

Accessibility Advisory Committee 2018 Work Plan

Project/Initiative	Background	Lead/Responsible	Proposed Timeline	Proposed Expenses	Proposed Budget	Relation to London Strategic Plan	Status
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) representative	Designated ACCAC rep on TAC	As elected by ACCAC	Ongoing	NIL	NIL	The strategic plan repeatedly references the Transportation Master plan, one of the primary documents used to direct the actions of TAC	
Trails Advisory Group (TAG) Representative	Designated ACCAC rep on TAG	As elected by ACCAC	Ongoing	NIL	NIL	Building a sustainable City 2.A (pg 11)	
Prepare formal recommendations to council based on the feedback gathered during the Accessibility themed open-house(s)/community consultation(s)	ACCAC completed 5 community open houses throughout 2017 workplan.	Education and Awareness Sub-committee	winter/spring 2018	NIL	NIL	Leading in Public Service 1A; 4A; Strengthening Communities 2B; 3A; 5C; 5H Strengthening Communities 3A Note: development of Accessibility plan in conjunction with ACCAC is mandated under AODA legislation	
Long Term Planning	Host a Strategic Planning Session with all ACCAC members to develop Short term (2019 Work Plan) This is mandated under AODA legislation	Chair/Vice-Chair	Fall 2018	Food, Space	200		
Site Plan Reviews	(See Site Plan Process best practice Initiative)	Chair/Vice-Chair	Ongoing	NIL	NIL	This is mandated under AODA legislation	
Continue to advocate for use and expansion of FADS document	ACCAC has identified several areas where the FADS document could be expanded or strengthened. Ideally the municipality would expand FADS to include these areas, including but not limited to: community gardens, playgrounds, trails, parks, etc.	Policy and Bylaw Subcommittee	Ongoing	NIL	NIL	Strengthening our Community 4C; 5H Building a Sustainable City 2A, 4D	
Review/revise best practices/accessibility guidelines and considerations for Site plan review process (developed by ACCAC in 2016) based on staff feedback	Site Plan review is mandated responsibility of ACCAC since the ODA (2001) Changes to AODA, Ontario Building Code and FADS have ensured most accessibility requirements are now met. Legislation still has some gaps or variances (e.g. applicable to different parties) Best practices/accessibility guidelines and considerations may include a review checklist or information document available/distributed with building or renovation permit requests City staff are using the checklist and are set to return to ACCAC for discussion and follow-up.	Education and Awareness subcommittee	Dependent on staff timelines - estimated Spring/Summer 2018	NIL	NIL	Leading in Public Service 5A	

Consult/Advise members of the public/external; parties upon requests or referral from city staff	Historically ACCAC has received, often through City staff or accessibility@london.ca, requests to advise builders, architects, businesses, and citizens (amongst many other groups) on aspects of accessibility	Variable sub-committees or ACCAC Chair/Vice Chair; as appropriate	Ongoing	NIL	Nil	Strengthening our Community 1A; 5B; 5C; 5H
Undertake Community Outreach to raise Awareness of ACCAC and its role within the city; Promote resources developed by ACCAC to Londoners	ACCAC has historically partaken in outreach varying from hosting full day conferences, to Lunch 'N' Learns, to exhibiting at community events (e.g. Car-free Sundays)	Opportunities will focus primarily on exhibiting at events, and may include King's College Social Work Week, Dundas Street Festival, etc.	Education and Awareness Sub-committee	Ongoing	registration costs, ACCAC materials	>\$100 per session; not to exceed \$1000 annually Leading in Public Service 1A; Strengthening Communities 2B; 3A;
Access2 expansion	Several years ago the City of London became the first municipality in Canada to accept the Access2 Card (Easter Seals program) at all municipal venues. During that expansion London also went from 3 to 48 venues accepting the card. Many new venues/programs now exist and could be approached. During 2017 ACCAC began this process by developing a list of potential sites/venues.	Education and Awareness Sub-committee	Ongoing throughout 2018	NIL	NIL	Strengthening our Community 2B, 2C, 3A
Review Deaf/Blind child at play sign policies	ACCAC members have noted many of these signs have been placed in the same location for decades. This has raised questions about the program	Policy Subcommittee	winter-spring 2018	NIL	NIL	Strengthening our Community 5B
Investigate/discuss benefits/impact of making ACCAC brochures/materials in American Sign Language	During revision of ACCAC materials in 2016, some members questioned whether we were reaching all Londoners who may benefit from the information in our materials and encouraged we explore alternate languages. In 2017 it was determined alternate language was not recommended, however the need to reproduce content in ASL	Education and awareness subcommittee	Summer/Fall 2018	translation costs	2000	Strengthening our Community 2A
City wide meeting accessibility protocols and procedure	A 2016 ACCAC meeting did not have an access team for a member require it. Was informed there was no policy or procedure for proceeding/cancellations in such circumstances. Initial meetings were held with city staff and some recommendations were already made in 2017, however more formal protocols should be developed	Policy Subcommittee	Fall 2018	NIL	NIL	Strengthening our Community 2C
Investigate and make recommendation to City on accessibility in 'non-traditional' parks (e.g. community gardens, dog parks, urban agriculture); this may or may not overlap with FADS expansion also included in this plan	ACCAC members have noted many opportunities for enhanced accessibility at outdoor municipal venues/parks. Have worked with Trails, community gardens to date.	Built Environment Sub-Committee	Spring - Fall 2018	NIL	NIL	Strengthening our Community 4C; 5H Building a Sustainable City 2A, 4D

Engage in discussions around Paratransit and what role, if any, the city could/should undertake in improving the service, noting it is an LTC service, not that of the city directly	Paratransit system is significantly overburdened and very cumbersome for users (requiring prebooking 3 days prior, often taking numerous calls to get through, booking times sometimes hours earlier than desired). Many requests go unfilled	Policy Subcommittee	Spring-Fall 2018	potential meeting/consultation sessions, food, space	1200	Strengthening our Community 5H
Participate in the development and review of the 2018-2021 Accessibility Plan	mandated responsibility of ACCAC under the AODA	Policy Subcommittee, final draft to be brought to fuull committee	Per staff timeline	NIL	Nil	Accessibility Action Plan 2013-2017
Develop and maintain AODA policies, procedures, practices, particularly for the new Integrated Standard.	Included in the current 2013-2017 Accessibility Plan	Policy Subcommittee	Ongoing	NIL	Nil	Accessibility Action Plan 2013-2017
Review City Budget with an accessibility lens.	Included in the current 2013-2017 Accessibility Plan	Chair/Vice-Chair	During budget season	NIL	Nil	Accessibility Action Plan 2013-2017
Annually nominate a candidate for the Mayor's New Year's Honor List under the Persons with Disabilities category. Continue to develop and distribute pamphlets to inform the public about issues related to persons with disabilities.	Included in the current 2013-2017 Accessibility Plan	Chair/Vice-Chair	Fall 2018	NIL	Nil	Accessibility Action Plan 2013-2017
Review resource historic documents produced by ACCAC, currently posted on london.ca	Included in the current 2013-2017 Accessibility Plan ACCAC completed review of 2 existing documents in 2017 (Outdoor events, financial resources) and felt review of remaining documents was prudent	Education and Awareness Subcommittee	Ongoing	printing	\$1,200	Accessibility Action Plan 2013-2017
		Awareness Subcommittee	Fall 2018	NIL	NIL	Leading in Public Service 1B; 1C Strengthening our Community 3A
Produce am 'Awareness Calendar' highlighting awareness days, weeks, months related to Accessibility and disability	This used to be done monthly but was only shared amongst ACCAC. To promote Accessibility and awareness it was felt a broadening of this approach would benefit the commuinity. ACCAC endeavors to create the calendars and engage city staff on including it.merging it with other cultural/awareness calendars currently used/posted by the city	Education and Awareness Subcommittee	Spring/Summer 2018	NIL	NIL	
Advise council on manner to better acknowledge and reflect important awareness dates, including International Day for Persons with a Disability (Dec 3)	Similar to the Awareness calendar, acknowledging key dates of importance will elevate the awareness of Accessibility and our community.	Education and Awareness Subcommittee	Fall 2018	NIL	NIL	

Investigate alternative participation at meetings and sub-committee meetings to increase participation	Under the previous council a survey was sent out regarding Advisory Committee interest in remote access to committee meetings. No further announcement was made after feedback was provided. ACCAC historically experiences Quorum issues, in part due to members missing meetings for the very reason they were appointed (e.g. their disability makes attendance impossible, unable to coordinate Paratransit, etc)	Policy Sub-Committee	Spring/Summer 2018	NIL	NIL
				Total	not to exceed \$6000 (ACCAC's historically approved Annual budget)