

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 2020-2025

Thessalon Memorial Community Arena

- An application was submitted for funding through the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario (FedNor) Canada Community Revitalization Fund. The funding application included the addition of a two-stop elevator to improve accessibility to the Upper Deck located on the second floor. The application is awaiting approval.

Marina

- An application was submitted for funding through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) Community Enhancement Program – Enhance Your Community Stream. The funding application included a retrofit of the Marina building to include two barrier-free washroom facilities, the addition of an attached pavilion engineer-designed with a concrete pad foundation, and barrier-free access. The funding request is awaiting approval.

Lakeside Park

- An application was submitted for funding through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) Community Enhancement Program – Rural Enhancement Stream. The funding application included the renovation of the two washroom facilities located in Lakeside Park. The proposed renovation includes the adaptation of fully accessible, barrier-free showers and toilets, as well as hands-free features to accommodate recovery efforts due to the impacts of COVID-19. **The funding application is awaiting approval.**

Roadway and Parking Lot Improvements

- Improvements include:
 - River Street Paving (2020)
 - Medical Centre Parking Lot Paving (2020)
 - Federation Street and Ontario Street Intersection Paving (2020)
 - Water Street Paving (2021)
 - Lakeside Drive Reconstruction including widening (2021)

The above projects have resulted in smoother surfaces enabling improved accessibility and enhanced travel.

Digital Format

- The Accessible Digital Format Policy was approved by resolution of the Council on February 16th, 2021.
- The Accessible Digital Format Policy establishes guidelines as per the AODA standards that took effect January 1, 2021 for receipt of documents for an agenda, submitted quotations or tenders, as well as, all materials and communications products produced or purchased (e.g., consultant reports, feasibility studies, plans, etc.) by the Town of Thessalon for the release to the public.
- The Policy enacts:
 - That each publication received by the Town of Thessalon shall be provided in an accessible digital format
 - That payment from the Town of Thessalon may be withheld from contractors/suppliers etc. until documentation is provided in an accessible format, if requested
 - That upon request, tenders must provide an electronic accessible document

Accessibility Policies

- Policies will be developed as new accessibility requirements are presented.

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 fulfil 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, 2026. It is available at the Thessalon Municipal Office and on the Town's website. It is available in an alternate format upon request.