




Site Plan – Accessibility Review



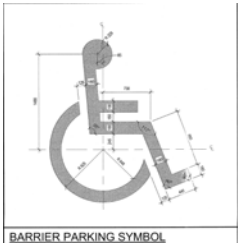

Implementation

- Collaboration between Development Services and AACAC
- Site Plan Development implemented an Accessibility Checklist in October, 2018
- This implementation served as a tool for legislative items not within the CoL applicable by-laws (e.g. Zoning, Site Plan, Building Permit).
- From a one year period of October, 2018 to October 2019, there were 78 Site Plan Applications. **49 of these required an Accessibility Checklist as part of their submission.***

*Not all Site Plan Applications require a checklist




Accessibility Checklists



The checklist serves as a two-fold approach:

1. They provide the applicant with a thorough guideline before first submission to ensure their application is conforming with the relevant legislation and guidelines
2. They provide the Site Development Planner a guideline to flag any nonconformities and notify the applicant that they require additional revisions before approval



Themes

- Parking discrepancies: several checklists flagged insufficient accessible parking spots, prompting revisions to their initial submissions
- Accessible passenger loading zones: some applicants did not understand when and where a passenger loading zone should be utilized. Planners worked to ensure the design of the site conformed with relevant legislation and accessible guidelines



Challenges

- Competing interests (legislative vs. guideline)/Value
- Difficult to compel
- Minimal elements incorporated into design
- Difficult to measure overall success (given its size)
- What are we trying to achieve?



What are we trying to achieve?

- Implementation of the checklist is occurring as a requirement for Site Plan
- Continue to monitor efficacy
- Both internal staff and external applicants will continue to grow their knowledge and understanding of building an accessible city through the guidance of the Accessibility Advisory Committee and relevant legislation
- Explore incorporating aspects as part of future amendments to SPC By-law
 - Housekeeping SPC By-law anticipated for 2020-21