



Township of Brock

2022 & 2023 Annual Status Report

An update on the 2022 & 2023 progress towards meeting the goals of the Township's 2022-2026 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.

January 2024

This document is available in alternative formats upon request.
Please contact the Clerk's Department at 705-432-2355.

2022-2026 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

The Multi-Year Accessibility Plan for 2022-2026 was reviewed by the Brock Accessibility Advisory Committee as well as Township staff.

Brock Accessibility Advisory Committee

In 2022, the Brock Accessibility Advisory Committee was comprised of six members: five residents and one member of Council. The Committee, as per the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan, is responsible for a number of activities during its term. The following activities were completed by the Committee in 2022:

- Assisted with the development of the annual status report
- Awarded the 10th Annual Township of Brock Accessibility Award to McCaskill's Mills Public School nominated for the 2022 Township of Brock Accessibility Award for their Staff and volunteers for going above and beyond to ensure inclusion and an environment of accessibility for all students.
- Nominated Brock Libraries for the 2022 Durham Region Accessibility Award For their advancements in provisions of service during the COVID-19 pandemic, including the creation of online programming, curbside book pick-ups, provision of wifi-hubs for public use, and virtual children's story times.
- Virtually attend the Durham Region Joint-AAC Accessibility Forum
- Conducted an annual review of the MYAP and provided feedback
- Provided input for updated Terms of Reference for the Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Reviewed winter on street parking concerns and forwarded recommendations to the municipal and regional public works departments
- Gathered information to raise awareness of accessibility which was shared on Township social media channels for National Access Awareness Week

In 2023 the Brock Accessibility Advisory Committee was appointed following the October Municipal Election. The committee is comprised of four residents and one member of Council. The following activities were completed by the Committee in 2023:

- Awarded the 11th Annual Township of Brock Accessibility Award to Olga Kuzmich forgoing above and beyond to ensure an environment of accessibility for all patrons of the Brock Public Libraries, by providing tutoring support to students in need by creating, supportive and inclusive environment, as well as, advocating an inclusive and accessible community for all.
- Nominated St. Joseph's Parish for the 2023 Durham Region Accessibility Award for their recent renovations with a focus on greater accessibility for all, including an exterior elevator, accessible washrooms, accessible doors, and large meeting space
- Attended the Durham Region Joint-AAC Accessibility Forum

- Reviewed the workplan created by LEAD for the Township of Brock
- Reviewed the Township of Brock's Equity Diversity and Inclusion Commitment
- Reviewed the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan
- Reviewed and provided input on the Township Infrastructure Improvements List
- Provided input on future accessible playgrounds

A.O.D.A. Progress

The Township of Brock remains in compliance with the A.O.D.A. requirements. Staff training was provided to all new staff and volunteers on the A.O.D.A. requirements.

Accessibility Achievements

The Township of Brock continues to improve accessibility in the community through implementation of the 2022-2024 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. The following achievements have occurred in 2022 and 2023:

2022

- Purchase and implementation of Equidox, a software to allow staff remediate third party documents and improve document accessibility before they are posted on agendas and websites
- Use of Bell Total Connect phone system. Staff are able to access the corporate phone system and be reached by the public who phone in to the corporation even while working remotely
- Online forms and payment options increased
- Program registration for recreational programs moved to online
- Ice booking and payment processed move to online
- Internal doors at the Beaverton Arena reconfigured to improve the path of travel
- New parking lot installed at the south side of Manilla hall with a direct path leading to the main doors of the building
- New accessible playground installed at Centennial Park in Beaverton
- Municipal Facilities Inventory List completed to identify areas of improvement, project status and connection to the municipal Asset Management Plan

2023

- Offering marriage ceremonies at the Municipal Administration Building as added customer service so that residents can obtain a marriage licence and be married at the same location
- Kitchen renovation completed in the auditorium of the Cannington arena – remove existing cabinets, replaced with new stainless-steel units
- Beaverton Town Hall doors replaced
- Path installed for at the Beaverton Harbour for a direct and barrier free path of travel connecting the splashpad to waterfront
- Completion of the Recreation Master Plan in which accessible planning was considered for all recreational spaces, existing and new
- Accessible picnic tables were installed in Beaverton, Cannington and Sunderland
 - Beaverton Harbour – additional accessible picnic table placed at the restaurant patio
- Retrofit of all lighting at the Municipal Administration Building
- Wayfinding signage installed in Beaverton, Cannington and Sunderland – accessible locations noted on the signs
- Closed captioning enabled for livestreamed meetings of Council and Committee of the Whole