

Town of Cobourg's Accessibility Audit Checklist

These recommendations are based on a combination of the recommendations of the members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee that attended the walk-through as well as meeting standards for the AODA.

Please note that some of the recommendations would fall under Public Works; however, it is important to note them in the areas that they would need assistance.

These recommendations do not incorporate Centennial Pool, which will be audited on its own.

Top Recommendations Overall

1. Create additional accessible entrances to Victoria Beach at all entrances, rather than just in the middle.
2. Update the washrooms to be compliant with the AODA standards:
 - a. Update the entrance doors to be wider,
 - b. Update the stall door to be able to close with a fist,
 - c. Raise the toilet seat,
 - d. Move the toilet paper to a different area to assist with transferring to the toilet seat,
 - e. Consider creating a second accessible stall.
3. The parking lot on Paul Currelly Way should be paved and the accessible spots should be better denoted as such. This lot should have a better pathway from the spots to the entrance to the park/beach area.
4. Purchase a portable and outdoor lift to assist people with mobility devices and issues to be able to access the stage.
5. Purchase additional beach friendly wheelchairs (such as [the Hippocampe All Terrain Wheelchair](#)) that can be used upon request and in different sizes.

Overall Recommendations

Parking

- The angled accessible parking spot near Canada Post requires a new curb cut in the area near the drop off location.

Signage and Wayfinding

- It would be beneficial to incorporate more signage and/or larger signage about where the pay and display parking meter is; however, it would be more beneficial to either incorporate metered parking, more pay and display meters, or a paid parking permit to incorporate into the accessible parking permit.
- Additional signs to help people find their way to the Beach, the different park amenities, and the accessible washrooms.

Lighting

- More lighting should be added to the North Park Area to allow for a safer pathway through the park.
- The lighting at the Beach should match the lighting in the Park and be white light rather than the yellow lights.
- Additional lighting should be provided to path from the entrances/exits to the parking lots for safe travel.

Pathing

- There should be an addition of an “edge” on all the pathing throughout the park to ensure that people with low visibility are able to know where the pathway starts and ends.
- It would be beneficial to widen the pathway at the entrance to the park on King Street that denotes the “main” entrance to the park to allow for an easier turning radius.
- Work with the Accessibility Advisory Committee and the Accessibility Coordinator on additional bench areas to incorporate more rest areas for people with disabilities.
- Where possible, switch to the metal benches, including some that have transfer handles.
- Where possible, pour an additional concrete pad next to the benches to provide a place for wheelchair users to sit.
- Where possible, create paths to accessible picnic benches that are in shaded areas.
- Incorporate permanent picnic areas that are accessible in nature.
- Ensure that the garbage cans are near the path and are short enough or open enough for people using mobility devices to be able to use.
- Create access to the floral clock that includes a walkable pathway for people with mobility devices.
- Create access to the park equipment from the washroom area.
- Create a path and pad area for people in mobility devices to be able to participate and watch the events at the bandshell.

Equipment

- Consider adding in an accessible swing set next to the current swing sets.
- Create more access and information around the water accessible wheelchair that is available for people with disabilities.

Safety

- It is recommended that a study is completed to see if there is the possibility of a Pedestrian Crosswalk be incorporated into the crossing on Queen Street from the North Park Area to the South Park Area.