

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.