



## INFORMATION REPORT

<b>TO:</b>	Chair and Members Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD)
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	March 10, 2020
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	Installation of Urban Braille along Cannon Street East (PW20049) (Ward 2) <b>(Outstanding Business List Item)</b>
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	Ward 2
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<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

### COUNCIL DIRECTION

At its meeting of October 9, 2019, Council directed staff as follows;

- (a) That Public Works staff be requested to examine and report back to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities on the feasibility of installing Urban Braille on Cannon Street East at the intersections of Wellington Street North, Catherine Street North, and John Street North; and,
- (b) That there be uniformity/continuity in the maintenance of major intersections, in accordance with Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, standards (as at the intersection of Rymal Road West and West 5th Street, Hamilton).

### INFORMATION

- (a) Staff has reviewed the feasibility of the installation of AODA treatment and/or urban braille at the four corners of the following three locations on Cannon Street East at Wellington Street North, Catherine Street North, and John Street North;

It is feasible to install urban braille including 150mm shorelines, street name plates, tactile strips with directional lines as per City of Hamilton RD-124 detail

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with minor modification to accommodate existing site conditions at all four corners of the following two intersections, Cannon Street East/Catherine Street North and Cannon Street East/John Street North.

It is feasible to install urban braille including 150mm shorelines, street name plates tactile strips with directional lines as per City of Hamilton RD-124 detail at three of the four corners of the Cannon Street East/ Wellington Street North intersection. The South West corner of Wellington and Cannon is the only corner not feasible to have urban braille installed including 150mm shorelines, street name plates tactile strips with directional lines as per City of Hamilton RD-124 detail with minor modification to accommodate existing site conditions. The reasoning is due to an existing hydro manhole located in the sidewalk that would not be feasible to relocate, which will inhibit the installation of tactile strip, that is part of the urban braille design. The existing sidewalk at this corner includes urban braille without the tactile strip and it is in good condition.

Currently the North West corner of Cannon Street East/ Wellington Street North intersection is in the design process by Transportation, Operations and Maintenance group to install a permanent bump out for replacing the temporary bump out currently in place. Any urban braille at the North West corner should be completed in conjunction with the proposed bump out construction.

- (b) General maintenance and uniformity/continuity of existing major intersections including adjusting directional lines to match line painting, AODA treatment and fixing uneven surfaces should be made aware of to Transportation, Operations and Maintenance.

All Capital Works reconstruction projects where the intersection is being reconstructed will include AODA treatment as per City of Hamilton RD-124 "Integrated Accessibility – Sidewalk/ Urban Braille Guidelines". Rymal Road West and West 5th Street intersection was reconstructed to current City of Hamilton standards as part of Capital Works project C15-54-17 (HW) - Rymal Road West from Garth Street to West 5th Street.

**APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

N/A