

Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

Built Environment Working Group (BEWG) Work Plan

Vision Statement

“To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully viewed through an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion lens”

Mandate

Given the constraints of the Ontario Building Code to adjudicate and enforce issues of accessibility, it is the role of the Built Environment Working Group (BEWG) to advise Hamilton City Council, through the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disability (ACPD), on legislation with regards to accessibility standards, including the design of Public Spaces and Standards that assist in making the City and its facilities, accessible to all, as prescribed under the “Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act” (AODA) Specifically:

1. To advise City Council, through the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disability (ACPD), about:
 - a. the requirements, and implementation of, the Design and Public Spaces Standards and any relevant information pertaining to the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (IASR) under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA, 2005);
 - b. the requirements, and implementation of the Architectural Design Standards
 - c. current barriers to the Built Environment and make recommendations to ACPD and staff to remove existing barriers and prevent the creation of new ones.

- d. the evaluation and update of the Barrier-Free Design Guidelines (BFDG), every year or as the need arises.
 - e. other matters for which City Council may seek its advice regarding policies and procedures.
2. Review site plans and floor plans for new construction and renovation projects on City properties. (Other projects may also be brought before the committee for review and advice).
 3. BEWG shall review existing properties and facilities in an effort to identify barriers to accessibility, with follow-up visits should remediation be necessary.
 4. Before Project conclusion, i.e., 66% completion, a Review is presented to BEWG with a view to identifying omissions or deficiencies.
 5. BEWG shall review exterior paths of travel, including, but not limited to sidewalks, crosswalks, curb depressions, utility vaults on City property, traffic signals, etc.
 6. Review and endorse accessibility projects.
 7. Review and have input on the Multi-year Accessibility Plan.
 8. Support the implementation of the Built Environment Standards, the City of Hamilton's Barrier-Free Design Guidelines and the Urban Braille Guidelines.
 9. Monitor changes and progress of the implementation of the Built Environment Standards.

10. Develop a reporting system, to monitor the impact of BEWG's recommendations, i.e., an Outstanding Business List.

Mission Statement

That the Built Environment be fully accessible to all citizens of the City of Hamilton.

