

# Accessibility Advisory Committee

## Report

8th Meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee  
August 22, 2019  
Committee Room #4

Attendance                      PRESENT: J. Madden (Chair), M. Dawthorne, T. Eadinger, N. Judges, G. LaHay, J. Menard, P. Moore, P. Quesnel, D. Ruston and K. Steinmann and J. Bunn (Secretary)

ABSENT: G. Ashford-Smith, A. Bueschleb and J. Wilson

ALSO PRESENT: K. Husain and D. MacRae

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 PM.

### 1. Call to Order

#### 1.1 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

### 2. Scheduled Items

None.

### 3. Consent

#### 3.1 7th Report of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 7th Report of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on July 25, 2019, was received.

#### 3.2 (ADDED) Notice of Planning Application - Zoning By-law Amendment - 1395 Riverbend Road

That the following actions be taken with respect to the Notice of Planning Application, dated August 20, 2019, from L. Mottram, Senior Planner, with respect to a Zoning By-law Amendment for the property located at 1395 Riverbend Road:

- a) the above-noted Notice BE RECEIVED; and,
- b) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to attend a future meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee to explain mechanical parking systems and possible repercussions for accessibility, as it relates to the above-noted Notice.

### 4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

#### 4.1 Sub-Committees Report

That the attached Built Environment Sub-Committee report, dated August 13, 2019, BE FORWARDED to the Civic Administration for consideration as part of the Draft Facility Accessibility Design Standards dated June 2019.

**5. Items for Discussion**

5.1 City of London Sidewalk Review

That the submission, dated July 17, 2019, as appended to the agenda, and the attached presentation, both from G. LaHay, with respect to a City of London Sidewalk Review, BE REFERRED to the Accessibility Advisory Committee sub-committees for review.

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:48 PM.

## **ACCAC Subcommittee – Built Environment**

**August 13 2019**

Present: M. Stone, J. Madden, M. Dawthorne, P. Moore, J. Menard, N.Judges, G. LaHay, G. Ashford-Smith, Jim Sanders, D. Ruston

### **General Comments**

- Include Parks & trails references. Have pages for parks and trails and cross reference GAATES, CSA but also give best practices (with examples/photos).
- Playgrounds should also be added. Have a section for playgrounds with best practices citing Built standards but also a solid definition of “firm and stable” that the City of London defines so it is less contentious and easy to understand/follow. Playgrounds should reference CSA Annex H as a minimum.
- Splash pads and dog parks should also be added with best practices and references to GAATES but additional notes on best practices (photos and explanation)
- Add a page for community gardens. Suggestion was that our community garden team contribute to this part with good examples and photos from their own gardens.
- Font is too small in glossary. Melanie Stone will follow up to ensure all photos are captioned in the final document and that the standards for print/web access are followed.
- Better definition of Universal design
- Add a part indicating that this is a living document and may be updated at least annually but possibly more often as required. Most up to date document will live online at the City website.

- Should contain information about containers for garbage and recycling and their placement inside and outside structures?
- Add reporting mechanism to the document
- Identify how the FADS document will be enforced for City of London projects
- Suggested that the document be changed to “Physical Environment Accessibility Design Standards” (PEADS)
- All drawings and images should be referenced properly and attributed (are these engineers? If so ensure this is identified)
- The enforcement piece needs to be strengthened with respect to current bylaw compliance
- Add an outdoor trails section that references the City’s trail guidelines and the AODA

**Next Steps Suggested:**

Share the document with community groups who were originally part of the FADS consultation process and new groups with emerging best practices.

Groups suggested were: Autism Ontario, TVCC, March of Dimes, MS Society, Alzheimer’s Society, (Others?)

Melanie has offered to organize an information gathering evening/afternoon with these community partners for input and explanation. Would ACCAC like to facilitate/help facilitate this event?

**Specific References:**

- 1.1 More introduction about Universal Accessibility, better references and check all links in document for accuracy. Do all references need to be included?

3.1 Parking – Ensure that this section contains information about accessible parking being close to amenities (carts, doors, parking meters etc...)

3.3 Flex Street References re: Ramps must be clarified. The elimination of ramps as stated in the wording is awkward. Be more specific about building streets to meet entrances, not simply eliminating ramps. Clarification of landscape access or level access/alternates to ramps. Can we include an image?

3.3.5 What does this section mean?

3.5.3 Pedestrian Construction – Add information about enforcement/bylaw? AODA requirements and wording for inclusion in contractor documents. These physical environment standards should cross reference with AODA standards/building/construction codes for enforcement purposes

5.4 Acoustics – Add best practice standard be added for sound dampening based on input about those with sensory disabilities?

5.7 Lighting – Add information be added to this section to ensure that recessed non fluorescent lighting be used where possible. (Table 10 – 12 mix up. Please review these #s and fix)

6.1 Can we add information about best practices related to quiet space, snoezelen equipment, and transition areas?

6. can we add information in the kitchen portion about magnetic induction being a best practice for safety in kitchens?

6.23 Where possible have recessed shelving that does not jut out into corridors or paths of travel

Page 43 references public input required on newly built rest areas. This seems out of tune with the rest of the document. A statement about revisions by ACCAC each year may be better suited to this section.

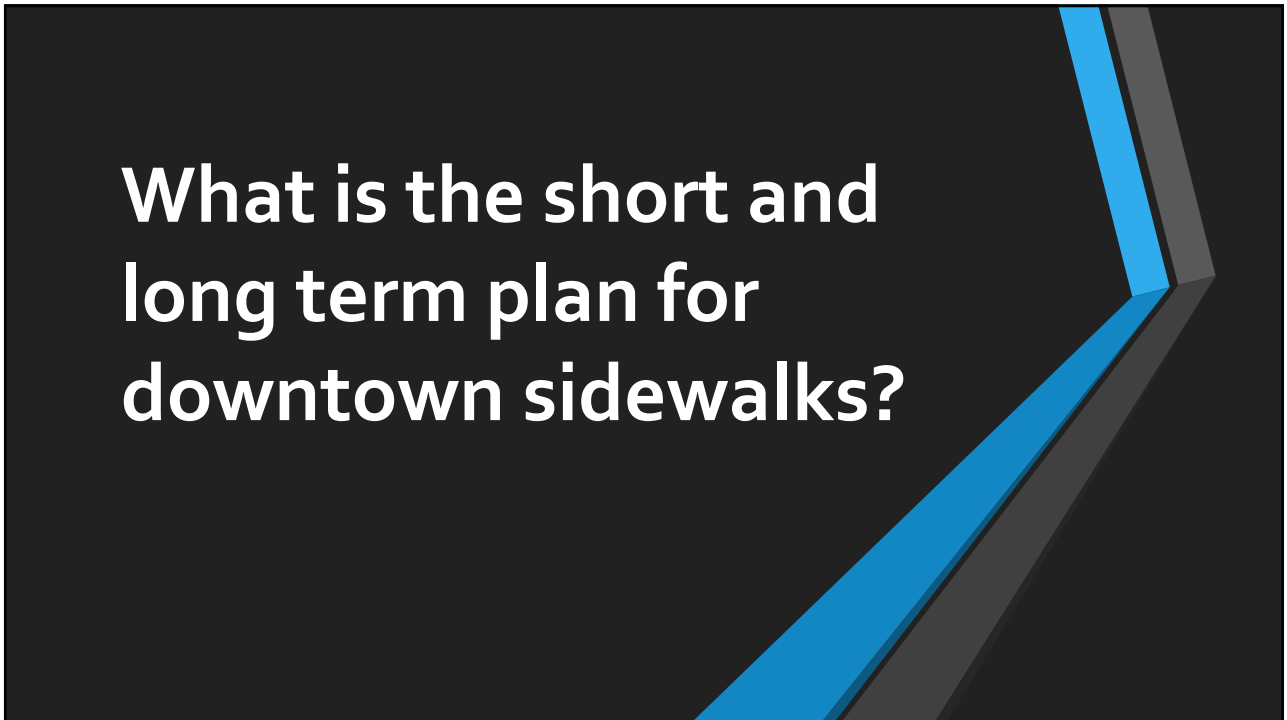
Page 266 and 267 are out of order. Please verify order of pages in glossary section.

# Back to Basics

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**Downtown  
Maintenance:  
Waiting on  
BRT?**



# Adherence to Sign/Closure Bylaws



**Start.ca Project**





## Gamage St and Adelaide St



## Oxford St

Zero signage warning of a blocked sidewalk





# Piccadilly

Zero signage warning of a blocked sidewalk



# LTC Office

How to cross to access office





York St  
Access restricted?



Orange  
Markings  
Point? Plan to fix?

## Concerns

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Both sides of the road closed

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What is the option to cross the street

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Signs missing in appropriate locations

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Back tracking to a safe crossing

## Solutions



Proactive approach during large projects: i.e.: Start project



Monitor and strict follow up



Reduces complaints from residents



Easier access for vulnerable users

## Bike Lanes

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**Too dangerous for bikes on roads**

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**Lobby with Cycling Advisory**

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**Less bikes= safer sidewalks for vulnerable users**

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**Safer travel for all?**

**Questions?**