AMARANTH KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Provided Accessible Customer Service training to all staff

IASR Policies created and adopted

Developed a multi-year accessibility plan

Embedded accessibility requirements into the procurement process

New websites are compliant with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 Level AA

Accessible document training provided to key staff

Developed policy for municipal employees who have a disability and require assistance in evacuating the building in an emergency situation

Have a process in place to create individual accommodation plans for employees with disabilities

	TOWNSHIP OF EAST GARAFRAXA GOALS ²
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² **Be it resolved that** Council do hereby approve the Township of East Garafraxa Accessibility Goals and Prior Accomplishments, as amended, with respect to the 2022-2025 Joint Multi-Year Accessibility Plan; And further that the amended document be provided to the County of Dufferin for inclusion in the 2022-2025 Joint Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. **CARRIED**

EAST GARAFRAXA KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Provided Accessible Customer Service training to all staff

IASR Policies created and adopted

Developed a multi-year accessibility plan

Embedded accessibility requirements into the procurement process

Conducted a review and implemented updates to the Township Municipal website pursuant to Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 Level AA

compliance/requirements.

Provided Accessible document training provided to key staff

Reviewed and revised/updated Accessibility Policies

Developed policy for municipal employees who have a disability and require assistance in evacuating the building in an emergency situation

Implemented a process to create individual accommodation plans for employees with disabilities

Consulted with Accessibility Advisory Committee for major developments including parks

Implemented additional services offered through online/remote services

Completed Annual Status Reports and posted on the Township website as required

TOWN OF GRAND VALLEY GOALS				
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GRAND VALLEY KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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IASR Policies created and adopted

Developed a multi-year accessibility plan

Embedded accessibility requirements into the procurement process

New websites are compliant with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 Level AA

Accessible document training provided to key staff

Developed policy for municipal employees who have a disability and require assistance in evacuating the building in an emergency situation

Have a process in place to create individual accommodation plans for employees with disabilities

	TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON GOALS ³
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³ At the meeting of Council held on March 17, 2022, Melancthon Council passed the following motion: **Be it resolved that:** "Council for the Township of Melancthon approves the Township of Melancthon's Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2022-2025 as presented." **Carried.**

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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IASR Policies created and adopted

Developed a multi-year accessibility plan

Embedded accessibility requirements into the procurement process

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TOWN OF MONO GOALS⁴

⁴ On February 22, 2022, Council for the Town on Mono passed the following resolution: <u>*Resolution #6-4-2022*</u>

THAT Council for the Town of Mono approves the Town of Mono 2022 - 2025 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. "Carried"

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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IASR Policies created and adopted

Developed a multi-year accessibility plan

Embedded accessibility requirements into the procurement process

New websites are compliant with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 Level AA

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TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR GOALS⁵

⁵ Mulmur Council "received" the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Checklist at their March 2, 2022 meeting

MULMUR KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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IASR Policies created and adopted

Developed a multi-year accessibility plan

Embedded accessibility requirements into the procurement process

New websites are compliant with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 Level AA

Accessible document training provided to key staff

Developed policy for municipal employees who have a disability and require assistance in evacuating the building in an emergency situation

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TOWN OF ORANGEVILLE GOALS ⁶				
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⁶ Awaiting Council motion

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Nov 22	Conduct Accessibility and Ontario Human Rights training for new Council
Dec 22	Review and report accomplishments and establish 2026 priorities
Jan 23	Appoint members of the County Accessibility Advisory Committee
Mar 23	Conduct Accessibility and Ontario Human Rights training for committee appointees
May 23	Recognize accessibility champions and celebrate Accessibility Awareness Week
Jun 23	Conduct Accessibility and Ontario Human Rights refresher training for staff
Sep 23	Review and revise IASR – Accessible Customer Service Policy
Dec 23	Review and report accomplishments and establish 2027 priorities
Mar 24	Conduct Accessibility and Ontario Human Rights training for staff committee appointees
May 24	Recognize accessibility champions and celebrate Accessibility Awareness Week
Jun 24	Conduct Accessibility and Ontario Human Rights refresher training for staff
Sep 24	Review and revise IASR – Design of Public Spaces
Dec 24	Review and report accomplishments and establish 2028 priorities
Mar 25	Conduct Accessibility and Ontario Human Rights training for staff committee appointees
May 25	Recognize accessibility champions and celebrate Accessibility Awareness Week
Jun 25	Conduct Accessibility and Ontario Human Rights refresher training for staff
Sep 25	Review and revise IASR – General Requirements
Dec 25	Review and report accomplishments and establish 2029 priorities

⁷ BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives report #LS2022-02 from the Clerk for information; AND THAT Council for the Town of Shelburne approves the Town of Shelburne 2022–2025 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. **CARRIED**

SHELBURNE KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Provided Accessible Customer Service training to all staff

IASR Policies created and adopted

Developed a multi-year accessibility plan

Embedded accessibility requirements into the procurement process

New websites are compliant with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 Level AA

Accessible document training provided to key staff

Developed policy for municipal employees who have a disability and require assistance in evacuating the building in an emergency situation

Have a process in place to create individual accommodation plans for employees with disabilities

Feb 22	Council approves 2022-2025 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan
Mar 22	Assist lower tiers with accessible municipal election planning where possible
Apr 22	Initiate a training cycle for staff and volunteers to receive refresher every three (3) years.
May 22	Recognize accessibility champions and celebrate Accessibility Awareness Week
Jun 22	Conduct Accessibility and Ontario Human Rights refresher training for staff
Sep 22	Facilitate a joint meeting to review and revise IASR – Accessibility Compliance Policy
Nov 22	Conduct Accessibility and Ontario Human Rights training for new Council
Dec 22	Review and report accomplishments and establish 2026 priorities
Jan 23	Seek members for the new County Accessibility Advisory Committee
Mar 23	Conduct Accessibility and Ontario Human Rights training for committee appointees
May 23	Recognize accessibility champions and celebrate Accessibility Awareness Week
Jun 23	Conduct Accessibility and Ontario Human Rights refresher training for staff
Sep 23	Facilitate a joint meeting to review and revise IASR – Accessible Customer Service Policy
Dec 23	Review and report accomplishments and establish 2027 priorities
Mar 24	Conduct Accessibility and Ontario Human Rights training for staff committee appointees
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Jun 24	Conduct Accessibility and Ontario Human Rights refresher training for staff
Sep 24	Facilitate a joint meeting to review and revise IASR – Design of Public Spaces
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COUNTY OF DUFFERIN GOALS

DUFFERIN COUNTY KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Continue to provided Accessible Customer Service training to all staff All required IASR policies created and adopted Developed a multi-year accessibility plan Embedded accessibility requirements into the procurement process New website compliant with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0 Level AA Developed and delivered Accessibility train-the-trainer program for lower tiers Accessible document training provided to key staff Developed a policy for municipal employees who have a disability and require assistance in evacuating the building in an emergency situation Created individual accommodation plans for employees with disabilities Merge county and Orangeville accessibility advisory committees into one joint committee.