

Mississauga Facility Accessibility Design Standards 2.0

Community Services
Facilities & Property Management
Strategy, Policy & Compliance
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FADS 2.0

- City's standards for all municipal facilities – new, renovated and leased
- Covers entrances, routes, washrooms, counters, lighting, technology, parks, play spaces etc.
- Ensures we meet and exceed AODA/OBC
- Used by designers, architects, engineers, PMs, consultants

Why FADS 2.0 Was Needed

- Last major update was 2015
- Built environment, technology and inclusion practices have evolved
- Aligning with updated standards (AODA, IASR, CSA, ISO, WELL, LEED)
- Ensuring consistency across all Cty projects

What Was Updated?

- Approximately 1,360 technical requirements
- 6-7% are new or substantively revised
- Major improvements focus on:
 - Parking
 - Washrooms and universal washrooms
 - Signage and Wayfinding
 - Inclusive play spaces

Accessibility Lens Behind the Update

- Dignity
- Independence
- Integration
- Equal opportunity
- Inclusive by design (not by accommodation)
- User experience first
- Equity-centred decision-making

Most Significant Improvements

- Plain language/accessibility
- Structure/layout
- Parking
- Paths of Travel
- Signage & wayfinding
- Washrooms
- “At a glance” tables

Sensory Inclusion

- Requirements for sensory-friendly spaces (wellness rooms)
- Acoustic performance to reduce sensory overload
- Lighting balance to prevent glare sensitivity
- Colour contrast improvements
- Expanded options for quiet spaces in recreation, libraries etc.

Community Safety & Emergency Accessibility

- Fire safety visual/auditory alerts
- Evacuation signage
- Refuge area clarity
- Assistive listening in courts, theatres, chambers

Consultation Approach

- Consulted all impacted areas including:
 - CDC
 - Parks
 - Fire
 - Transit
 - Library
 - Recreation

Implementation & Flexibility

- Exceptions only permitted where technically infeasible
- Must be supported by:
 - Director of FPM
 - Manager, Accessibility Planning
- Equivalent facilitation must be demonstrated
- Ensures accountability & flexibility

Next Steps

- December 1 - AAC consultation
- December 3 – GC approval – aligns with International Day for Persons with Disabilities
- Public release

Thank you!