

# Staff Report to Council

**Title:** Updating Accessible Parking Spaces

**Report Number:** Operations-2024-18

**Director:** Infrastructure & Development

**Manager:** Operations

**Meeting Date:**  
Wednesday, July 10, 2024

**Date to be considered by Council:**  
Wednesday, July 10, 2024

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## Recommendation:

That Council receive report Operations-2024-18 for information purposes; and  
Further that Council support staff considerations contained within the report.

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## Executive Summary:

The Accessibility Advisory Committee requested a review of all Municipal Parking spaces that are defined as accessible parking locations. Staff have conducted a review and have summarized the overall findings below. Many of the sites were non-compliant with FADS, however, we have been able to update several sites using in-house resources to date. Staff will continue to update the minor deficient items within 2024, however there will be several sites that require consideration for further funds to address noted deficiencies. Staff are suggesting a budget allocation in 2025 to address the remaining items along with inclusion of considerations for review at Station Beach and Victoria Park while those areas are assessed further by Community Services.

## Strategic Priorities:

C.12-Support community wellness in the Municipality of Kincardine

## Financial Considerations:

Many considerations are being accommodated within the 2024 operating budget with the use of funds for painting, signage and staff resources to address FADS non-compliances. Should Council wish to proceed with further items 2025 budget will be required. The approximate value of works to be considered in 2025 is the range of \$30,000. This includes the sites identified below to have extensive works along with the addition at the Fine Fettle along Queen Street. No costs have been considered to address lighting requirements at sites to ensure FADS compliance and should Council wish to see this considered staff suggest assessing that cost and project during 2025 budget deliberations.

## **Policy:**

O. Reg. 191/11: INTEGRATED ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS - Section 80.32

Facility Accessibility Design Standards (FADS)

## **Context and Background Information:**

The Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) requested a review of existing parking spaces to ensure compliance with the adopted FADS. In addition, the committee provided a request for consideration of several new parking space locations. Staff have reviewed the list and have commenced work utilizing funds and resources from within our current operating budget to address many of the locations. As of the end of June approximately 40% of the update works were complete.

The considerations not met and being addressed primarily include painting and signage to ensure proper stall dimensions and signage heights. There are a number of locations that would not be FAD compliant related to lighting, however this would require a photometric review and third-party consulting engineer which would need consideration of funds to be allocated to a review if desired.

There are a total of 76 accessible parking spaces throughout the Municipality on Municipal property. Of these, 11 were new requests that were accommodated by staff requiring minimal investment related to signage and painting, including 1 new space on Queen Street that was planned for in the 2024 budget. Staff have added all spaces current and proposed within our GIS database and have produced mapping appended to this report. The new additions include spaces at:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> stall at the Tiverton Library
- 201 Station Beach at the Snack Booth
- 180 Lambton Street at the Lawn Bowling
- 846 Tiny Tot Park
- Harbour Street at the Tennis Courts
- Victoria Park along Princes Street
- Municipal Parking Lot at Kwik K (x2)
- 910 Queen Street (2024 planned budget item)
- 699 Huron Terrace at the Rotary Park
- 261 Durham Street at the Post Office

There were 7 locations requested that were not supported at this time by staff. The list is below with details for why staff suggest those sites should not be addressed at this time or in the future:

- a) 201 Station Beach - at washrooms zone 6
- b) 249 Huron Terrace - Marina Office
  - Sites a) & b) should be included within the waterfront review as they undertake a look at the overall parking considerations for the waterfront. Site a) is a granular surface with drainage issues that Community Services is looking at currently and has no space to ensure vehicular traffic can maneuver the turn around without

significant works. Site b) imposes safety considerations with vehicular traffic near the marina and water's edge.

- c) Queen St at Ice Cream Shack
- d) Queen St at Fine Fettle
  - Sites c) & d) require extensive works to alter the boulevard and sidewalk and will therefore need budget allocation of 8-10k to ensure FADS compliance. Within the block from Broadway to Durham there are 36 spaces on-street parking spaces. Within table 5 from the FADS for the provision of designated parking space requirements a total of 2 spaces is needed to comply when you have 26-50 parking spaces. On Queen Street to the south, we average around 2 per block. Currently there are 2 spaces within this block and therefore we are FADS compliant. Staff suggest adding site d) in 2025 only.
- e) Victoria Park on Durham Market South – Pet Valu
- f) Victoria Park on Durham Market North (DMN) across from 317 DMN
- g) Victoria Park on Durham Market North across from 335 DMN
  - Sites e), f) & g) should be included in the Victoria Park review. That review is inclusive of the park and parking that surrounds the Park. Note, sites f) & g) were requested to accommodate local businesses situated on the north side of DMN and staff suggest those businesses consider addressing parking requirements within their property, if possible, rather than addressing private needs on public space.

There are 5 locations that require extensive works to bring those sites to compliance within FADS and staff are suggesting these be completed in 2025 as there are no funds available and to ensure resources can complete these tasks as they are unable to accommodate within the 2024 work plan. The sites require works including but not inclusive of excavation, relocation and concrete and placement of tactile plates with an estimated total cost of \$15-20k. The spaces are located at:

- WCC – 6 McKay St Tiverton
- Davidson Centre – south side of building along the addition
- 277 Lambton Street
- 889 Queen Street – Surf shop
- 127 Mahood Johnston Drive – Kincardine Fire Station

There are 4 locations within the list provided by the AAC that staff suggest should not be addressed. The spaces are located at:

- Davidson Centre splash pad
  - The request was to relocate one space to the south near the Pavilion area of the park. The current spaces share an access aisle currently and if split would require removal of one space and shifting of all spaces along to generate a second aisle. The current spaces are situated near the washroom facility. With the overall flow of traffic in the area it is felt to be beneficial to have these spaces situated together vs apart.
- Davidson Centre at the rear by the lower entrance

- This is a loading zone and main evacuation route. Additionally, Community Services is looking for some entrance controls for the public to the facility through the South or East entrances and addition of a space in this location would not align with that approach.
- Princes St near DMN
  - This site is being removed and relocated to Victoria Park along Princes Street. There is insufficient width to leave it in the travelled portion of the road allowance and it imposes navigation challenges within the road network.
- Municipal parking lot at Pharmasave
  - This space is located on private property.

### **Consultation Overview:**

Operations and Community Services staff reviewed the overall list and locations of existing and requested spaces. Following the review information was shared with the AAC.

### **Origin:**

Accessibility Advisory Committee request and Council direction

### **Implementation Considerations:**

2024 budget usage to address short term considerations related to painting and signage was completed. Some sites require further alteration and have an additional cost associated with them. Staff are suggesting those items be added to the 2025 budget due to a lack of funds remaining and to ensure adequate resources are available to complete the necessary works.

### **Risk Analysis:**

By not updating spaces residents and visitors of the community with mobility challenges could be faced with challenges in navigating and accessing features within the community. If some locations were completed now, short term investment may be superseded by longer term considerations around a few of the sites. The sites may not meet lighting requirements per FADS, should that be desired a lighting review by a consultant will be needed to understand illumination deficiencies.

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**Attachments:** London FADS Parking  
Accessible Parking Summary Map

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