CITY OF LONDON ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ACCAC)

SUB-COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

COMPOSITION OF SUB-COMMITTEES

- A minimum of 3 voting members of the ACCAC
- Chair shall be a voting member of the ACCAC
- Resource Members as required: May be taken from either non-voting members of the ACCAC or from other sources (agencies, partners, city departments, etc.)

EDUCATION AND AWARENESS SUBCOMMITTEE

Mandate

Provide advice on issues and concerns faced by persons with disabilities and the means by which the City can work towards the elimination of these barriers.

Support, encourage and be an ongoing resource to the City, agencies and the business community by educating and building community awareness about measures for improving the quality of life for persons with disabilities.

2012 Priorities

1. Coordinate the 18th Annual Empowerment and Action Day Event, working to encourage involvement from community partners and agencies.

2. Accessibility Resource/Educational Materials Development such as providing background about accurate terminology usage.

3. Ask Council for staff support and resources for the Disabled Accessible Parking Awareness Campaign to take place in 2012.

4. Post key event dates on Committee Website calendar (use LDRRAC calendar)

Ongoing Duties

- Update the committee's website including its content and key documents

- Develop Accessibility Resource/Educational Materials

- Partner with other sub-committees on any educational events, opportunities or campaigns throughout the year.

- Promote awareness of the Committee and its role by involvement in community events.

- Network and communicate with other local ACCAC's to exchange information and share resources.

- Finalize and make public the Non-visible Disabilities survey completed by the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

- Expand the Easter Seals Access 2 Entertainment program within the City, focusing on community venues and events.

- Work with other sub-committees to ensure the unique needs and challenges associated with non-visible disabilities are reflected and represented.

- Provide input about the AODA Information and Communication Standard

BYLAWS AND POLICY AND TRAINING

Mandate

Advise, consult and report on matters of government by-laws and policy related to issues faced by persons with disabilities.

2012 Priorities

1. Review Terms of Reference of ACCAC and its Sub-Committees related to membership renewal.

2. The Disabled Parking and Awareness Campaign.

3. Involvement in the Official Plan Policy Review called Rethink.

Ongoing Duties

- Engage ACCAC in strategic dialogue about long term policy goals, objectives and priorities.

- Participate in the annual development and implementation of the City of London's Accessibility Plan.

- Assist with the development of the AODA policies, procedures, practices, training for staff, particularly for the new Integrated Standard as its various components take effect over the next several years.

- Educate the public and facility owners about disabled parking issues such as signage, height, etc.

- Undertake a review of City Bylaws, Policies and Procedures when issues are identified to the Sub-Committee by ACCAC, staff or the public.

BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND FACILITIES

Mandate

Advise and assist in promoting and facilitating a barrier-free London for citizens of all abilities (universal accessibility) including persons with disabilities.

2012 Priorities

Ongoing Duties

- Continue with the help of Occupational Therapy Students to develop and complete a survey of eateries in London.

- Monitor and follow up on updates to the Access Guide Canada which lists accessible venues, businesses and sites of interest within the City.

- Develop a template for reviewing recreational facilities using a FADS guide.

- Monitor the upgrade/installation of Accessible pedestrian crossings.

- Identify Curb Cuts and Sidewalk Improvements of importance to persons with disabilities that require action.

- Review access for persons with disabilities, structures and premises of the City for compliance with FADS.

- Provide input about the AODA Built Environment Standard