

Town of Ingersoll Boards and Committees

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Overview

In accordance with Section 29 (1) of the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act*, 2005, the Council for every municipality having a population of not less than 10,000 shall establish an Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Ingersoll's Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) is intended to provide advice to Council on the removal of barriers within the community that prevent people with disabilities from accessing Town facilities, services, and programming. The AAC provides a forum for residents with disabilities to raise issues and concerns and to provide guidance to Council on increasing accessibility.

Specifically, the Committee shall:

- a) advise Council about the requirements and implementation of accessibility standards and the preparation of accessibility reports and such other matters for which Council may seek its advice under subsection (5) of the AODA;
- b) review in a timely manner the site plans and drawings described in section 41 of the *Planning Act* that the committee selects; and
- c) perform all other functions that are specified in the regulations.

Mandate

To advise Council on matters related to the removal of barriers and the delivery of an accessible and inclusive community for all persons.

Objectives and Goals

- Research and prepare reports and recommendations for Council's review on various matters concerning accessibility and the experience of members of the community with disabilities as it relates to Town of Ingersoll facilities, services, programs, policies and public spaces.
- To advise Town Council annually on the preparation, implementation and effectiveness of its accessibility plan.
- To advise Council on the removal of barriers and the achievement of inclusive access to buildings, services, communications and activities within the Town of Ingersoll.
- When requested, review and provide comments on Site Plans for new development to the Development Review Committee as described in section 41 of the *Planning Act*.

Composition and Appointment

Up to three members of Council shall be appointed to the Committee.

Members of the public shall be appointed for the term via by-law.

As required under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act*, a majority of the members of the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee shall be persons with disabilities.

Members

Council Member Appointments:

- Deputy Mayor Wilson
- Councillor Haliru

Citizen Appointments:

- Tom Leftley
- Sarah Zeversenuke
- Johnathan Ryan
- Amanda Ryan
- Marilyn McFarland
- Patricia Marshal
- Samantha Little

Staff Liaison(s)

Deputy Clerk

Term

Members are appointed for the 2022-2026 term of Council or until such time as appointees are reappointed or replaced subject to Statutory Authority.

Reporting Structure / Decision-Making Process

Every Advisory Committee reports to Council and is responsible for posting its agendas and minutes in accordance with Council's Procedure By-law. All minutes must be submitted to Council for approval.

The Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee is supported by the Clerk's Department.

Meeting Date and Location

To be determined at the first committee meeting.

Frequency:

Date:

Time:

Location:

Committee meetings must be held in accordance with Council's Procedure By-law. No formal decisions may be made unless a quorum of the committee is present.

Each committee's meeting schedule will be communicated to the Clerk's Department for inclusion on the Council and Committee meetings portal and community calendar.

The Boards and Committees Guide will be used by each Committee to support effective and efficient meetings.

Further Information

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/how-serve-municipal-accessibility-advisory-committee-guide>