

JOINT ACCESSIBILITY PLAN: 2023-2027

2024 Accomplishments



The Council of the County of Haliburton is committed and guided by the four core principles of Accessibility - Dignity, Independence, Integration and Equal Opportunity - and supports the full inclusion of persons with disabilities as set out in the *Ontario Human Rights Code* and the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* and its Standards.

All persons deserve the right to perform the tasks of daily living within their communities while utilizing County and Municipal buildings, properties or events. The County of Haliburton and the Municipalities it includes works toward a barrier-free community with assistance and guidance from a Joint Accessibility Committee.

With the passing of the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (IASR) under *the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)*, the County and its member municipalities have created a multi-year plan to assist in implementing policies, practices, procedures and training, and to identify and evaluate projects to remove barriers.

Below is a review of some of the 2024 successes as a result of the 2023-2027 plan.

County of Haliburton:

- ✓ Met throughout the year with the 2023-2027 Joint Accessibility Committee
- ✓ Partnered with Dysart and MacArt Studios to install first playground Communication Boards
- ✓ Invited speakers with lived/living experience to present to the Joint Accessibility Committee on local barriers to consider and potential programs available for residents
- ✓ Updated staff report and council agenda templates with accessibility measures
- ✓ Began design of accessible spaces in County administration and land registry buildings

Township of Algonquin Highlands:

- ✓ Completed installation of accessible lift at the Stanhope Library in 2024

- ✓ Added accessible features including entrance ramp, entrance door and accessible washroom to the rehabilitated Dorset Recreation Centre

Municipality of Dysart et al:

- ✓ Installed a new playground with accessible features in Harcourt
- ✓ Removed stairs and created an accessible path at York Street and Highland Street in Haliburton village
- ✓ Improved accessibility to staff entrance and public entrance pathway of the Haliburton library branch
- ✓ Installed playground Communication Boards at Head Lake Park and Rotary Beach Park
- ✓ Rebuilt garbage drop-off area at Haliburton waste disposal site and lowered the bins for better access

Municipality of Highlands East:

- ✓ Installed a ramp at front office of the Gooderham Building Department
- ✓ Ongoing accessibility upgrades to website

Township of Minden Hills:

- ✓ Installed accessibility signs at the public washrooms (old fire hall)

To view the Multi-Year Joint Accessibility Plan, 2023-2027, visit [the County of Haliburton's Accessibility Page](#).

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