



Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation – Design of Public Spaces AP 200.38

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Purpose

The Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board is committed to providing services to our students, parents/guardians, the public and our staff that are free of barriers and biases. The Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board strives to ensure that key principles of equal opportunity are reflected and valued in our Catholic learning and work environments. Our actions will demonstrate our belief in the strength diversity brings to our communities.

Responsibilities

Supervisory Officers, Principals and Managers will ensure that the provisions of this Administrative Procedure are implemented.

Information

The Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board will meet the requirements of the *Integrated Accessibility Standards Ontario Regulation 191/11 ("IASR")* for the Design of Public Spaces Standard set forth under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 ("AODA")*. This administrative procedure applies to removing barriers in buildings and public spaces. When referring to O Reg 191/11 (IASR), it is important to read the pertinent sections including exceptions in their entirety prior to considering a design or redesign of a public space.

Procedures

1.0 Procurement or Acquiring Goods and Services, or Facilities

The Board will incorporate accessibility criteria and features when procuring or acquiring goods, services or facilities. The only exception is in cases where it is impractical to do so.

2.0 Outdoor Play Spaces

When constructing new or developing existing play spaces, the Board intends to maintain and ensure that these outdoor play spaces comply with sections 80.18, 80.19 and 80.20 of the *IASR*.

3.0 Exterior Paths of Travel

- 3.1** Under sections 80.21 to 80.31 of the *IASR*, exterior paths of travel applies to newly constructed and redeveloped exterior paths of travel that are outdoor sidewalks or walkways designed and constructed for pedestrian travel and are intended to serve a functional purpose and not to provide a recreational experience.
- 3.2** The Board shall ensure that all new or redeveloped exterior paths of travel meet all appropriate AODA requirements.

4.0 Off-Street Accessible Parking

- 4.1** The Board will ensure that all new or redeveloped off-street parking facilities and access aisles meet all appropriate AODA requirements.



- 4.2 Off-street parking facilities must provide two types of parking spaces for the use of persons with disabilities as per the *IASR*, section 80.34.
- 4.3 Access aisles is the space between parking spaces that allows persons with disabilities to get in and out of their vehicles and must comply with section 80.35 of the *IASR*.
- 4.4 Off-street parking facilities must have a minimum number of parking spaces for the use of persons with disabilities in accordance with *IASR*, section 80.36.
- 4.5 Signage for off street accessible parking will be in compliance with section 80.37 to 80.38 and section 11 of Regulation 581 of the Revised Regulation of Ontario, 1990 (Accessible Parking for Persons with Disabilities) made under the Highway Traffic Act. O. Reg. 413/12 s. 6.

5.0 Service Counters

When constructing new service counters, which includes replacing existing service counters, the Board will ensure there is at a minimum one service counter that accommodates a mobility aid for each type of service provided and the accessible counter must be clearly identified with signage, where there are multiple queuing and service counters. The service counter that accommodates mobility aids must meet the requirements in section 80.41 of the *IASR*.

6.0 Waiting Area

In accordance with section 80.43 of the *IASR*, when constructing a new waiting area or redeveloping an existing waiting area, where the seating is fixed to the floor, a minimum of three per cent of the new seating must be accessible, but in no case shall there be fewer than one accessible seat.

7.0 Maintenance

The Board will ensure that mechanisms are in place to provide for preventative and emergency maintenance of the accessible elements of public spaces, including provisions to address temporary disruptions when accessible elements are not in working order.

Definitions

Accessible Seating

Accessible seating is considered a space in a seating area where and individual using a mobility aid can wait.

Exterior Paths of Travel

Refers to sidewalks and walkways designed and constructed for pedestrian travel and intended to provide a functional route from Point A to Point B, rather than a recreational experience.

Maintenance

This refers to activities that are intended to keep existing public spaces and elements in existing public spaces in good working order or to restore the spaces or elements to their original condition. Examples include painting and minor repairs.

Off-Street Parking Facilities

This includes open area parking lots and structures intended for the temporary parking of vehicles by the public, whether or not the payment of a fee is charged. This includes visitor parking spaces in parking facilities.

Outdoor Play Spaces

This space consists of an area that includes play equipment, such as swings, or features such as logs, rocks, sand or water, where the equipment or features are designed and placed to provide play opportunities and experiences for children and caregivers.

Redeveloped

This means planned significant alterations to public spaces, but does not include maintenance activities.



References

- Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA)
- Education Act
- Integrated Accessibility Standard, Ontario Regulation 191/11
- Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001 (ODA)
- Ontario Human Rights Code
- Equity and Inclusive Education Policy 200.23
- Accessibility Standards Policy 200.33
- Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation – Customer Service Administrative Procedure 200.34
- Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation – Employment Administrative Procedure 200.35
- Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation – Information & Communications Administrative Procedure 200.36
- Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation – Transportation Administrative Procedure 200.37
- Multi-Year Integrated Accessibility Plan 2018-2023