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# **Accessible Parking: Roles & Responsibilities**

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# Role of Province:

## Legislation, Enforcement & Permits

1. Requirements for **off-street accessible parking**  
[O. Reg. 191/11: Integrated Accessibility Standards](#)  
[AODA 2005, SO 2005, c 11](#)
2. Enforcement of **penalties for non-compliance** with AODA, including accessible parking standards
3. Management of **Accessible Parking Permits**  
[Service Ontario](#)

# Role of Police:

## Enforce Highway Traffic Act (HTA)

York Regional Police responds to accessible parking violations under [Highway Traffic Act \(RSO 1990 c. H.8\)](#)

HTA Part III covers **accessible parking permit offences:**

- Fictitious, altered or fraudulent permit
- Display of permit not in accordance to regulations
- Failure or refusal to surrender permit
- Use of permit not in accordance with regulations
- Use of permit by unauthorized user
- Use, loan, sale or other offer of fictitious or altered permit



# Role of City:

## Consultation with Accessibility Advisory Committee when developing new parking

1. **Infrastructure Development** ensures new City facilities comply with accessible parking requirements
2. **Facilities Management** ensures accessible parking spaces are signed on City properties
3. **Traffic** identifies locations for accessible on-street parking spaces
4. **Roads** installs accessible parking signage
5. **By-law & Compliance**
  - Enforces penalties for violations: misuse of accessible parking spaces under [Parking By-law](#)
  - Prescribes accessible parking space signage requirements under [Parking By-law](#)

# Role of City:

## Enforcement of Accessible Parking

### Parking By-law Accessible Parking Violations

Violation	Penalty
Stop or park in area designated for accessible vehicles	\$300
Park in designated accessible space	\$400
Fail to properly display Accessible Parking Permit	\$50

#### 1. Enforcement on City & Private Property

- Provincial Offences Officers enforce penalties for misuse of accessible parking spaces on City and private property
- Private security staff respond to misuse of accessible parking spaces on private property

#### 2. Zero Tolerance Approach

- Proactive and reactive (complaint based) enforcement
- Penalty notice for all accessible parking violations

# Role of City:

## Permit Inspections & Targeted Enforcement

### Permit Inspections

- Provincial Offences Officers (by-law) routinely request accessible parking permits for inspection
  - Permit serial number provides officers with information on permit holder; can be compared against government issued identification if necessary

### Targeted Enforcement

- Increased patrols and additional monitoring for misuse of accessible parking spaces occurs during high-traffic times (i.e. weekends, rush hours, special events & holidays)
- When necessary, an officer will be assigned to monitor a specific area if flagged as high-violation location



# Questions & Discussion





# Playground Renewal Projects

Parks Infrastructure Planning & Delivery  
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# Overview

- Parks Delivery undertakes renewal of select playgrounds every year
- Playgrounds are typically replaced every 20-25 years
- Renewal process may include all or portions of:
  - playground equipment
  - safety surfacing
  - curbs
  - drainage

# Playground Renewals

At time of renewal, playground renewals include:

- Accessible surface
- Accessible route into the play area
- Accessible route from the park walkway to the playground
- Playground equipment that meets or *exceeds* requirements set by:
  - City of Vaughan's Inclusive Design Standards
  - Canadian Standards Association (Z614-20) Children's Playground, Equipment & Surfacing Standard
  - Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)

# Neighbourhood & District Parks

## Neighbourhood Parks:

- Playgrounds between 500 -700 m<sup>2</sup> in size
- Accessible compliant engineered wood fibre safety surfacing

## District Parks:

- Playgrounds up to 1,200 m<sup>2</sup> in size
- Rubber safety surfacing where playgrounds are located next to community centres
- Engineered wood fibre safety surfacing where playgrounds are set back from a community centre



# Playground Equipment

- For all parks, new playground equipment selected through competitive bidding process, with consideration of existing play features and ability to providing new and expanded play value.
- For all playground renewals, new equipment meets or exceeds these standards:
  - 50% of all elevated activities must be accessible
  - 75% of all ground-based play must be accessible

# Typical Accessible Features

- All playground renewals include a range of accessible features and activities
- Typical accessible features include:
  - **Barrier-free access** into play area and onto structures



Ramp entry



Depressed curb



Ramp and deck



Transfer station

# Typical Accessible Features

- **Inclusive movement experiences** which also provide an interactive gathering spot



See-Saw



Rocker



Spinner

- **Multi-generational activities** which encourage creativity and social play



Drum Circle



Market Stall



# Typical Accessible Features

- **Sensory play** which provide sound, touch & visual experiences for all ages or abilities



Touch panel



Sound panel



Colour wheel

- **Inclusive swings** which offer movement experiences and integrated social play



Supported seat



Saucer swing



Together swing



# **2024 Playground Renewals**

**Representative Projects**

# Promenade Green Park

- Transfer station on junior & senior structures for barrier-free access
- Rocker, spinner & supported swing seat providing motion experiences
- Touch panels for sensory play
- Market stall encouraging social & group imaginative play





# Mill Arbour Park

- Supported seat on the swing & track ride offering motion experiences
- Transfer station on junior structure & to senior slide
- Sensory wall and integrated panels encouraging users of all abilities to explore five senses
- Play features for sensory relief, individual play & gentle rocking motions





# Dufferin District Park

- Ramp & deck provides barrier free access to combined junior/senior structure
- Motion experiences offered through inclusive swing seats, glider, rocker & merry-go-round
- Sensory play encouraged with colour, touch & sound panels integrated into the play structure
- Market stall encouraging social & creative play
- Play features for sensory relief or individual play





# Gilmore Park

- Existing ramp & deck play structure in great condition; will remain in place
- Accessibility of play area enhanced with engineered wood fibre safety surfacing & new accessible entry ramp
- New accessible pathway will connect to existing swing bay with addition of an entry ramp & inclusive seat



**Thank you!**

**We would be happy to  
answer any questions the  
committee may have.**





# Introduction to a first-of-its kind community of accessibility & real estate industry organizations

## ACCELERATING ACCESSIBILITY COALITION

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**PANEL DISCUSSION: ACCESSIBLE HOUSING**  
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**REGENT PARK SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

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# SITUATION

Canada has a **shortage** of housing that is accessible to people of all ages and abilities.

**Demand** is growing.

But **supply** isn't...

# BARRIERS

## WHAT

Inadequate requirements for accessibility in building codes

Lack of awareness of & empathy for **people's lived experience**

Lack of awareness of gap between **demand & supply**, & the **scope of the opportunity for home builders**

## WHY

Lack of understanding of how accessible housing **aligns with developer interests**

## HOW

Lack of awareness of **how to build more accessibly** in a cost-effective way

# RESPONSE

The **Accelerating Accessibility Coalition** (AAC) launched in November 2022 - a first-of-its-kind community of real estate development and accessibility leaders that is working to create an accessible Canada.

It is encouraging home builders to make physical accessibility a greater priority as they build the millions of new homes needed across Canada in the next decade.



# PURPOSE

## **VISION:**

That people of all ages & abilities in Canada have access to homes that are free of barriers, to support their ability to participate fully in society

## **MISSION:**

To support the building of a more accessible Canada by **significantly increasing the supply of new housing that is accessible & welcoming to people of all ages and abilities**

## WHO IS INVOLVED

### Inaugural Co-Chairs

**Luke Anderson** (2022-2024)

Executive Director, StopGap Foundation

**Heela Omarkhail** (2022-2023)

VP, Social Impact, The Daniels Corporation

### Membership & Secretariat

**37 members to date** from real estate, accessibility & civic organizations

**ULI (Urban Land Institute) Toronto**, a non-profit, serves as the secretariat

# What we've accomplished in Year 1

- Select **inaugural Co-Chairs**
- Confirm **37** members
- Add **22 tools** & resources to **Accessibility Toolbox**
- **12 news stories**: CBC (online, radio, TV), NRU, yorku.ca, Storeys, Remi Network
- Secure **\$173,800** for a **research project** with Sunnybrook Research Institute funded by Accessibility Standards Canada/the Government of Canada and a project to **produce a video** with The Daniels Corporation.





## What we've accomplished in Year 1, continued

- Host **Fundamentals of Accessibility** with AccessNow for **70** registrants with sponsors Cadillac Fairview and The Daniels Corporation at BLG LLP
  - 81% of attendees reported satisfied/very satisfied
  - 78% reported the session gave them ideas on what they can do differently to support Canadians of all ages and abilities
- Produce **marketing campaign** with Seneca College's Design for Social Change class
- Broaden network of accessibility & real estate organizations through meetings with City of Toronto, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing Office, Canada's Chief Accessibility Officer, BILD Chair's event, People & Culture Committee, UN-Habitat & South Korean NGO

# HOW TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER

## City of Vaughan

- Promote the Coalition with Vaughan home builders
- Contribute to and promote the [Accessibility Toolbox](#)

## Accelerating Accessibility Coalition

- Highlight measures the City is taking to encourage accessibility
- Invite Accessibility Advisory Committee members to participate in future Coalition programs and communications

# Questions/Discussion

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