

ACCAC - Policy Sub-Committee  
Meeting Report  
Monday, October 3, 2016

Present: M.Cairns, F. de Lasa, M. Dawthorne, L. Kelly  
Start: 7:00 pm

1. Reviewed the draft coloured cross walk policy recommendations.

After consulting with the CNIB and other individuals with visual impairments it was brought to our attention that the first couple of bars (purple and blue) in the rainbow crosswalks do not have significant contrast with the pavement. Having the purple bar be the first bar off the sidewalk makes it increasingly difficult to see the beginning of the cross walk.

**Motion: It is our recommendation that Schedule 1 of the Crosswalk Coloured Policy, Implementation Guideline 2.5 be changed to “The markings should provide a visual contrast of 70% based on light reflective values between the paint and pavement and be reflective as per the requirements of the Ontario Traffic Manual.”**

The ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) in the United States currently has a recommendation for detectable warning surfaces that is a contrast ration of at least 70%. Contrast is a calculation of the difference between the LRV between the foreground colour and the background colour. Contrast ration is determined by the formula:

$$\text{Contrast} = [(B1-B2)/B1] \times 100.$$

B1 = LRV of the lighter colour  
B2 = LRV of the darker colour

Light Reflectance Value, or LRV, is a measurement of the percentage of light that is reflected (and conversely how much is absorbed) from a colour (surface) when illuminated by a light source. LRV runs on a scale from 0% to 100%. Zero is assumed to be absolute black and 100% being perfectly white. .

2. Reviewed the Mayor's New Years Honour award

After deliberating the awards recipient this year, the committee struggled with what type of candidate would be best reflective of this award and the description of the award.

**Motion: We request that the name of the Mayor's New Years Honour category 'Person's with Disabilities' be changed to 'Accessibility'. The description of the award should be changed to - Awarded to those who through action and example foster an environment of inclusion that embraces citizens of all abilities.**

The other categories in the Mayor's New Years Honour award are, Housing, Heritage, Sports and Arts. We feel that changing the title of the category to Accessibility will more accurately reflect the field we wish to honour. A new description will hopefully help guide future members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee in the nominating process.

3. Reviewed request to have Minister MacCharles visit the committee and provided additional reasons for requesting a visit to Adam Thompson (Manager Government and External Relations).

The reasons we developed:

- General Update on AODA. We are halfway through implantation, are we making the timelines?
- What type of enforcement is in place
- Can the province make the regulations easier to understand. Language in the AODA has no clear definitions.
- What is the vision for the new ministry.
- How do you envision the new federal regulations complimenting AODA.

Adjournment: 8:00 pm

Next meeting Monday November 7, 2016, 7:00 at South London Community Centre