

The Corporation Of The Town Of Thessalon

ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

to be used as an addendum to the
Accessibility Plan dated September 15, 2003

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Barriers Addressed/To Be Addressed in 2016 - 2019

Medical Centre

- The Town purchased a new building for the relocation of the Medical Centre. This ground level building was renovated to accommodate the existing medical offices including two physicians, a chiropractor, massage therapist, optometrist, as well as the fitness centre. Extra office space was included which is currently occupied by a chartered accountant's office. All of the renovations were completed to meet the required accessibility standards.

Municipal Office

- Applications were submitted on three previous occasions for funding through the Enabling Accessibility Fund to add automatic door openers to the two entrance doors at the Lorne Street entrance of the municipal office to enable better accessibility to the W. J. Barrett Chambers. The request has been unsuccessful each time.
- The staff will continue to monitor funding options to determine if alternate funding may be available to complete this upgrade.
- Renovations were completed at the customer service window which included a wheelchair accessible area.

Website Upgrades, New Website

- The new website design has included the requirements for the Accessible Information and Communications standard for website content WCAG 2.0 Level A. A new website became operational in the spring of 2015. The Town is in the process of developing a new website which is to be operational on January 1, 2020.

Accessibility Policies

- Policies have been developed to meet the requirements of the Integrated Accessibility Standards as each of the following sections were implemented: General Requirements, Information and Communications, Employment, Transportation and Design of Public Spaces. Further policies will be developed as new accessibility requirements are presented.

Maintenance Plan

- Each department supervisor will document preventative and emergency procedures of their respective accessible elements as required by the Design of Public Spaces Standard.

Review and Monitoring of the Process

- Council continues its commitment to ensure that existing barriers are removed and steps are taken to prevent future barriers.
- Monitoring will continue to ensure that all applicable Integrated Accessibility Standards are being met by the required deadlines.
- Council members and other staff have been trained in order to fulfill our obligations with regard to the Accessibility Standards. A training plan has been developed as each new standard is implemented to ensure that all staff are trained in the standards that are applicable to their respective jobs.

Communication of the Plan

- This plan will be reviewed at least once every five years with the next review to be completed no later than December 31, 2024. It is available at the Thessalon Municipal Office and on the Town's website. It is available in an alternate format upon request.