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**Peterborough**

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**To:** Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

**From:** Travis Patterson, Program Manager, Accessibility Standards and Integration

**Meeting Date:** May 6, 2026

**Report:** Site Plan Reviews, Report AAC26-010

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## **Subject**

A report to review the recent list of Site Plan Control applications submitted under the Planning Act, to allow the Accessibility Advisory Committee to select applications they wish to review, and to seek feedback from the Accessibility Advisory Committee on applications selected.

## **Recommendations**

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) approve the recommendations outlined in Report AAC26-010, dated May 6, 2026, of the Program Manager, Accessibility Standards and Integration as follows:

- a) That the AAC select the Site Plan Control (SPC) applications outlined in Appendix A that they wish to review.
- b) That a presentation from the Planning, Development and Urban Design Division regarding the SPC applications the AAC selects, be received for information.
- c) That the AAC provide feedback on the SPC applications selected.

## **Executive Summary**

- The AAC participates in a planning approval process for land development.

- The AAC selects which SPC applications they wish to review and provides recommendations on how to make developments more accessible.

## Background

The AAC participates in a planning approval process for land development subject to the City's Site Plan Control By-law (By-law 11-081, as amended) pursuant to Section 41 of the Planning Act.

Prior to an AAC meeting, the committee is briefed on SPC applications through a standard SPC Notice, in addition the SPC applications are outlined as Appendix A. The AAC is given the opportunity to provide comment at the next scheduled AAC meeting. Per AODA section 29.(6), the AAC has the option to select only the applications they wish to review. The AAC may choose to decline reviews that are not of interest to the committee.

The purpose of the AAC's review of SPC applications is to provide recommendations on how to make developments more accessible, with a strong focus on site walkway networks, accessible parking spaces, building entrances and access to exterior amenity areas. Recommendations are shared with City staff and circulated to development applicants as part of a standard agency commenting process.

As per the Planning Act, accessibility for persons with disabilities is a matter of provincial interest and people involved in planning decisions shall have regard for accessibility when carrying out their responsibilities under the Act. Section 41 of the Planning Act allows a municipality to require the owner of the land to provide facilities designed to have regard for accessibility to the satisfaction of the municipality, as a condition of the approval of plans and drawings for SPC applications. The following matters are not subject to site plan control:

- interior design;
- exterior design, except to the extent that it is a matter relating to exterior access to a building that will contain affordable housing units or to any part of such a building;
- the layout of interior areas, excluding interior walkways, stairs, elevators, and escalators;
- the manner of construction and standards for construction; and
- the appearance of elements, facilities and works on the land or any adjoining highway under a municipality's jurisdiction, except to the extent that the appearance impacts matters of health, safety, and accessibility.

## Strategic Plan

Strategic Pillar: Community & Well-being

Strategic Initiative: Aligns with the Community and Well-being Pillar which reads, “Encourage our neighbourhoods to be safe, diverse, accessible, and affordable across all ages, incomes, and abilities.”

The AAC recommendations outline strategies and insights on how to improve and enhance the accessibility of developments for people with disabilities.

## Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budgetary or financial implications associated with the recommendation.

## Attachments

Appendix A: List of Site Plan Control Applications

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