

Request for Decision

City of Greater Sudbury 2017-2021 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Appendix

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Resolution

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury adopts Appendix A - Maintenance of Accessible Elements as Appendix A to the 2017-2021 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan as presented in the report entitled "City of Greater Sudbury 2017-2021 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Appendix", from the General Manager of Corporate Services, presented at the City Council meeting on December 12, 2017.

Relationship to the Strategic Plan / Health Impact Assessment

The City of Greater Sudbury 2017-2021 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan aligns with the Quality of Life and Place.

Report Summary

This report recommends the adoption of Appendix A - Maintenance of Accessible Elements to the City of Greater Sudbury 2017-2021 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report as accessibility projects are funded from the Accessibility Reserve as and when approved by Council. There is currently an annual contribution to this reserve in the amount of \$50,000. Minor accessibility upgrades are funded through departments existing operating and/or capital budgets.

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Background

The Multi-Year Accessibility Plan was adopted by City Council on August 22, 2017.

The 2017-2021 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan was developed under the provincial legislative framework of the *Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulations* under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*.

As prescribed by the *Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulations* in Part IV.1, section 80.44 of the Design of Public Spaces Standard, organizations are required to ensure that their Multi-Year Accessibility Plans include the following:

1. Procedures for preventative and emergency maintenance of the accessible elements in public spaces as required under this Part; and
2. Procedures for dealing with temporary disruptions when accessible elements required under this Part are not in working order.

The attached appendix to the City of Greater Sudbury 2017-2021 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan describes how the City meets its requirements under the Design of Public Spaces Standard in relation to the accessible maintenance practices of the City of Greater Sudbury's public spaces. In combination with the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan, this appendix will assist in guiding the organization as we work towards making our City more accessible and achieving the goal of making the Province of Ontario fully accessible by 2025.

As per the legislative requirements, the appendix will be attached to the previously posted City of Greater Sudbury 2017-2021 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan on the City of Greater Sudbury's website.

Appendix A – Maintenance of Accessible Elements

Purpose

Under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act*, Part IV.1 of the *Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation* (O. Reg 191/11) outlines the Design of Public Spaces Standard that organizations must meet. This Standard applies to public spaces that are newly constructed or redeveloped. Public spaces include recreational trails and beach access routes, outdoor public use eating areas, outdoor play spaces, exterior paths of travel, and accessible parking.

Section 80.44 speaks specifically to the maintenance of these spaces' accessible elements and outlines the requirement that an organization's Multi-Year Accessibility Plan include the following:

1. Procedures for preventative and emergency maintenance of the accessible elements in public spaces as required under this Part; and
2. Procedures for dealing with temporary disruptions when accessible elements required under this Part are not in working order.

Application

The City of Greater Sudbury is committed to ensuring that any newly constructed or redeveloped elements provided for under the Design of Public Spaces Standard will have procedures for preventative and emergency maintenance of the accessible elements in public spaces.

City Departments that are responsible for maintaining the accessible elements of public spaces will apply best practices in their preventative maintenance. This will include periodic evaluations, such as:

- Annual inspections;
- Inspections after storms or events that may affect accessible elements;
- Seasonal-based maintenance; and
- Inspections in response to reports of vandalism or complaints.

City Departments will also apply best practices in the emergency maintenance and repair of the accessible elements of public spaces. These practices focus on an active response upon notification and repair as soon as practicable.

Regarding procedures for dealing with temporary disruptions to public spaces' accessible elements, City Departments will continue to provide public notification of temporary disruptions. Public notification may include signage, notification on the City's website or social media platforms, or media releases, as determined by the City based on the nature or extent of the disruption.