

Designated Public Sector and Multi-Year Accessibility Plans

Background

[Ontario Regulation \(O. Reg.\) 191/11 – Integrated Accessibility Standards](#) under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) requires designated public sector organizations to have a multi-year accessibility plan in place which documents the organization's strategy to prevent and remove accessibility barriers.

Organizations must establish, review and update these plans in consultation with persons with disabilities and when applicable, with a municipal accessibility advisory committee.

Plans must be updated at least once every five years and a status report must be completed on an annual basis. The plan and status report must be posted on the organization's website and be available in an accessible format upon request.

Designated Public Sector Annual Status Report

The Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has established a multi-year accessibility plan to prevent and remove barriers to accessibility and to meet requirements under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* and the Integrated Accessibility Standards.

This Annual Status Report details the required annual update for **2018** on the progress of measures taken to improve accessibility. The purpose of this report is to track our organization's progress and make the public aware of our initiatives.

To request an alternate format of this annual status report, please contact:

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Accessibility Accomplishments in 2018

General Accomplishments

- New Ramp, deck and accessible parking created at the Stanhope Airport
- Improvements to the Dorset Recreation Centre washrooms
- New washrooms and entrance way with automatic door openers and accessible ramp installed at the Municipal Office
- New accessible washroom at the Stanhope Fire Hall

Design of Public Spaces Accomplishments

- New playground equipment and accessible privies/pathways installed at Stanhope Park
- Outdoor walking path constructed to accessible standards to connect to the redesigned Dorset Park.
- Outdoor pathways improved to provide better accessibility at the Dorset Tower.

Next Steps

The Township will continue review, and implement accessible features as identified in the Accessibility Plan, as well the implementation of new accessible features throughout the Township as the need, or opportunity, arises.