

Designated Public Sector and Multi-Year Accessibility Plans

What You Need to Know

Ontario Regulation (O. Reg.) 191/11 – Integrated Accessibility Standards under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) requires designated public sector organizations to have a multi-year accessibility plan in place which documents the organization's strategy to prevent and remove accessibility barriers.

Organizations must establish, review and update these plans in consultation with persons with disabilities and when applicable, with a municipal accessibility advisory committee.

Plans must be updated at least once every five years and a status report must be completed on an annual basis. The plan and status report must be posted on the organization's website and be available in an accessible format upon request.

This form includes information to help designated public sector organizations comply with <u>section 4 of the Regulation</u>.

General Disclaimer

This document is provided for general information only as a sample reference to assist organizations in meeting their obligations under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*. Each organization is responsible for understanding and complying with its legal obligations and developing its own policies, procedures and material based on its particular situation. Users are encouraged to seek independent advice and the Government of Ontario, in providing public information on accessibility is not responsible for its usage.

Regulation 191/11	Requirement	What to do?	In Compliance?
Section 4 (1)	Post plan on website and make it available in an accessible format upon request.	✓ Ensure your organization's plan is posted online Website Link www.mhc.on.ca	✓ Yes
		Communicate that your plan is available in alternate formats upon request	
		Sample	
		To request an alternate format of this plan, please contact [person/email/phone number]	
Section 4 (1)	Review and update the plan at least once every five years.	Determine when your plan was created and/or when was the last time it was updated Date of Plan Creation (yyyy/mm/dd) 2022/03/31	✓ Yes No
		Date of Last Review/Update (yyyy/mm/dd) 2022/10/12	
		Date of Next Review/Update (yyyy/mm/dd) 2023/10/10	1

Regulation 191/11	Requirement	What to do?	In Compliance?
Section 4 (2)	Review and update the accessibility plan in consultation with persons with disabilities and an accessibility advisory committee (if one has been established).	Determine if you need to establish an accessibility advisory committee. Is your organization a municipality with 10,000 residents or more? Yes Your organization is not required to establish an accessibility advisory committee. However, if you are a municipality, you may choose to have one in place anyway and consult its members during your planning process. Consult with persons with disabilities and an accessibility advisory committee (if applicable) when reviewing and updating your accessibility plan. Consider documenting how you complete your consultations in your accessibility policies or in the annual status report for your multi-year accessibility plan. Learn more about how municipalities must work with accessibility advisory committees to identify and break down barriers for people with disabilities in their	✓ Yes No
Section 4 (3)	Prepare and post an annual status report on measures taken to implement the plan. Make the annual status report available in an accessible format upon request.	Track the organization's progress in implementing the plan annually Last Annual Status Report October 12, 2022 See Annual Status Report template Ensure your organization's annual status report is posted online Website Link www.mhc.on.ca Communicate that the annual status report is available in alternate formats upon request Sample To request an alternate format of this annual status report, please contact [person/email/phone number].	✓ Yes No

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Designated Public Sector Annual Status Report Template

Manitoulin Health centre

Annual Status Report

Name of Organization Manitoulin Health centre has established a multi-year Name of Organization accessibility plan to prevent and remove barriers to accessibility and to meet requirements under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Integrated Accessibility Standards. This Annual Status Report details the required annual update for (year) 2022 on the progress of measures taken to improve accessibility. The purpose of this report is to track our organization's progress and make the public aware of our initiatives. This report is available online at www.mhc.on.ca To request an alternate format of this annual status report, please contact: Name (last name, first name) Timmermans, Kelly Email ktimmerman@mhc.on.ca Telephone number 705-368-2300 ext. 2335 Accessibility Accomplishments in (year) 2022 ✓ Not applicable **Applicable** Enter in general initiatives related to accessibility that may or may not be directly related to a regulatory requirement or initiatives that don't fall within a particular standard. ✓ Applicable **Customer Service Accomplishments** Not applicable Enter in initiatives implemented related to the Customer Service Standards. For example, this can include training employees, updating/establishing policies, follow up on feedback received. Review of vending machines and accessibility of all food groups. Review concluded in adding a mix of nutritional items to bottom shelves and a bell to notify the Little Current site dietary staff if visitors require assistance. **Information and Communications Accomplishments** ✓ Applicable Not applicable Enter in initiatives implemented related to the Information and Communications Standards. For example, this can include creating accessible documents, updating websites to meet accessibility requirements, developing new policies to ensure information/documents are provided in alternate formats, follow up on feedback. Standardized font for external communications. ✓ Applicable Not applicable Enter in initiatives implemented related to the Employment Standards. This can include, for example, accommodating all candidates during the recruitment process and employment life cycle, steps taken to ensure accommodation plans and ensuring employees have accessible emergency information. Inclusive disclaimer added to all employment postings. **Transportation Accomplishments** Applicable Not applicable Enter in initiatives implemented related to the Transportation Standards. This can include, for example, installing signage for priority seating, training staff on appropriate use of a vehicle's accessibility features. Priority signage for patients installed at Little Current site for those visiting the emergency department.

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Design of Public Spaces Accomplishments	Applicable	Not applicable				
Enter in initiatives implemented related to the Design of Public Spaces Standards. This can include, for example, installing accessible playgrounds, tactile walking surface indicators and establishing design guidelines that take into account accessibility. Repairs to sidewalks at Little Current site. Inclusion of a fully accessible bathroom at the Mindemoya site with the renovation/expansion.						
Summary of Consultations	Applicable	Not applicable				
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All designated public sector organizations must establish, review and update multi-year accessibility plans in consultation with persons with disabilities and, when applicable, with a municipal accessibility advisory committee. All municipalities with 10,000 and more residents must establish an accessibility advisory committee. Obligated organizations are also required to consult with the public and persons with disabilities when building new trails and outdoor play spaces. Use this section of the report to outline any consultation that took place during the year.

Consultation with management team and Patient and Family Advisor Council on accessibility plan.

Next Steps

What will be the focus of the new year? Highlight key upcoming initiatives.

Updated way-signage at the Mindemoya site with current renovation/expansion, completion spring 2023.

Automatic door handles installation for remaining public bathrooms at both sites.

Fully accessible bathroom renovation at the Mindemoya site, inclusive of an adult change table.

Review of fire hose cabinets.

Mindemoya site emergency department newly renovated and accessible waiting area, triage and registration.

Fire cabinet and alarm review, including possibly insertion of strobe lights.

Review of pocket doors at Mindemoya site for possible upgrade to accessible handles.

Upgrade of additional way-signage at Mindemoya site with completion of renovation/expansion.

Review of stairwells for visual cues for depth change.

Review of admitting/registration at Little Current site for accessibility.

Inclusion of information regarding accessibility complaint/concern process on tv screens in waiting areas.

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