

LINCOLN, WEST LINCOLN, PELHAM, THOROLD, NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE & GRIMSBY

# Town of Pelham 2018-2022 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

**August 11, 2017** 

#### Introduction

The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) was proclaimed by the Province of Ontario in 2005. The legislation aims to develop, implement and enforce accessibility standards to achieve full accessibility in the Province by 2025.

The JAAC and its member municipalities have already initiated all compliance requirements as outlined in it's first Multi-Year Accessibility Plan of 2012-2017. This next Plan builds on the successes of the first and ensures accessibility remains a priority in municipal planning and activity. The Plan addresses activities and deliverables specified in the Information and Communication, Employment Standards, Transportation Standards and Design of Public Spaces Standard and outlines an action plan for meeting these regulations.

The JAAC will also initiate more outreach with the public and private sector to ensure the community at large is educated about the AODA. Further, the JAAC will celebrate successes with a new Accessibility Award.

Once approved by Council, legislation requires this Plan to be available to the public and in alternate format upon request. Annual Progress Reports regarding activities included in this Plan will also be required.

The JAAC will continue to communicate regularly with its staff contacts and will provide Council with ongoing updates.

The JAAC wishes to thank its administrative contacts for continuing to provide essential leadership in this process as well as assisting us in meeting our objectives. The JAAC hopes to continue to provide valuable information and resources for the municipalities as they continue complying with the AODA.

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#### **Integrated Accessibility Standard Regulation: General Regulations**

Regulation/Requirement	Action Required by Municipality	Timeline	Comments
O. Reg. 191/11- 13 (1-2)	Communication Plan:		
Organizations that	1.1. Annual review of	January 1, 2018	
prepare organizational	communication plan for	<ul><li>January 1,</li></ul>	
emergency procedures,	informing public of alternate	2022	
plans and public safety	format availability. Ensure		
information and make	notice is posted on website,		
that information available	provided in printed materials		
to the public, <b>shall</b>	and in all other corporate		
provide this information in	communications.		
an accessible format or			
via accessible	2. Establish Alternate Format		
communication supports	Service Provider - Vendor of		
as soon as practicable	Record:	January 1, 2018	
upon request	2.1. Review Vendor of Record		
	agreement. Draft Request for		
	Proposals (RFP) for Alternate		
	Format Service Provider -		
	Vendor of Record if needed		
		January 1, 2018	
	<ol><li>2.2. Review of RFP responses;</li></ol>		
	selection of Vendor of Record		
	2.3. Review internal procedures		
	for processing requests for		
	alternate formats		

#### **Integrated Accessibility Standard Regulation: General Regulations**

Regulation/Requirement	Action Required by Municipality	Timeline	Comments
O. Reg. 191/11-27 (1-4) Individualized workplace emergency response information must be provided upon request and in accessible formats when need is articulated. Individualized	Emergency Response Plan     Template     1.1 Annual review of     Emergency Response     Planning Tool and update     as needed	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	
workplace emergency response information <b>shall</b> be reviewed when: employee moves to different location in organization, employee's overall accommodation needs or plans are reviewed and when employer reviews general emergency response policies.	Communication Plan:     2.1 Inform Staff of     Emergency Response     assistance on an annual     basis	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	

Regulation/Requirement	Action Required by Municipality	Status	Comments
O. Reg. 191/11- 3 (1-4) Accessibility Policy Develop Accessibility Policy to address compliance with Integrated Accessibility Standard Regulation. Policy can be one or more documents. Sections have varying compliance Due Dates.	Policy:     1.1. Annual review and update     of Accessibility Policy.     Communicate any     changes to staff	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	
O. Reg. 191/11- 4 (1-4)  Accessibility Plan  To outline compliance plan in regards to Integrated	Plan Development:     1.1. Develop Multi-Year     Accessibility Plan	July 2017	
Accessibility Standard Regulation. Must be posted on website upon completion.	1.2. Present Plan to Council for adoption/approval	September 2017	
Annual Progress Report required. Complete Plan update required every 5 years	1.3. Post Multi-Year Accessibility Plan on website and make available to public	December 31, 2017	
	1.4. Prepare and make public annual progress reports on Multi-Year Accessibility Plan	December 31, 2018	

O. Reg. 191/11- 5 (1-3) Procurement Procedures Procurement Procedures must incorporate accessibility criteria. If not "practicable"	,	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022
criteria. If not "practicable" organization must provide	Policy and/or Procedures in purchase agreements	January 1, 2022
explanation upon request	, and any	

#### **Integrated Accessibility Standard Regulation: Information and Communication**

Regulation/Requirement	Action Required by Municipality	Timeline	Comments
O. Reg. 191/11 – 19 (1) & (4)  Public Libraries  Library Board shall provide access to or arrange for the provision of access to accessible materials where they exist	Accessible Materials     1.1 Annual review of     communication plan for     informing public of     alternate format     availability.	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	
O. Reg. 191/11 – 19 (2) & (4) Library boards <b>shall</b> make information about the availability of accessible materials publicly available and <b>shall</b> provide the information in an accessible format or with appropriate communication supports upon request	Communication Plan:     1.1. Annual review of how public is informed of available accessible material      1.2. Clerk to liaise with Library Board to facilitate connection with Vendor of Record – Alternate Format Service Provider to assist in providing alternate formats upon request	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022 January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	
O. Reg. 191/11 – 19 (3) & (4) Library boards <b>may</b> provide accessible formats for archival materials, special collections, rare books or	Accessible Archival Materials     1.1 Annual review of how     information is provided in     alternate format upon     request	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	

January 1, 2022	
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#### **Integrated Accessibility Standard Regulation: Information and Communication**

Regulation/Requirement	Action Required by Municipality	Timeline	Comments
O. Reg. 191/11 – 14 (1-7)  Websites* As of January 1, 2022, websites and website content must conform to W3C WCAG	1.1. Confirm that municipal website conforms with requirements of W3C WCAG 2.0 Level AA	January 1, 2022	
2.0 Level AA other than:  i. Success criteria 1.2.4 Captions (Live) and ii. Success criteria 1.2.5 Audio Descriptions (Pre-recorded)	1.2. Include accessibility provisions/criteria in purchase of service contracts for web-based applications	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	

#### **Integrated Accessibility Standard Regulation: Information and Communication**

Regulation/Requirement	Action Required by	Timeline	Comments
O. Reg. 191/11 – 7 (1-6) Training Employers shall provide training regarding Integrated Accessibility Regulation and Ontario Human Rights Code requirements to all employees and volunteers, persons who participate in developing organizational policy and other persons who provide	Municipality  1. Training Plan Development: 1.1. Annual review and update of AODA training module  1.2. Provide refresher training to all staff, contractors and volunteers according to Accessibility Policy. Provide all new staff with AODA Training module	January 1, 2022 January 1, 2018 January 1, 2019	
goods, services or facilities on behalf of the organization. Training to take place as soon as practicable and <b>shall</b> include any changes to policies on an ongoing basis. Record keeping of training provided and number of participants is required	1.3. Review Accessible     Documents Guide and     provide training in     accessible document     production to municipal     staff and volunteers	January 1, 2019	
O. Reg. 191/11 – 11 (1-4) Feedback  Mechanism  Ensure accessible feedback mechanism in relation to areas covered under Integrated Accessibility Regulation. Every obligated organization shall notify	Feedback Mechanism Update     1.1. Annual review of     Feedback mechanism.	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	

a	ublic about availability of ccessible formats and ommunication supports.		

#### **Integrated Accessibility Standard Regulation: Employment**

Regulation/Requirement	Action Required by Municipality	Timeline	Comments
O. Reg. 191/11 – 22  Accommodation –Recruitment  Notice <b>shall</b> be provided to employees and public about the	Policy:     1.1. Annual review of Employment     Policy and Procedures.	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	
availability of accommodation for applicants with disabilities during recruitment process.	Annual review of procedure for recruitment accommodations including notice in advertisements	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	
	1.3. Refresher procedural training regarding providing applicant accommodation for staff responsible for recruiting, selecting and hiring staff as well as staff who would participate in the recruitment process	January 1, 2019	
O. Reg. 191/11 – 23(1-2)  Accommodation – Selection  Accommodation shall be provided to applicants selected to participate in assessment or selection process,	Policy:     1.1. Annual review of Employment     Policy and Procedures -     Selection Process.	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	
upon request. Suitable accommodation <b>shall</b> be provided in manner that takes applicant's accessibility needs.	1.2. Refresher procedural training regarding providing applicant accommodation for staff responsible for recruiting, selecting and hiring staff as well as staff who would participate in the selection process	January 1, 2019	

### Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee of Pelham, West Pelham, Pelham, Thorold, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Grimsby Town of Pelham

#### **Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2018-2022**

Regulation/Requirement	Action Required by Municipality	Timeline	Comments
O. Reg. 191/11 - 24 Accommodation Notice - New Employees Successful applicant shall be informed of availability of accommodation and shall provided with accommodation policy when making offer of employment	1. Policy: 1.1. Annual Review of Letter for all Offers of Employment  1.2. Annual Review of Employment Offer Checklist to ensure that all successful applicants/new employees are aware of: Municipal Accessibility Policy, Municipal Accommodation Policy and Accommodation Planning Procedures and	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022 January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	
O. Reg. 191/11 – 25 (1-3) Accommodation Notice - All Employees Accommodation policy shall be provided to all employees and any updates shall be provided whenever changes are made	Municipal Emergency Response and Evacuation Support Procedures.  1. Policy: 1.1 Provide updates to employees as needed  1.2 Refresher procedural training provided to supervisors regarding any policy updates	January 1, 2018 - January 1, 2022 January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	

Regulation/Requirement	Action Required by Municipality	Timeline	Comments
O. Reg. 191/11 – 26 (1-2) Alternate formats <b>shall</b> be provided to employees with disabilities upon request including information needed to perform employee's job,	Policy and Procedure:     1.1 Remind Municipal staff of availability of alternate format vendor of record	January 1, 2018	
information generally available in workplace. Employer will consult employee making request when determining suitability of accessible format provided.	1.2 Annual review of alternate format request procedure and form.	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	
O. Reg. 191/11 – 28 (1-2) Documented Accommodation Plans shall be provided to employees with disabilities	Accommodation Planning Tool:  1.1. Annual review of     Accommodation Planning     Form	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	
	Annual review of employee     Individualized Accommodation     Plans as required	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	
O. Reg. 191/11 – 29 (1-3) Documented Return-to-Work process <b>shall</b> be established including disability-related accommodations	Return-to-Work Accommodation Planning Tool:  1.1. Annual review of Return-to- Work Process and use Accommodation Planning Form	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	
	Annual review of employee     Individualized Return-to-Work     Accommodation Plans as     required	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	

Regulation/Requirement	Action Required by Municipality	Timeline	Comments
O. Reg. 191/11 – 30 (1-2); 31	Performance Management:		
(1-2); 32 (1-2)	1.1 Communicate	January 1, 2018	
Accessibility Throughout	requirement to provide		
Employment Life-Cycle	accommodation		
Performance Management,	throughout employment		
Career Development and	life-cycle to all directors,		
advancement and	managers, supervisors		
Redeployment processes	and staff as appropriate		
shall include accessibility		January 1, 2018 –	
accommodation and provided in alternate format	1.2 Provide refresher procedural training for	January 1, 2022	
	directors, managers,		
	supervisors and staff as		
	appropriate		
	Career Development and	January 1, 2018 –	
	Advancement:	January 1, 2022	
	2.1 Annual review of		
	accommodation		
	procedures for employee		
	training	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	
	Redeployment:		
	3.1 Annual review of Process		
	Checklist for employee	January 1, 2019	
	transfers and		
	redeployment		

	Provide refresher procedural training for directors, managers, supervisors and staff as appropriate	
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Regulation/Requirement	Action Required by	Timeline	Comments
	Municipality		
O. Reg. 191/11 – 7 (1-6)	Training Plan:	January 1, 2018 –	Pending
Training for Employment	1.1 Refresher training in the	January 1, 2022	
<u>Process</u>	Ontario Human Rights Code		
Employment Training (i.e.	and in the Employment		
Ontario Human Rights Code,	Standard		
accessible recruitment and			
screening, employment policy			
and accommodation planning			
training). Training to take			
place as soon as practicable			
and <b>shall</b> include any			
changes to policies on an			
ongoing basis. Record			
keeping of training provided			
and number of participants is			
required			

#### **Integrated Accessibility Standard Regulation: Information and Communication**

Regulation/Requirement	Action Required by Municipality	Timeline	Comments
O. Reg. 191/11 - 12 (1) Organizational Material in Alternate Format: Except as otherwise provided, every obligated organization shall upon request provide or arrange for the provision of accessible formats and communication supports for persons with disabilities: (a) in a timely manner that takes into account the person's accessibility needs and in consultation with the person making the request.	Alternate Format Provision:     1.1. Annual review of     Accessible Style Guide      1.2. Provide refresher training in creating accessible templates and other accessible communication refresher training as needed.	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022 January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	

Regulation/Requirement	Action Required by Municipality	Timeline	Status
O. Reg. 191/11 – 70(2-3)  Hours of Service: Where conventional and specialized transportation is provided by separate providers in the same jurisdiction, the specialized provider will ensure it has the same hours and days of service as the conventional transportation service provider	Confirmation:     1.1. Confirm with Transit Service     Provider:     Hours of Service	January 1, 2017	
O. Reg. 191/11-51 (1-4) & 58 Electronic Announcement System <b>shall</b> be installed on all transit vehicles – electronic announcement and display of route, direction and stops	<ul> <li>2. Confirmation:         <ul> <li>2.1. Confirm with Transit Service Provider:</li> <li>Availability of electronic announcement system on all transit vehicles</li> <li>Electronic Announcement System requirement is included in transit service purchase/partnership agreement</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	January 1, 2017	

Regulation/Requirement	Action Required by Municipality	Timeline	Comments
O. Reg. 191/11 – 78 (1-4) Transit Stop Accessibility Municipality shall establish plan for accessible bus stops and shelters, including any steps that will be taken to meet the goal of accessible bus stops and shelters	1.1 Annual review of Accessibility Plan to improve accessibility of transit stops and shelters	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	

Regulation/Requirement	Action Required by Municipality	Timeline	Comments
O. Reg. 191/11 – 46 (1) & (3) Fare Equity Policy Provider shall ensure no higher fare to be charged to persons with a disability.  Fare Equity/Fare Payment Policy: The provider shall make available alternative fare payment options to people with disabilities who cannot, because of their disability, use a fare payment option on conventional transport	<ol> <li>Policy Confirmation:         <ol> <li>1.1. Confirm with Transit Service Provider:</li> <li>Fare Equity Policy and procedure is included in transit service purchase/partnership agreement</li> <li>Fare equity policy and related procedures for transit riders with accessibility needs</li> <li>Public communication of fare equity policy is in place including making information available in alternate format upon request</li> <li>Availability of alternative fare payment option is included in transit service purchase/partnership agreement</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	

Regulation/Requirement	Action Required by Municipality	Timeline	Comments
O. Reg. 191/11 – 66(3) Fare Parity: Where conventional and specialized transportation is provided by separate providers in the same jurisdiction the specialized service <b>shall</b> not will charge more than the highest conventional fee for the same jurisdiction	<ul> <li>1. Policy Confirmation:</li> <li>1.1 Confirm with Transit Service Provider:</li> <li>Fare Parity Policy</li> </ul>	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	
O. Reg. 191/11 – 66(5) Fare Parity: Where conventional and specialized transportation is provided by the same provider the provider will ensure they have the same fare structure	<ul> <li>1. Policy Confirmation</li> <li>1.1 Confirm with Transit Service Provider:  • Fare Parity Policy</li> </ul>	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	

Regulation/Requirement	Action Required by Municipality	Timeline	Comments
O. Reg. 191/11 – 44 (1-4) Boarding Policy Provider shall deploy lifting devices, ramps or portable bridge plates upon the request of a person with a disability; ensure adequate time is provided to safely board, be secured and deboard vehicles and provide assistance to do same upon request; assist with safe and careful storage of mobility aids or assistive devices used by persons with disabilities; allow a person with a medical aid (i.e. respirators, portable oxygen tanks).	<ol> <li>Policy Confirmation:         <ol> <li>1.1 Annual review with Transit Service Provider:</li> <li>Availability of policy and procedure is included in transit service purchase/partnership agreement</li> <li>Availability of boarding policy and related procedures for transit riders with accessibility needs</li> <li>Public communication of boarding policy is in place including making information available in alternate format upon request</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	

Regulation/Requirement	Action Required by Municipality	Timeline	Comments
O. Reg. 191/11 – 35(1)  Non-functioning accessibility equipment If the accessibility equipment on a vehicle is not functioning and equivalent service cannot be provided, conventional transportation service providers and specialized transportation service providers shall take reasonable steps to accommodate persons with disabilities who would otherwise use the equipment and the transportation service provider shall repair the equipment as soon as is practicable.	<ol> <li>Procedure Confirmation:         <ol> <li>1.1. Confirm with Transit</li></ol></li></ol>	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	

Regulation/Requirement	Action Required by Municipality	Timeline	Comments
O. Reg. 191/11 – 49 (1-6) Priority/Courtesy Seating Provider shall establish and clearly mark with signage priority/courtesy seating for people with disabilities. seating shall be located as close as practicable to the entrance doors; seating shall be signed to indicate passengers without disabilities must vacate courtesy seating when required by a person with a disability; provider must develop a communication strategy designed to inform the public about the purpose of courtesy seating	<ol> <li>Policy Confirmation:         <ul> <li>1.1. Confirm with Transit</li></ul></li></ol>	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	

#### **Integrated Accessibility Regulation Standard: Transportation**

Regulation/Requirement	Action Required by Municipality	Timeline	Comments
O. Reg. 191/11 – 44 (1-4)  Mobility Aid and Assistive  Device Storage Policy  Provider shall not charge a fee for storage of mobility assistive device or mobility aid. If safe storage is possible, mobility aid shall be stored in the passenger compartment within reach of the person with a disability who owns it.	<ul> <li>1. Policy Confirmation: <ul> <li>1.1. Confirm with Transit Service Provider:</li> <li>Aid Storage policy and procedure is included in transit service purchase/partnership agreement</li> <li>Availability of mobility aid and assistive device storage and related procedures for transit riders with accessibility needs</li> <li>Public communication of mobility aid and assistive device storage policy is in place including making information available in alternate format upon request</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	

Regulation/Requirement	Action Required by Municipality	Timeline	Comments
O. Reg. 191/11 - 42(1-2)  Accessibility Plan —  Specialized Transportation  Services  Specialized transportation service providers will in their accessibility plans: identify the process for estimating demand for service and strategies to reduce wait times	Confirm with Transit Service     Provider:     Process for service demand and strategies for reducing waiting times	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	
O. Reg. 191/11 - 43(1-2)  Accessibility Plan – Conventional and Specialized Transportation Services Both Conventional and Specialized transportation service providers will outline their procedures for dealing with accessibility equipment failures on vehicles	Confirm with Transit Service     Provider:     Process for dealing with     accessibility equipment     failures on all vehicles	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	

Regulation/Requirement	Action Required by Municipality	Timeline	Comments
O. Reg. 191/11 – 66(6-7) Visitors: Specialized transit providers <b>shall</b> make service available to visitors and will consider as eligible visitors who confirm they are eligible for service where they reside and visitors who meet the eligibility requirements of the provider where they are visiting	Policy Confirmation:     1.1 Confirm with Transit Service     Provider:     Visitor Policy	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	
O. Reg. 191/11 – 69(1-3) Coordinated Service: Specialized transit services provided in adjacent municipalities will facilitate connections between their respective areas and will determine accessible stops and drop off locations	<ul> <li>1. Policy Confirmation:</li> <li>1.1 Confirm with Transit Service Provider:  • Coordinated Service</li> </ul>	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	

Regulation/Requirement	Action Required by Municipality	Timeline	Comments
O. Reg. 191/11 – 73(1-4) Service Delays: Where specialized transit services require reservations the provider will provide information on the duration of service delays to affected passengers. A delay is defined by a delay of 30 minutes or more after scheduled pick up time.	<ul> <li>1. Policy Confirmation:</li> <li>1.1 Confirm with Transit Service Provider:</li> <li>Service Delay Policy</li> </ul>	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	
O. Reg. 191/11 – 50 (1-3)  Service Disruption  Procedure  Where route is temporarily changed providers shall: make available alternate accessible arrangements to transfer people with disabilities to their route and ensure information about alternate arrangements is communicated in a manner	Policy Confirmation:     1.1. Confirm with Transit     Service Provider:     Service disruption     procedure and drivers and     other transit staff are trained     in the procedure     Service disruption     procedure is included in     transit service     purchase/partnership     agreement	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	

that considers person's disability.		
disability.		

Regulation/Requirement	Action Required by Municipality	Timeline	Comments
O. Reg. 191/11 - 41(2) Accessibility Planning – Public Meeting Every conventional transportation service provider <b>shall</b> annually hold at least one public meeting involving persons with disabilities to ensure that they have an opportunity to participate in a review of the accessibility plan and that they are given the opportunity to provide feedback on the accessibility plan.	1.1. Public Meeting     Confirm public consultation meeting with Transit Service Provider	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	
O. Reg. 191/11 – 41 (1) Transportation providers shall create a process for managing, evaluating and taking action on customer feedback	Policy Confirmation:     1.1. Confirm with Transit     Service Provider:     Feedback mechanism is     established and included in     transit service     purchase/partnership     agreement	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	

Regulation/Requirement	Action Required by Municipality	Timeline	Comments
O. Reg. 191/11 – 36 (1-4) Training Provider shall conduct transit driver training including: safe use of accessibility equipment and features, acceptable modifications to procedures to address temporary barriers or accessibility equipment failure, emergency preparedness and response procedures. Training records kept: date of training and number of participants	1. Confirmation:  1.1. Confirm training program or confirm offer to assist in driver training to meet requirements. Training to include: boarding and deboarding assistance, driver training, customer service training, emergency procedure training, service disruptions  1.2. Confirm training conforms with requirements for Driver training according to O. Reg. 191/11	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	
O. Reg. 191/11 – 38 (1-3) Support Person Fare Policy No fare <b>shall</b> be charged to individual accompanying a person with a disability where person with disability has a need for a support person. Person with	Policy Confirmation:     1.1. Confirm with Transit     Service Provider:     Support Person Fare Policy and drivers and other transit staff are trained in the policy     Support Person Fare Policy is included in transit service	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	

disability must demonstrate need for support person and to ensure the appropriate designation for a support person is in place	purchase/partnership agreement		
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#### **Election Accessibility Plan**

Regulation/Requirement	Action Required by Municipality	Timeline	Comments
MEA, s.12.1(1)(2)(3), s. 41(3), s.45(2)	<ol> <li>Customer Service – all         Elections staff will be trained in         Accessible Customer Service         specific to their roles and         responsibilities including:         <ol> <li>The Ontario Human Rights</li></ol></li></ol>	October 19, 2018	

#### **Elections Act Requirements: Election Accessibility Plan**

Regulation/Requirement	Action Required by Municipality	Timeline	Comments
MEA, s.12.1(1)(2)(3), s. 41(3), s.45(2)	2. Voting Places and Methods - all voting places will be physically accessible to voters including entrances/exits, queuing areas, voting booths and washroom areas. Voting locations will be assessed through a checklist.	October 19, 2018	
	2.1 Voting ballots will be available in large print and Braille     2.2 Voting accessibility measures will be advertised to the public		
	3. Assistance to Candidates – Candidate information and forms will be made available in alternate formats upon request.	October 19, 2018  October 19, 2018	
	3.1 All candidate speaking engagements (Candidate debates and meetings) held		

in a municipal facility will be held in a physically accessible location.		
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#### **Elections Act Requirements: Election Accessibility Plan**

Regulation/Requirement	Action Required by Municipality	Timeline	Comments
MEA, s.12.1(1)(2)(3), s. 41(3), s.45(2)	4. Recruitment and Staffing 4.1 Accommodation will be provided to Elections staff as needed. Emergency evacuation planning will be provided to elections staff as needed.	October 19, 2018  October 19, 2018	
	<ul> <li>5. Feedback Process:</li> <li>5.1 Feedback regarding election accessibility will be received by feedback form, written letter, email or other electronic format or telephone or TTY service</li> <li>5.2 The municipality will take the person's disability into account when responding to feedback</li> <li>5.3 The availability of the feedback process will be posted to the municipality's website.</li> </ul>		

#### **Elections Act Requirements: Election Accessibility Plan**

Regulation/Requirement	Action Required by Municipality	Timeline	Comments
MEA, s.12.1(1)(2)(3), s. 41(3), s.45(2)	<ul> <li>6. Feedback Process:</li> <li>6.1 Feedback regarding election accessibility will be received by feedback form, written letter, email or other electronic format or telephone or TTY service</li> <li>6.2 The municipality will take the person's disability into account when responding to feedback</li> <li>6.3 The availability of the feedback process will be posted to the municipality's website.</li> <li>7. Post Election Report - The Report will include:</li> <li>7.1 Barriers experienced during election process and prevention solutions for future elections</li> <li>7.2 Voter feedback</li> </ul>	October 19, 2018  January 1, 2019	
	7.3Best practices for future		

consideration 7.4The report will be posted to	
7.4The report will be posted to the municipality's website and	
made available in alternate	
formats upon request	

#### **Public Outreach: Removing Barriers to Accessibility**

Regulation/Requirement	Action Required by Municipality	Timeline	Comments
Public Outreach	Initiate and implement     education programs and     events and develop training     materials for the Municipality     to meet its ongoing AODA     compliance obligations.	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	To be done by Accessibility Advisory Committee
	2. Liaise with other committees of Council to address accessibility concerns including:  a. Age-Friendly Committee b. Thorold BIA c. Active Transportation Committee	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	To be done by Accessibility Advisory Committee
	d. Library Board	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	To be done by Accessibility Advisory Committee
	Present to Council ongoing updates on Accessibility matters	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	To be done by Accessibility Advisory Committee
	Liaise with other Accessibility     Advisory Committees to		

leverage accessibility efforts across the Region	

#### **Public Outreach: Removing Barriers to Accessibility**

Regulation/Requirement	Action Required by Municipality	Timeline	Comments
Public Outreach	5. Establish an Accessibility Award to in recognition of municipal, public and private sector efforts to improve accessibility in our community. These awards will be given out once (1x) per council term.	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	To be done by Accessibility Advisory Committee
	6. Liaise with public and private sector organizations and interest groups including:  a. maintaining a social media presence  b. speaking to organizations about accessibility  c. educating them how to welcome people with disabilities into their business or workplace and  d. providing information about the AODA and its regulations.	January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2022	To be done by Accessibility Advisory Committee