

## **Summery of changes made on January 18th, 2016 to Accessibility Advisory Committee Terms of Reference**

### **Role**

Removed "While it is the legislative mandate of the Municipal Council to make the final decisions on all matters that affect the Municipality"

### **Definitions**

Updated: *Ontarians With Disabilities Act, 2001 (ODA 2001)* to *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA 2005)*.

### **Mandate**

(Previous)

The Accessibility Advisory Committee (ACCAC) shall advise and assist "the organizations" in promoting and facilitating a barrier-free London for citizens of all abilities (universal accessibility), including persons with disabilities. This aim shall be achieved through the review of municipal policies, programs and services and the identification, removal and prevention of barriers faced by persons with disabilities.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee reports to Municipal Council, through the Community Services Committee. The Accessibility Advisory Committee is responsible for the following:

(Proposed)

The mandate of the Accessibility Advisory Committee is to develop an awareness and understanding of issues and concerns of all citizens of the City of London, including persons with disabilities, to identify, prevent and remove barriers with the goal to improving the quality of life for those with disabilities.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee reports to Municipal Council, through the Community and Protective Services Committee. The Accessibility Advisory Committee is responsible for the following:

### **Duties**

Updated: *Ontarians With Disabilities Act, 2001 (ODA 2001)* to *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA 2005)* and updated the required duties associated with the act.

Removed:

- participating in the annual development and/or refinement of "the organizations" Accessibility Plan(s) which are intended to improve the quality of life for all Londoners, including persons with disabilities;

Proposed:

7. Advise Council on transportation issues, including conventional transit, specialized transit (Para-Transit) and taxi services related to measures to enable barrier-free access for persons with disabilities;

13. The Accessibility Advisory Committee may advise council on any issues which relate to the prevention or risk reduction of acquired disabilities.

### **Composition:**

Voting Members

(Previous)

- a majority of the members (minimum 7) shall be persons with disabilities. The Committee members shall be representative of gender, ethnicity and different types of visible and invisible disabilities noted in the "ODA 2001" such as persons with physical (visual, speech, hearing, deaf, brain injury, use of a wheelchair); cognitive (intellectual impairments); perceptual (learning disability) and mental health disabilities; and

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#### Non-Voting Resource Group

Updated: *Ontarians with Disabilities Act (ODA) Regional Committee to Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA 2005) Regional Committee*

Removed: One representative from the Association for the Elimination of Hate

Added: One representative from the Multicultural or New Comers to Canada sector

#### Staff Resources

Updated:

- The committee shall request staff support at meetings of the whole or sub committee meetings in accordance with the City of London's General Policy for Advisory Committees