

October 13, 2016

To: Disability, Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee

Re: By-laws and Policies for Encroachments onto the Right-of-way

Background:

Compliance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act is required by all businesses by 2025. In efforts to make their businesses more accessible, some businesses have added ramps to their establishments to improve accessibility. In some cases these ramps, or other changes to their buildings, require access to the right-of-way and conflict with current Transportation by-laws. These by-laws need to be reviewed in consideration of accessibility concerns.

Recommendation:

The Disability, Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee recommends to the Executive Committee that:

1. The Executive Committee request the Acting General Manager, Transportation Services, to review City by-laws and policies relating to authorized encroachments onto the right-of-way and report back to the Disability, Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee on options to address situations where a requested encroachment is made for the purpose of accessibility into businesses and adjoining properties, taking into consideration the diverse needs and uses of City sidewalks and the right-of-way.

Respectfully submitted,

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