

MUNICIPALITY OF CALLANDER INFORMATION REPORT TO COUNCIL

MEETING DATE: December 10, 2024
SUBJECT/REPORT NO: 2024-115 ADMIN – Annual AODA Status Update
SUBMITTED BY: Cindy Pigeau, Municipal Clerk-Treasurer
APPROVED BY: Ashley Bilodeau, Senior Municipal Director

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL MOTION

That Council acknowledge receipt of report 2024-115 ADMIN – Annual AODA Status Update, for information.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The main goal of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) is to make all organizations in Ontario as accessible as possible by 2025. In accordance with the AODA, the Municipality of Callander has a plan that addresses the measures it intends to take in order to make the municipal organization more accessible to persons with various types of disabilities. This plan is reviewed at least annually, and progress is reported to Council.

BACKGROUND

Regulation O. Reg. 191/11: Integrated Accessibility Standards under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) requires that designated public sector organizations prepare an annual status report on the progress of measures taken in that year and post the status report on their website.

INFORMATION

The following chart shows the identified barriers, desired actions and strategies to address those measures from the 2020 Update that were accomplished in 2024:

DESCRIPTION OF BARRIER, DESIRED ACTION AND STRATEGY TO ADDRESS	PROGRESS MADE IN 2024
A new access from the road level to the Municipal Office was completed in 2024, meeting the necessary grade to be compliant with AODA.	Due to the topographical issues, lack of property, and design accommodation concerns associated with an accessible ramp, an alternative was proposed to Council in 2023 that the Municipality purchase or lease the land beside the Municipal Office to increase not only parking but also to meet an acceptable slope under AODA for the parking lot instead of having to build a ramp. The land

	was leased in 2023, and the expansion of the parking lot project was started in the fall of 2023 and was completed in the fall of 2024.
Accessible Washroom	A fully accessible washroom was installed at the marina/waterfront in the fall of 2024.
Walking routes downtown Callander have too few benches, particularly on the east side of the roads. Address in Bench Master Plan as part of the overall Parks and Recreation Master Plan.	Parks and Recreation Master Plan was done in 2022 and includes a bench plan. This plan is in the process of being updated to add further benches throughout the Municipality. It is anticipated the update will be completed in 2025 with additional benches being installed as per the updated plan.

We also continue to make small improvements where needed and practical, that were not included in the 2020 plan update.

CONSULTATION

Tim McKenna, Manager of Operations

APPENDICES / SCHEDULES

N/A

We will enrich the community by providing strong leadership and delivering inclusive and fiscally responsible services while maintaining the unique qualities that make Callander such a desirable place to live, work and play.