

From: Jacqueline Madden
Subject: Letter of Resignation

Please accept this as my notice of resignation from the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

I have served on this committee for the last 4 years. Although we have struggled in the past with getting traction on the major issues involving the disabled community, I trusted that we had a City and Council that respected the work we did and were doing their best to listen and respond to our advice. I no longer feel this way.

Since the new council was formed in 2018 and the advisory councils were put under review, it has become apparent that ACCAC is in place in name only to meet the provincial legislation. We have not been acknowledged or respected by the current Council or city staff which has become glaringly obvious during the Covid pandemic. Other municipality ACCAC's have continued to meet while we cannot even get a response from our City when we inquired about plans. August will be our 6th missed meeting without a word from the City to our committee. I understand that the Heritage committee has resumed meeting as has CDIS and yet ACCAC cannot get a response of any kind to our inquiries about our meetings. I believe London is in violation of the AODA by not having our committee meet. Even worse than that, it has been made abundantly clear that accessibility is not a priority for the City of London.

I joined this committee in the hopes of making a positive impact on our community but will move on to find some way to engage where I can have the chance to have a meaningful impact. I will miss all of our committee members who work so hard to make London a better place for people of all abilities.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Madden