



LaSalle Accessibility Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

Mandate

The mandate of the Accessibility Advisory Committee is to advise LaSalle Town Council on the preparation and implementation of accessibility plans in order to remove barriers for people with disabilities and ensure that new barriers are eliminated and to promote accessibility in the community.

The role of the Accessibility Advisory Committee will include reviewing and advising Council on the following areas:

- Site plans of new and existing municipal buildings where approval is required by the Town of LaSalle (as described in section 4.2 of the Planning Act);
- Significant renovations to municipal facilities
- Leased facilities or any other facility used as a municipal building
- Goods and services provided by the Town of LaSalle or agents providing services under contract with the Corporation as defined under the new *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act 2005*, (AODA).
- Rules and Regulations under the *Accessibility for Ontarians Disability Act* (AODA)

Authority

The *Ontarians with Disabilities Act* (ODA) requires municipalities with a population of 10,000 or more to establish an accessibility advisory committee whose primary purpose is to help prepare and implement annual accessibility plans. A majority of the members of a municipal accessibility advisory committee must be persons with disabilities.

Committee Membership

The membership is comprised one (1) or more members of Council who shall be appointed from time to time by the Mayor and act as Chair and a minimum of four (4) members from the Town of LaSalle. Council Services staff will attend meetings in an advisory capacity and record without note or comment all decisions and comments of the advisory committee.

Criteria

The following criteria will be used in the appointment of the Accessibility Advisory Committee members from the LaSalle community. Individuals to be considered shall:

- exhibit a strong commitment to the community in order to improve its accessibility

- be sensitive to the accessibility barriers experienced by individuals with disabilities
- demonstrate understanding of the municipality's roles and service responsibilities
- demonstrate understanding of the Town's community, business, social and cultural interests and diversities
- volunteer the necessary time to ensure full participation and interest

Note: A minimum of 50% of the membership must have a disability.

Meetings

The LaSalle Accessibility Advisory Committee (LAAC) meets at Town Hall every other month. Meeting dates and times are published regularly on Town Council Agendas and on the Town's website. All Committee meetings are open to the public.