



## **City of Timmins**

### **2021 Annual Accessibility Status Report**

This Accessibility Status Report is the annual update on the progress of the measures taken to improve accessibility and implement the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) and the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (Ontario Regulation 191/11).

Through the development of the City of Timmins's 2018-2022 Strategic Multi Year plan, the Accessibility Advisory Committee identified five key priorities which align with the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulations as found in Regulation 191/11 of the AODA:

1. Transportation
2. Information and Communications
3. Customer Service
4. Employment
5. General Requirements – Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (IASR)

These five priorities included strategic recommendations from the Accessible Advisory Committee and provide a roadmap for the City of Timmins as it continues to plan for future accessibility initiatives.

This status report updates on actions to implement the City of Timmins 2018-2022 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. The plan outlines strategies and actions approved by the City of Timmins Council to identify, prevent and remove barriers for people with disabilities in our programs, services and facilities.

## **Our Commitment to Accessibility**

The City of Timmins is committed to eliminating barriers and improving access for persons with disabilities by providing its citizens with an inclusive accessible community through its passage and adoption of strategies and policies that promote dignity, independence, integration and equal opportunity for all citizens.

The City of Timmins will continue to work under the legislative frameworks of the AODA, the Ontario Human Rights Code and other associated pieces of legislation to ensure that compliance with accessibility standards is achieved.

## **2021 Achievements and Successes**

- Our website is WCAG 2.0 Level AA compliant as per AODA requirements.
- Barrier free washroom and a removable aluminum ramp added at the Maurice Londry Community Center
- 2 automatic door openers were added to family change room at the Archie Dillon Sportsplex Pool. One from the lobby to the change room and one from the change room to the pool deck.
- Some of our recreational trails around the city have been brushed and widened to improve sight lines, some culverts lowered and extra trail material added.
- An on-line Integrated Accessibility Standards Orientation program for all staff, volunteers and contractors has been implemented.

## **Continuous Achievements**

- Monthly meetings of the Accessibility Advisory Committee to provide insight to municipal staff on matters related to the accessibility of municipal services, programs and facilities as required under the AODA;
- Continued focus on removing barriers which may exist in the City of Timmins buildings and facilities while ensuring that all new buildings, leases and renovations do not create barriers and comply with the Built Environment Standards;
- Continued compliance with the requirements of the Integrated Standards regulation and the plans laid out in our Strategic Multi-Year Accessibility Plan;
- Transit Department continues to consult with the Accessibility Advisory Committee to assess the accessibility of Timmins Handy Trans and its services;
- Continue to develop, implement and maintain policies governing how the City of Timmins achieves or will achieve accessibility through meeting its requirements.
- Continue to work with City of Timmins Departments to ensure understanding of and compliance with legislative obligations;
- Ensure the City of Timmins continues to meet compliance with the AODA, its regulations and all other related pieces of legislation;
- Review the City of Timmins policies and standard operating procedures yearly to ensure accessibility compliance;
- Continue accessibility audits of municipal buildings and facilities;

Information regarding accessibility in the City of Timmins, including our multi -year plan and annual status report can be found on the City of Timmins's website:

[www.timmins.ca/ourservices/accessibility](http://www.timmins.ca/ourservices/accessibility)

The information is also available in hard-copy and accessible formats upon request.

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