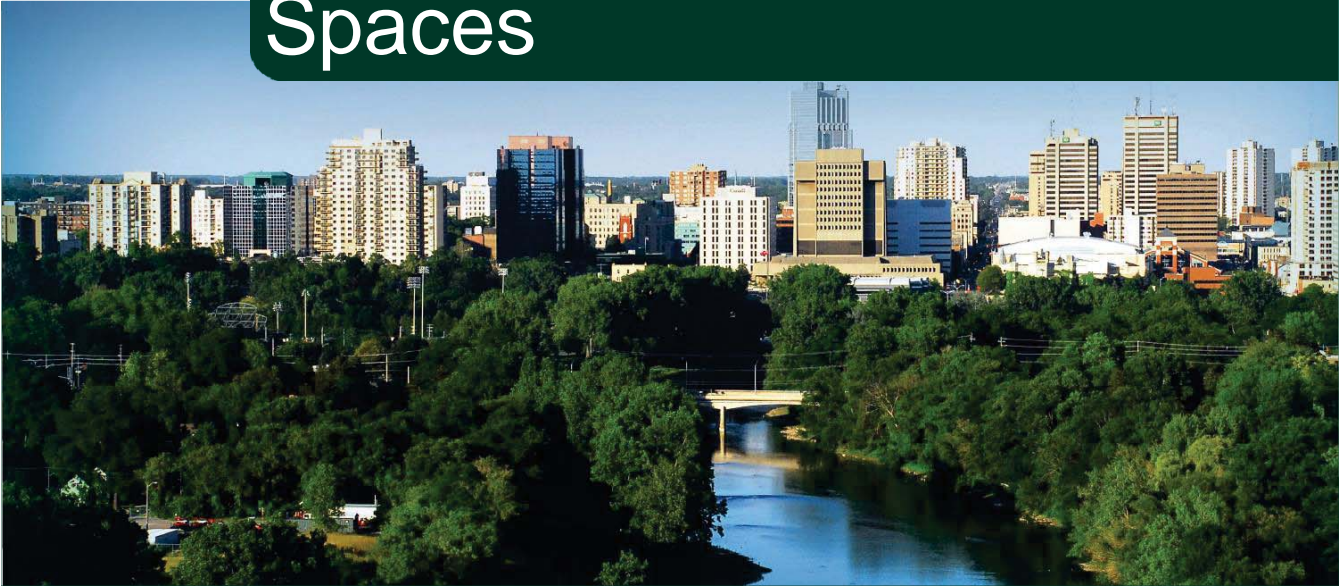




Accessibility for Public Spaces



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FADS Creation and History

- 2000 – Council directed staff to develop an Accessible Design Standard
- 2001 – FADS document adopted by Council
- 2007 – FADS updated
 - Ontario Building Code changes
 - AODA changes to reflect 2007 requirements



FADS Today

- 2015 – Facilities began updates to FADS
 - Ontario Building Code changes
 - Proposed upcoming AODA changes
- 2016 – AODA legislation for compliance
 - Public Spaces Standard introduced
 - Service Counters
- 2016 – ACCAC request to expand FADS
 - Include all service areas



Accessibility Advisory Committee

- August 31, Council resolved that the actions outlined in the 7th Report of the Accessibility Advisory Committee be taken:

Civic Administration be requested to review the concerns with respect to any proposed changes being considered to the Facility Accessibility Design Standards (FADS) as they relate to outdoor spaces requirements.



Working Group

- Working Group of City stakeholders across each service area have met a few times to review the concerns and come up with a solution
- Working group consisted of members from:
 - Facilities
 - Environmental and Parks Planning
 - Parking Services
 - Parks Operations
 - Roadway Lighting and Traffic Control
 - Transportation Planning and Design
 - AODA; to provide advice and act as a resource for the group



Develop a series of webpages on London.ca to summarize and link to information regarding the City's accessibility practices for the design of public spaces



Accessibility Summary for Public Spaces

- Accessibility information for public spaces would be a quick reference web-based guide
- Webpages will summarize or link to other documents in existence that outline the City's practice.
 - Follow the scope and sections of the Public Spaces Standard as a framework to start
 - Ex; Provide links within each topic to existing legislation (AODA, OBC etc.), specific resource documents, FADS etc...



Accessibility Summary for Public Spaces

- Useful resource and navigation tool for internal and external stakeholders
- Efficient use of resources and streamlined with current legislation and existing accessibility best practice documents
- Increased coordination among Service Areas on items within Design of Public Spaces that crossover into each area
- Ability to reference “City-Own” accessibility solutions and practices
- Ability to add items over time and easily adapt to new legislation, requirements, or practices



Project Overview

- Each Service Area will assign a point person to review each section of the Public Spaces that applies to their area and develop the content and links
- Each Service Area is responsible for ensuring the content is up to date and accurate
- Some areas must work together to create content and ensure consistency in application
- Consult ACCAC along the way
- Continue to attend ACCAC with proposed project plans, new initiatives to gain feedback



Timelines & Next Steps

- Return to ACCAC and/or the BESC to review a draft example of the content for feedback
- Work with ACCAC to review the final draft pages
- FADS updates will be completed to coincide with go-live for the web-based information



Questions?