

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

BY-LAW #4-2019

Being a by-law to update the Municipal Accessibility Plan.

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario passed the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (“AODA”), 2005;

AND WHEREAS Section 4(1)(a) states that designated public sector organizations shall establish, implement, maintain and document a multi-year accessibility plan, which outlines the organization’s strategy to prevent and remove barriers and meet its requirements under this Regulation;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Municipal Corporation of the Township of Armour hereby enacts as follows:

1. That the Council of the Township of Armour does hereby adopt the Municipal Accessibility Plan, attached as Schedule “A” to this By-law.
2. That any previous by-laws pertaining to municipal accessibility, including By-law #11-2014 is hereby rescinded.
3. The Clerk of the Township of Armour is hereby authorized to make any minor modifications or corrections of an administrative, numeric, grammatic, semantic or descriptive nature or kind to the by-law and schedule(s) as may be deemed necessary after the passage of this by-law, where such modifications or corrections do not alter the intent of the by-law.
4. That this by-law shall come into force and effect on the date of passing.

Read in its entirety, approved,
signed and the seal of the
Corporation affixed thereto and
finally passed in open Council
this 8th day of January, 2019.

Original signed by Bob MacPhail
Robert MacPhail, Reeve

Original signed by John Theriault
John Theriault, Clerk

**Schedule “A”
to By-law #4-2019**

Municipal Accessibility Plan
(updated January 2019)

Municipal Highlights:

The Township of Armour is located in the south east corner of the Parry Sound District, 14 kilometres north of the District of Muskoka with Highway # 11 passing through it from south to north. The Township is situated in the Almaguin Highlands Tourist area and the population increases in the summer months to between 4,000 and 5,000 people in the form of seasonal tourists using our trailer parks and resorts, and owners of seasonal properties around our many lakes. Snowmobiling is an active winter recreation sport in Armour Township, with well-maintained trails by the local snowmobile club. Our township is a preferred destination because of our topography, picturesque scenery and amenities.

Armour Township shares services with the Township of Ryerson and the Village of Burk’s Falls, these services are the Fire Department, the Landfill and Recycling Depot, the Arena and the Public Library. Armour Township also shares Economic Development services on a Regional basis.

Other Organizations and Agencies Participating in This Plan

The Katrine Community Centre Club is an active organization involved in the municipality. This group of community volunteers lease the municipally owned building known as the Katrine Community Centre, 6 Brown’s Drive, Katrine, Ontario. This facility is actively used by the public for community social and recreational events.

Target Group for Plan:	General Public and Staff
Activity:	Update Accessibility Plan
Time Period of Activity:	2019-2024

Plan Development Working Group:

Staff and Council of the Township of Armour with consultation with members of the public developed this plan. This plan has been compiled using their personal experiences and consultation with the residents of the municipality. The Municipal Corporation of the Township of Armour is committed to providing quality programs and services that are accessible to all persons served by the municipality.

Initiative:

Council and staff of the Township of Armour will review the current status of all buildings, parks and playgrounds owned and operated by the municipality and general policies and procedures to identify, remove and where possible, prevent barriers for people with disabilities.

Decision Making Review:	Council
Review Methodologies:	Policy and Operational Review
Review Date:	Every 5 years
Identified Existing Barriers:	Physical, mental, language, education, physiological

Operational Review:

The Township of Armour is a small rural municipality with few public buildings. Over the years staff have provided courteous service and fulfilled requests for goods to all the public, providing for individual assistance to those with disabilities when the need arises.

Buildings:

1. Municipal Office and Council Chambers, 56 Ontario Street

This single storey building with a full basement contains the municipal administration offices, building department and council chamber for the Township of Armour. The TRI R Administrators office is situated below level. This building is frequently used by the public. Disabled parking is provided and identified by signage. The front entrance is accessible via a ramp, complete with an automatic door opener. Council chambers is also wheelchair accessible. The building is equipped with staff washrooms staff kitchen facilities and storage areas. Two accessible public washrooms are provided.

Identified Issues:

- Council chambers is not equipped with any auditory or visual aid equipment.
- Gravel parking lot may make building accessibility a challenge.
- Future employees with a disability will be afforded individual accommodation plans and be reviewed

Opportunities for Improvements:

When funds are available the following should be considered a priority:

- Pave parking lot of the municipal office building
- Equip council chambers with auditory and visual aid equipment

Over the past 5 years no accommodations have been requested concerning the above identified issues or opportunities for improvement.

2. Municipal Garage, 564 Garage Road

This is a single storey building which houses the road department trucks, grader, backhoe, excavator/brusher, lunchroom and storage. A sand/salt storage building is also located on this property. These buildings and property are not normally frequented by members of the public.

Identified Issues:

- Gravel parking lot may make building accessibility a challenge
- No automatic door opener
- No handicapped parking is designated
- A single step up is required to access the staff lunchroom

Opportunities for Improvements:

When funds are available the following should be considered a priority:

- Designate a handicapped parking location and pave that area
- Make staff lunchroom and washroom accessible

Over the past 5 years no accommodations have been requested concerning the above identified issues or opportunities for improvement.

3. Katrine Community Centre, 6 Browns Drive, Katrine

This is a single storey building with a basement that is used as a community centre/meeting hall. The building includes a kitchen, storage, bar, and washrooms. This building is frequently used by the public for community events. The parking lot is paved and disabled parking is provided and identified by signage. The building is accessible via a ramp. The basement of this facility is used as a seniors meeting and recreational area and is equipped with a chairlift.

4. Berriedale Community Centre, 232 North Pickerel Lake Road

This single storey building is not currently being used as a community centre, and is leased to a private individual who runs a seasonal antique store. No improvements are proposed for this structure.

5. Landfill/Recycling Centre, 141 Chetwynd Road

The landfill area is land that is used to accept household waste, and includes a designated drop off area accessible by the public. Recycling material is processed in a main building which is not accessed by the public. A steel Quonset building houses the designated area for the public to sort recyclables. A covered roof area is used seasonally as a re-use area for the public to drop off or pick-up reusable items.

Identified Issues:

- Signage to direct individuals with special needs should be installed
- Facility cannot accommodate staff with special needs in current condition
- Individuals with special needs cannot function independently in the facility's current condition

Over the past 5 years no accommodations have been requested concerning the above identified issues.

6. Doe Lake Municipal Park, 1014 Ferguson Road

This municipal park is complete with public beach, washroom building equipped with a wheelchair ramp, beach volleyball area, basketball pad and net, swings, and playground equipment. The playground equipment has been upgraded in 2010 to include new equipment which provides barrier free play.

Identified Issues:

- Install new accessible picnic tables and ensure that the ground surface leading to and under the accessible tables is level, firm, and stable to accommodate mobility aids, and enough clear space around the accessible tables is provided so people using a mobility aid can approach the tables
- Parking area to include two types of accessible parking spaces wherein one (1) space will be wider with signage identifying the space as "van accessible"; and a standard width space.

Over the past 5 years no accommodations have been requested concerning the above identified issues.

7. 12 Three Mile Lake Road, Katrine

This facility consists of a wood frame building and a wood framed shingled canopy for shelter. There is a gravel drive with a large grass and gravel parking area. The facility has been rented to a food vendor, who operates out of a personal trailer on an annual lease. No improvements are planned for this location at this time.