



# **TOWNSHIP OF MALAHIDE ANNUAL ACCESSIBILITY STATUS REPORT**

**2019**

## **Objectives and Purpose**

This is the Township of Malahide's Annual Accessibility Status Report update. In 2015, The Township of Malahide released its Multi-Year Accessibility Plan, in accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) and the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (Ontario Regulation 191/11). This Multi-Year Accessibility Plan expires in 2020. The plan outlined the Township's strategy to prevent and remove barriers to accessibility, which included how to meet phased-in requirements under the AODA.

This Status Report includes the accessibility initiatives that were completed in 2018 and 2019 to implement the strategy outlined in the Township's Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.

The purpose of this Status Report is to make the public aware of The Township of Malahide's progress with accessibility implementation and to prevent and remove barriers and meet requirements under the AODA.

## **Compliance Reporting**

The Township filed its third Accessibility Compliance Report in 2017 with the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario under the Ministry of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure.

## **Township of Malahide's Commitment Statement**

The Township of Malahide's statement of commitment establishes the vision and goals to meet the Township's legislated accessibility requirements. The Township's statement of commitment is publicly available on the Township's website.

The Township of Malahide is committed to eliminating barriers and improving accessibility for people with disabilities in a manner that respects dignity, independence, integration and equal opportunity.

The Township of Malahide recognize the diverse needs of all our residents and customers and will respond by striving to provide goods, services and facilities that are accessible to all.

The Township of Malahide is committed to being responsive to the needs of all their residents and employees. In order to meet the needs of people with disabilities the Township will:

- Ensure policies address dignity, independence, integration and provide for equal opportunity for people with disabilities.
- Accommodate the accessibility needs of people with disabilities to ensure they can obtain, use or benefit from the Township's goods, services, programs and facilities.

- Communicate with people with disabilities in a manner that takes into account the person's disability.

The Township of Malahide will promote accessibility by ensuring that compliance is met for all regulations made under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. Timelines for compliance vary. In order to ensure that timelines are met, the Township will establish, implement and maintain a multi-year accessibility plan. The plan will outline the Municipalities' strategy to prevent and remove barriers to people with disabilities.

### **Highlights of 2018 & 2019**

- Installed new playground equipment at Mill Street Park in Springfield with an accessible play feature
- Installed sidewalks in Wannacott park in Port Bruce to help connect all aspects of the park and improve accessibility greatly
- Installed new ground covering (engineered wood fibre) in the playground area in Port Bruce, upgrading the level of accessibility over the previous surface
- Installed hard surface parking (replacing gravel parking) abutting the ramp to the observation deck in Port Bruce for increased accessibility
- Purchased 3 additional accessible picnic tables in Port Bruce
- Purchased 1 accessible picnic table for Mill Street Park in Springfield

### **Availability of the Plan and Status Report**

The Multi-Year Accessibility Plan and Annual Accessibility Status Reports can be accessed through The Township of Malahide's website.

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