

ACCAC Work Plan

Item #	Project/Initiative	Background	Lead/Responsible	Proposed Timeline	Proposed Expenses	Proposed Budget	Relation to London Strategic Plan	Status
1	Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) representative	Designated ACCAC rep on TAC	As elected by ACCAC; P. Moore	Ongoing	NIL	NIL	The strategic plan repeatedly references the Transportation Master plan, one of the primary documents used to direct the actions of TAC	Currently have an active TAC member
2	Trails Advisory Group (TAG) Representative	Designated ACCAC rep on TAG	As elected by ACCAC; J. Madden, M. Dawthorne	Ongoing	NIL	NIL	Building a sustainable City 2.A (pg 11)	Currently have 2 members actively involved with TAG
3	Site Plan Reviews	This is mandated under AODA legislation (See Site Plan Process best practice Initiative) Site plan checklist created by ACCAC is currently in use.	M. Dawthorne/J. Madden	Ongoing	NIL	NIL	This is mandated under AODA legislation	Site-plan checklist currently in use. Staff to report back to ACCAC in Fall 2019 to report on its effectiveness.
4	Continue to advocate for use and expansion of FADS document	ACCAC has identified several areas where the FADS document could be expanded or strengthened. Feedback given in Aug/19.	Policy and Bylaw Subcommittee	Ongoing	NIL	NIL	Strengthening our Community 4C; 5H Building a Sustainable City 2A, 4D	Staff currently updating FADS and incorporating feedback from ACCAC. Should be ready for review before the end of 2019. FADS to be a live document so continue to submit improvements as they become arise.
5	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	Presentations regularly made to ACCAC during monthly committee meetings. Have a rep on LTC Accessibility advisory committee for the first time in 2019. Continue into 2020.
6	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.	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;	Accessible trick or treating was a successful new initiative in 2019. Look at new opportunities in 2020 including plans to mark Dec. 3rd as International Day of Persons with Disabilities.
7	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.	Education and Awareness Sub-committee; J. Menard	Ongoing throughout 2020	NIL	NIL	Strengthening our Community 2B, 2C, 3A	No progress made in 2019 but list has been compiled for possible Access2 expansion. Continue with this objective in 2020.
8	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 which raises the question of their appropriateness/effectiveness. Also look at potential for other signage including "Child with Autism". Staff attended ACCAC meeting in 2018.	Policy Subcommittee; M. Dawthorne	winter-spring 2020	NIL	NIL	Strengthening our Community 5B	Received staff presentation in 2018. ACCAC to make formal recommendations in 2020.
9	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. Also investigate opportunities for improvements in other forms of accessible transportation.	Accessible transportation was the number one priority that arose from our Community Open Houses in 2017. Paratransit booking system is cumbersome with an inadequate number of rides available. No accessible transportation available outside of Paratransit working hours. Accessible taxis are difficult and costly to access.	Transportation Working Group	Early 2020	potential meeting/consultation sessions, food, space	1200	Strengthening our Community 5H	Advocate for accessible transportation needs (particularly Paratransit) in conjunction with other city committees and agencies during budget talks in early 2020. Continue to make recommendations on all types of accessible transportation: conventional transit, Paratransit, accessible taxis.
10	Participate in the review of the 2018-2021 Accessibility Plan	mandated responsibility of ACCAC under the AODA	Policy Subcommittee, final draft to be brought to full committee	Per staff timeline	NIL	Nil	Accessibility Action Plan 2018-21	Have worked with London's Accessibility specialist throughout 2019 and will continue in 2020.

11	Review City Budget with an accessibility lens.	Included in the current 2018-21 Accessibility Plan	Chair/Vice-Chair	During budget season	NIL	Nil	Accessibility Action Plan 2018-21	Worked with city staff in 2019 and will continue in 2020
12	Annually nominate a candidate for the Mayor's New Year's Honor List under the Accessibility category.	Included in the current 2018-21 Accessibility Plan	Chair/Vice-Chair	Fall 2020	NIL	Nil	Accessibility Action Plan 2018-21	Discuss potential recipients in Sept. 2020.
13	Continue to develop and distribute pamphlets to inform the public about issues related to persons with disabilities.	Included in the current 2018-21 Accessibility Plan	Education and Awareness Subcommittee	Ongoing	printing		Accessibility Action Plan 2018-21	Continue in 2020 with Education and Awareness sub-committee taking the lead.
14	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.)	Education and Awareness Sub-committee	Spring/Summer 2020	potential software/connection fees	\$500		Our committee currently provides captioning services at all meetings and sub-committee meetings with assistance from Clerk's office as needed. Our committee also allows for remote call-ins for sub-committee meetings as needed. Continue to gather information and advocate for similar resources for all City committees as needed.
15	Produce an "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 community. ACCAC to create the calendar and engage city staff on including it/merging it with other cultural/awareness calendars currently used/posted by the City.	Education and Awareness Sub-committee; K. Husain	Early 2020	Nil			Calendar is currently being compiled by K. Husain and should be ready for distribution in early 2020.
					Total	not to exceed \$6000 (ACCAC's historically approved Annual budget)		