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Disability, Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee

DI12.4	ACTION	Adopted		Ward:All
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By-laws and Policies for Encroachments onto the Right-of-way

Committee Decision

The Disability, Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee recommends 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.

Origin

(October 13, 2016) Letter from Stephanie Ozorio, Member, Disability, Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee

Summary

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.

Background Information

(October 13, 2016) Letter from Stephanie Ozorio on By-laws and Policies for Encroachments onto the Right-of-way

(http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2016/di/bgrd/backgroundfile-97544.pdf)