

Our Plan Toronto: Municipal Comprehensive Review

Accessibility Focused Meeting

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Land Acknowledgement

The City of Toronto acknowledges that we are on the traditional territory of many nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. The City also acknowledges that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit, and the Williams Treaties signed with multiple Mississaugas and Chippewa bands.

Meeting Purpose and Agenda

Purpose: To gather input on planning policies needed to address accessibility barriers and achieve a universally inclusive city by 2051.

Meeting Agenda:

1. What is Our Plan Toronto
2. Overview of the Process
3. Key Issues Raised Related to Accessibility
4. Discussion

Official Plan Purpose

- The Official Plan is a city document that acts as Toronto's road map for land use matters.
- It sets out our long-term vision, shared values, and policies that help guide decision-making on land development, economic growth, the environment, and more.
- Through a series of maps and policies, the Official Plan directs how and where development should proceed, identifies the needed infrastructure and the appropriate location and mix of land uses across the city

Provincial Requirements

- Planning Act requires all municipalities to have an Official Plan and to regularly review it
- Places to Grow Act requires municipalities within the Greater Golden Horseshoe area to update official plans to ensure they conform with the Province's Growth Plan
- Province's projected growth for Toronto is +700,000 people and +450,000 jobs

Official Plans consider the following issues

- Balancing growth and intensification with a healthy environment
- Achieving an age-friendly, accessible and inclusive city
- Addressing climate change as the city grows
- Supporting communities as the city grows

Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee Directions

The Committee provided the following directions to City Planning staff on November 15, 2021:

- Accessibility focused consultation is needed
- Gather insights from significant accessibility organizations
- Create inclusive city goals through universal design
- Require AODA compliance for buildings and open spaces
- Broaden “disabilities” to include diverse abilities
- Complete a jurisdictional scan of other cities for best practices
- Seek international insights towards good principles for inclusion

Official Plan Land Use Breakdown

City of Toronto



City of 100 Blocks



Official Plan Accessibility language

- The Official Plan references the importance and need for a barrier free City and current terms used:
 - People of all ages and abilities; Accessibility / Accessible; Universal physical access Disabilities / physical barriers
- Non-Policy text example
 - Site Plan and Accessible Design - Council adopted a comprehensive set of Accessibility Design Guidelines, which guide the design, planning and construction of accessible facilities and the preparation of accessibility audits (Sidebar, Section 5.1.3)

Official Plan Accessibility policies

- Planning publicly accessible spaces
 - Access to publicly accessible spaces and buildings will be ensured by: requiring that plans for all new and altered buildings, transit facilities and public works meet City and Provincial accessibility standards; and retrofitting over time all existing City owned buildings that are open to the public and open spaces to make them accessible to users of all ages and abilities... (Public Realm Policy 3.1.1.27)

Official Plan Accessibility policies

- Planning for the future transportation system
 - The transportation system will be developed to be accessible and inclusive of the needs of people of all ages, abilities and means by:
 - b) modifying existing transit stations and facilities to become accessible;
 - e) requiring adequate crossing time for pedestrians at signalized crossings;
 - g) requiring a minimum number of on- and off-street accessible parking spaces; and
 - h) taking accessibility into account from the planning and design stages onwards.

(Policy 2.2.4.17 – updated in 2020)

Our Plan Toronto

- Opportunity to align city building priorities
 - Growth related hard and soft infrastructure, e.g. transit, affordable housing, parks and recreational spaces, and many others
- Build upon current initiatives to inform land use policies e.g. Climate Action, mobility
- Centre equity to help direct growth and development
 - How do we address current disparities, COVID rebuild and recovery, and Indigenous Reconciliation objectives?

Phased Study and Engagement Goals

- 1. Spring 2021 – Envisioning a Future Ready Toronto**
 - Launch communications and consultation with Indigenous Communities and Torontonians
 - Discuss the vision and priorities for 2051
- 2. Fall 2021 – The Big Questions: Housing, Employment & Sustainability**
 - Set policy directions to support equity and thriving communities
- 3. Spring 2022 – A Plan for 2051: Draft Policies**
 - Present draft policies reflecting the shared vision

Phased Engagement Program

- **Spring 2021:** Virtual kick-off meetings
- **Fall 2021:** Public and Stakeholder meetings
 - (1) Affordable Housing and Intensification; (2) Environment and Climate Change; (3) Neighbourhoods and Complete Communities; (4) Employment and Future of Work
- **Winter 2021 to 2022:** Follow-up meetings
 - Additional stakeholder meetings, including with youth, Indigenous rights holders, Local Community Champions, and others

Biggest Challenges we've heard

- Housing supply, access and affordability
- Environment, climate change and sustainability
- Equity: inclusivity, accessibility, discrimination and process
- Healthy and resilient communities
- Building complete communities throughout Toronto
- COVID recovery
- Others

Tonight's Discussion Questions

1. What's does Toronto need to focus on to achieve an accessible and inclusive city by 2051?
 - Housing
 - Employment
 - Environment
 - Complete Community
2. What areas of the city do you think need the most attention?

There will be a Break from 7:15pm to 7:25pm.

Zoom Logistics for the Discussion

- Please stay on mute when not speaking
- Use the raised hand function located in the menu bar to ask a question or provide a comment
- If you are on the phone, press *6 to raise your hand

Next Steps

- Write policies for the basis of consultation
- Present draft policies for public input and feedback
- Report to City Council with recommended policies
- Send Council-adopted policies to Minister for approval (not subject to appeal)
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