



The Corporation of the Township of Hornepayne

2023 Annual Accessibility Status Report

The Accessibility Status Report is an 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 (O. Reg. 191/11).

This Status Report includes the accessibility initiatives and improvements that were completed in 2023 to implement the strategies outlined in the Township of Hornepayne Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (2023-2027).

The Township of Hornepayne is committed to fostering an inclusive community by ensuring equal access and participation for all individuals, regardless of ability. Our initiatives are aligned with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) goals, aiming to make our community fully accessible by 2025.

Key Accessibility Projects Completed in 2023:

1. Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (2023-2027):

- Created and adopted by Council on April 24, 2023.
- Focused on addressing identified barriers and implementing accessible practices community-wide.

2. Accessible Parks Development:

- Construction of an Accessible Toddler Park at the Pavilion Park.
- Features include an accessible swing and other inclusive playground equipment.

3. Technology Accessibility:

- Implemented new municipal website, that meets all AODA and WCAG 2.0 Level AA Guidelines.

- Implemented a tablet lending library in collaboration with the Hornepayne Public Library.
 - Equipment includes high-contrast keyboards, various-sized tablets, and headphones to enhance technology access.

4. Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan:

- Collaboration with the CSWB Committee to draft a plan prioritizing isolation and service access. Finalized plan to be brought to Council for adoption in early 2024.

5. Digital Accessibility Enhancements:

- Introduced digital signatures for documents to facilitate online access, ensuring website accessibility and document usability.

Ongoing Commitment and Future Plans:

- Continued implementation and monitoring of the Accessibility Standards under AODA.
- Commitment to regular accessibility assessments and consultations to maintain and improve public spaces.
- Initiatives to provide mandatory training for staff on accessibility standards and best practices.

Conclusion:

The Township of Hornepayne recognizes the invaluable benefits of accessibility for enhancing community inclusion and well-being. Our ongoing initiatives demonstrate our dedication to progressively removing barriers and improving accessibility across all aspects of public life.

For more details or to provide feedback on our accessibility initiatives, please visit our [website](#) or contact our office directly, located at 68 Front Street, Hornepayne, Ontario, P0M 1Z0, and available by phone at 807-868-2020.