

Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act – Duties of Municipality
(The Legislation received Royal Assent on June 13, 2005)

PREAMBLE:

The purpose of this Act is to improve opportunities for persons with disabilities and to provide for their involvement in identification, removal and prevention of barriers in full participation in the life of the Province.

The Council of the municipality shall establish an annual “Accessibility Advisory Committee”; shall establish an annual “Accessibility Plan”; and shall make its “accessibility plan” available to the public.

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE – TERMS OF REFERENCE – ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE

A. **PURPOSE:**

In accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, the committee shall advise Cambridge City Council, in each year, about the preparation, implementation, and effectiveness of its accessibility plan.

B. **MEMBERSHIP:**

Note: A majority of members of the committee shall include persons with disabilities.

The committee shall have up to 11 members, with representation as follows:

1. Consumers – persons with disabilities.
2. 1 representative – KidsAbility
3. 1 representative – Community Living Cambridge
4. 1 representative – Independent Living Centre
5. 1 representative – Canadian Hearing Society

Community Services Department staff (Andrea Riley) will act as the appointed municipal liaison to the committee. Other city staff will provide technical support to the committee, as required.

Members will have a two-year term, beginning in the month of **January**, and they may serve for three consecutive terms. Cambridge City Council shall appoint all members.

C. **DUTIES OF ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE**

1. The committee shall meet regularly with City staff to review, comment and suggest amendments to the municipality's annual proposed accessibility plan.
2. Following Council's approval of the annual Accessibility Plan in January of each year, the committee will review the progress of implementing the plan as part of their monthly meetings.

D. **CONTENTS OF ACCESSIBILITY PLAN**

Subject to the Statutes of Ontario, the accessibility plan shall address the identification, removal and prevention of barriers to persons with disabilities in the municipality's by-laws and in its policies, programs, practices and services. The accessibility plan shall include:

1. A report on the measures the municipality has taken to identify, remove and prevent barriers to persons with disabilities;
2. The measures in place to ensure that the municipality assesses its proposals for by-laws, policies, programs, practices and services, to determine their effect on accessibility for persons with disabilities;
3. A list of the by-laws, policies, programs, practices and services that the municipality will review in the coming year in order to identify barriers to persons with disabilities;
4. The measures that the municipality intends to take in the coming year to identify, remove and prevent barriers to persons with disabilities;
5. The other information that the regulations prescribe for the purpose of the Plan.

E. **REPORTING**

The committee reports to Cambridge City Council. An annual report on planning, projects and progress will be submitted in the spring of each year, or as requested.

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