



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL  
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
AGENDA

**Meeting #:** AAC-2/2021  
**Date:** September 16, 2021  
**Time:** 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM  
**Location:** Council Chamber, 5th Floor  
Regional Administrative Headquarters  
10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A  
Brampton, Ontario  
**Members:** C. Belleth, C. Chafe, R. Chopra (Chair), P. Crawford-Dickinson, M. Daniel (Vice-Chair), P. Fortini, A. Groves, N. Husain, N. Iannicca, A. Karim, M. Mahoney, A. Misar, I. Sinclair, M. Tymkow

The meeting will be live streamed on <http://www.peelregion.ca/>

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. DELEGATIONS
  - 4.1. Rich Padulo, Founder, Treat Accessibly  
Regarding the Treat Accessibly Movement
5. REPORTS
  - 5.1. Peel Regional Paramedic Services Satellite Station – 11801 Bramalea Road, City of Brampton, Ward 9 – Site Plan Review  
Presentation by Carolyn Smith, Senior Architect, Hossack and Associates Architects; and Mark Centrone, Program Manager, Capital Planning and Project Management
  - 5.2. Accessibility Planning Program Update – September 16, 2021  
(For information)
6. COMMUNICATIONS

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

- 7.1. Raj Chopra, Accessibility Advisory Committee Chair  
Regarding Health Standards and Public Consultations  
(Oral)

**8. NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, November 18, 2021  
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 5th Floor  
Regional Administrative Headquarters  
10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A  
Brampton, Ontario

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

# Request for Delegation

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MEETING DATE YYYY/MM/DD 2021/09/16	MEETING NAME Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee
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Attention: Regional Clerk  
Regional Municipality of Peel  
10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A  
Brampton, ON L6T 4B9  
Phone: 905-791-7800 ext. 4582  
E-mail: [council@peelregion.ca](mailto:council@peelregion.ca)

DATE SUBMITTED YYYY/MM/DD 2021/07/20
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NAME OF INDIVIDUAL(S) Rich Padulo
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POSITION(S)/TITLE(S) Founder
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NAME OF ORGANIZATION(S) Treat Accessibly
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E-MAIL founder@treataccessibly.com	TELEPHONE NUMBER 416-418-20	EXTENSION N/A
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<p>REASON(S) FOR DELEGATION REQUEST (SUBJECT MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED)</p> <p>Share the Treat Accessibly movement to help make Halloween accessible for 400,000 Canadian children with disabilities and their families.</p> <p>Share how the movement started with one home and is already being celebrated nationally at 40,000 homes.</p> <p>Share the key ways the Treat Accessibly will grow with the support of private, government and non-profit sectors.</p> <p>Share how the Peel Region and members for the Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) can support the movement like</p>
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# Treat Accessibly

Making homes accessible to all on Halloween. Our rallying grassroots movement works with communities and homeowners to spark the imagination, inspire inclusive environments and accelerate an accessible world for everyBODY.



[Impact Video | Community Response](#)

**ACCESSIBLE  
TRICK OR TREATING™**



How to: [treataccessibly.com](http://treataccessibly.com)

Share your curb-side, accessible treat-or-treating Halloween decor @TreatAccessibly.

## Rich Padulo

- Proud Dad of Siena, the 10-year old winner of the The Rick Hansen Foundation Difference Maker Award for Ontario.
- Founder, Treat Accessibly® North America
- Appointee, Ontario Accessibility Advisory Standards Committee (1 of 12 private citizens)



# Looking Forward.

I was putting Halloween pumpkins on our home's stairs when I locked eyes with a little boy using a wheel chair across the street. I realized in that moment that my stairs made it impossible for that little boy to Trick-or-Treat at my home with his siblings and friends.

Our family created the first Accessible Trick-or-Treating plan and lawn sign that night in 2017.

By 2020, 40,000 Canadian homes had our sign.

In 2021, with Halloween back. It's time for positive reset. And any home, at Halloween, can be part of it by practicing Treat Accessibly.

With the movement's scheduled leap in growth in 2021, we believe 400,000 homes will be accessible on Halloween, across Canada, by 2025.

*One home for everyone of the 400,000 children that identify with having a disability in Canada.*

## Happy Halloween... EveryBODY!



**The Padulo Family**  
**Treat Accessibly Founders**





# Why It's Happening

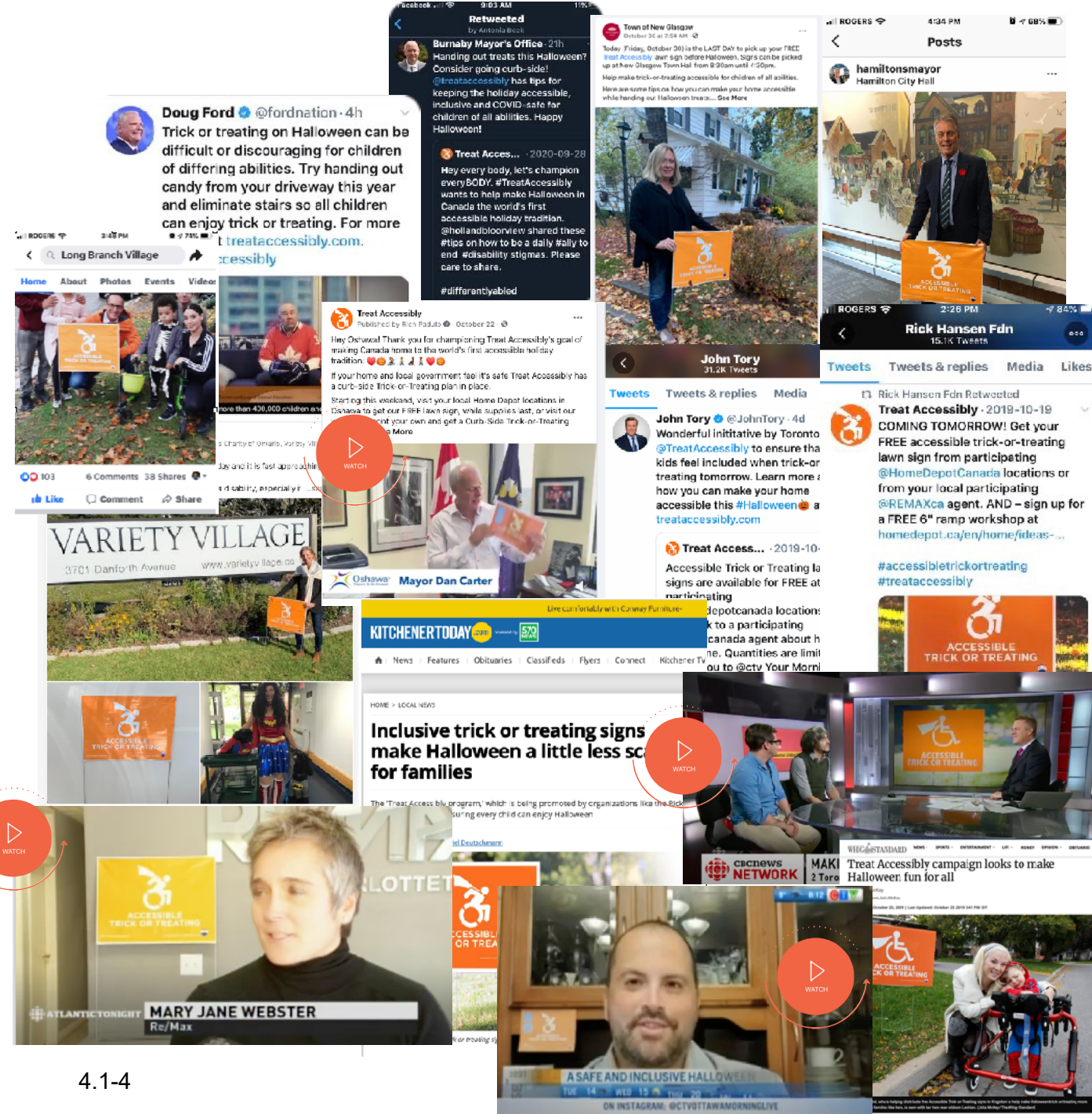
Creating inclusion is a top priority today.

Treat Accessibly helps any home promote that they support inclusion for kids with mobility, sensory or intellectual disabilities with lawn signage and practicing our tips to create an inclusive, accessible, Halloween.

We believe 4.4 million homes in North America is very doable with help from everyone in the next 5 years.

One home for every child with a disability in North America.

Our next and new idea is another way we feel will accelerate awareness and participation.



# Somethings Happening Here

## Treat Accessibly 2021 SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

### Treat Accessibly 2019 OCTOBER

1. 25,000 Free Treat Accessibly Lawn Signs produced by RE/MAX were picked up by homeowners at 168 Home Depots

#### WHAT HAPPENED

1. 40 million press impressions nationally.
2. 8 Million organic social impressions.
3. Ontario Premier, 6 Ministers, the Toronto Mayor and 23 other politicians provided social support.
4. Most national and regional non-profits in the accessibility space championed it.
5. 25,000+ Homes participated across English Canada.



1. 14,000 Free Treat Accessibly Lawn Signs available at 900 RE/MAX Offices in Ontario, Atlantic and Quebec.
  - 12,500 RE/MAX Agents briefed with social assets to engage communities
2. 10,000 Free Treat Accessibly Lawn Flags available at Sobeys across Ontario, Atlantic and Quebec.
  - Driving to [www.TreatAccessibly.com](http://www.TreatAccessibly.com) to promote the DIY Treat Accessibly Lawn Sign.
3. Hasbro and Amazon Canada will be promoting a DIY Treat Accessibly Lawn Sign on their Hasbro's Amazon Store.
4. In planning, Ontario Minister of Seniors and Accessibility will be sending a letter to all sitting Ontario MPs inviting them to bring awareness to the movement in their ridings.
5. CTV Toronto will break the story of movement's growth in September.
6. Treat Accessibly School Pilot at Toronto French School and (hopefully) Peel Region Catholic Schools to make Treat Accessibly part of the curriculum Oct. 7.
  - Pilot's curriculum is created by the Rick Hansen Fdn.
7. Canadian Tire has come on to produce 30,000 Lawn Flags and sponsor a top secret Halloween Project which I will share with you (SHHHH!)

#### WHAT WILL HAPPEN

1. Great awareness and change



# Peel Region Championing

In 2021, in cooperation with Brampton and Mississauga Officials and their Accessibility Advisory Committees we are in the home stretch of creating a School Pilot for the rest of Ontario and Canada to adopt in the future.

In cooperation with the Peel Region Accessibility Advisory Committee, *we think there's an opportunity to do some or all of this too in 2021:*

## 1. Treat Accessibly Day amplification on October 7, 2021

- The first annual Treat Accessibly Day is intended to create National awareness in homeowners across Canada about accessible trick-or-treating and how to participate this Halloween.

## 2. Peel Region Schools adoption of Treat Accessibly Day

- In partnership with the Rick Hansen Foundation School Program, Teachers in grades 1 through 3 are provided a closed-loop 1-hour lesson plan about accessible inclusion that invites kids to learn in class and then bring the lesson home and practice it at Halloween through Treat Accessibly.



While Halloween may look a little different for many this year, should your family and local government support trick-or-treating in your area, I encourage you to participate in the Treat Accessibility campaign, which has a curb-side trick-or-treating plan to ensure all kids have an accessible and inclusive Halloween experience.

I applaud, [#treataccessibility](#) Founder, [Rich Padulo](#) for championing an innovative way for kids of all abilities to be included! Our Foundation's School Program is also proud to complement this year's event with inclusive Halloween specific lessons and activities! [#halloween](#) [#accessibility](#) [#inclusion](#)



To help close the adoption loop with homeowners and parents, 500+ RE/MAX offices across Ontario will have FREE Treat Accessibly lawn signs for pick-up and drop-off.

A new Global Brand will greatly boost Treat Accessibly awareness - exciting parents and homeowners through September to October in stores in Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic and B.C. socially.

Hasbro Canada and Disney is also planning on bringing mass awareness across the country socially and through Amazon.





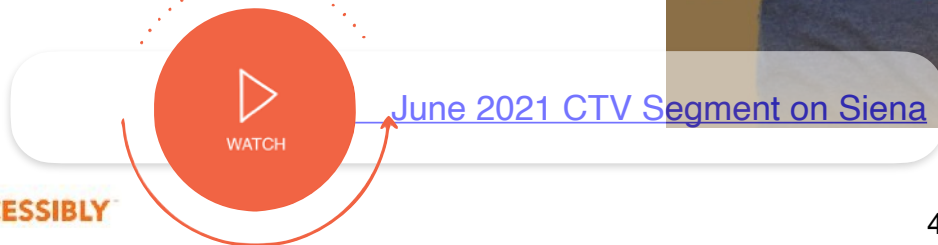
# The Treat Accessibly School Pilot Dreamer

Our 10-year old daughter, Siena Padulo, has preparing education and rallying her classes and school since she was 6 to participate in Treat Accessibly.

In October 2021, her school, Toronto French School, was the first Private School in Canada to want to participate in the Treat Accessibly Day Pilot.

**We believe in Siena and Siena believes:**

**THERE'S NO CAN'T IN CANADA.**



# Peel Region School Boards Update

When writing this document on Sept. 8, 2021:

## **Peel Region Public Schools reply:**

“However, the Peel Board is committed to ensuring a learning environment, through inclusive programs and curriculum, and when we consider PDSB’s demographics, many of our students do not celebrate Halloween nor live in homes (structures) that would allow them to participate in Treat Accessibly. That said, the decision was made to not participate in this initiative centrally across the system.”

*At time of writing this, the city of Brampton was seeking more information to address the decision.*

## **Peel Region Catholic Schools:**

We have a next steps meeting on Sept. 9 and I will be able to report outcome in our meeting

## **Toronto French School (2 campuses):**

Will be participating in the pilot.



# Looking Back To Go Forward

In 2019, Rich was invited to a beautiful experience that changed his life and cemented his family's resolve to grow Treat Accessibly.

A Halloween event at Holland Bloorview Children's Rehabilitation Hospital, where the kids celebrated Halloween in the lobby with volunteers, family and their incredible staff. The joy Rich witnessed was contagious and forever moving.

As you can imagine, many of the kids celebrate this way because they can't Trick-or-Treat with their siblings and other kids due to stairs and other reasons.

***In 2021, we can help us change that.***

We want to rally a Toronto street that loves Halloween (20-30 houses) to pilot the 1st Treat Accessibly Halloween Village on Saturday Oct. 2, 2021.

*With this pilot*, Treat Accessibly and our partners would socially share video from the event and excite neighbourhoods across Canada, **starting as early as Oct. 7, 2021**, to Treat Accessibly at Halloween and help starting to think about championing accessible inclusion for **everybody everyday**.





# It Builds With Our 2021 Pilot.

The Treat Accessibly Halloween Village experience and social content that is so cool, it makes Accessible Trick-or-Treating the way everybody wants celebrate Halloween in the future.





# Looking Forward.

The Padulo Family have kept Treat Accessibly a grassroots movement and story to show people an average family can work together with the community, private sector, non-profits and government to make a difference.

None of this would be possible without the help of people like you and the Peel Region Accessibility Advisory Committee considering ***how you can help.***

## Happy Halloween... EveryBODY!





**HAPPY HALLOWEEN... EVERYBODY!**

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**REPORT TITLE:**     **Peel Regional Paramedic Services Satellite Station – 11801 Bramalea Road, City of Brampton, Ward 9 – Site Plan Review**

**FROM:**             Gary Kent, Chief Financial Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the site plan for the Peel Regional Paramedic Services Satellite Station identified in the report of the Chief Financial Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services, listed on the September 16, 2021 Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee agenda titled “Peel Regional Paramedic Services Satellite Station – 11801 Bramalea Road – Site Plan Review”, be approved;**

**And further, that notification of the site plan approval and resolution be provided to the local municipality’s Planning and Building Department.**

## **REPORT HIGHLIGHTS**

- The Region of Peel has completed over 15 Peel Regional Paramedic Services (PRPS) Satellite Station site plans with similar design, layout and accessibility features.
- The accessibility features of the PRPS Satellite Stations site plan will meet or exceed applicable legislation and municipal requirements.
- All PRPS Satellite Stations are designed in accordance with the “Peel Regional Paramedic Services Satellite Stations Accessibility Features Checklist”.
- The area municipalities’ Official Plan allows for the development of an emergency services facility on this property.

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## **DISCUSSION**

### **1. Background**

Staff is requesting the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) to review and support the site plan for the PRPS Satellite Station noted in the report and Legislative Services provide notification of the support for the subject site plan to the local municipality Planning and Building Department.

In June 2007, Regional Council endorsed a divisional model for the development of Paramedic facilities through Council Resolution 2007-833. After paramedics are assigned to their vehicles, they are dispatched to satellite stations located throughout the Region of Peel. This allows for vehicles to be pre-positioned in anticipation of emergency calls in a



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manner that is based on the deployment plan and decisions made in real time by the Mississauga Central Ambulance Communications Centre.

Satellite stations are approximately 3,000 square feet and are strategically located within the community. These stations are used by paramedics during shifts to work on reports and take breaks in between calls and are generally not visited by members of the public.

The Region of Peel has completed over 15 PRPS Satellite Station site plans with similar design, layout, and accessibility features (as outlined in Table 1). Staff are seeking AAC's review and support of the latest satellite station development located at 11801 Bramalea Road in the City of Brampton. Details of the site plan can be referenced in the presentation material.

### 2. Accessibility Features

The Region of Peel has incorporated legislative and municipal requirements and best practices for accessibility features into the PRPS Satellite Stations' site plans (as outlined in Table 1).

**Table 1 – Accessible Features**

Accessibility Features	OBC	ODA/AODA	CBATS	PRPS Signage	Brampton Traffic By-Law
<b>Exterior</b>					
Total of four (4) Parking Spaces, one of which will be a Barrier Free Parking Space with clear signage and pavement markings.	NR	●	●	NA	●
Hatched/painted aisle next to barrier free parking space	NR	●	●	NR	●
A barrier-free path of travel between accessible parking and main building entrances, complete with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pedestrian walkways and sidewalks (<i>hatched/painted</i>)</li> <li>• Depressed curbs/ramp to access main entry from parking</li> <li>• Main entry door (<i>1000mm wide</i>) with push button - auto operator</li> </ul>	860	● No door req'd	860	●	NR



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Site lighting all around building	NR	●	●	NR	NR
<b>Interior</b>					
Extra wide hallways for maximum turning radius. <i>(1640-1950mm provided)</i>	1100	NR	1100	NR	NR
Open concept layout and design of the building	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
No steps or ramps between crew quarters and vehicle bay	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Accessible security access card readers	●	NR	●	NR	NR
Adequate knee space for the office, kitchen, and dining areas. <i>(provided)</i>	●	●	●	NR	NR
<b>Barrier Free Washroom Facilities</b>					
Grab bar L shaped	●	NR	●	NR	NR
Automatic paper towel dispenser <i>(optional provided)</i>	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Accessible vanity	●	NR	●	NR	NR
Hands free sensor faucet <i>(optional provided)</i>	NR	NR	optional	NR	NR
Barrier-free door with auto operator <i>(1000mm wide, provided)</i>	860	NR	860	NR	NR
Automatic soap dispenser <i>(optional provided)</i>	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Adequate Wheelchair turning diameters - 2440mm	1700	NR	2440	NR	NR
Tilted mirror	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Adequate clearances and transfer spaces	●	●	●	NR	NR
Convenience shelf	●	●	●	NR	NR
Emergency Call System <i>(Visual and Audible)</i>	●	●	●	●	NR

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### Table 1 Legend

OBC	2012 Ontario Building Code Compendium, incl. Amendments to barrier-free provisions effective January 1, 2015.
ODA	<i>Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001</i>
AODA	<i>Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005</i> , including Part IV.1 – Design of Public Spaces Standards (Accessibility Standards for the Building Environment) which will be in effect as of January 1, 2016
CBATS	City of Brampton Accessibility Technical Standards (2015)
PRPS	Peel Regional Paramedics Services
Signage	Peel Regional Paramedic Services Signage and Wayfinding Guidelines

### CONCLUSION

With the support of Peel Regional Paramedic Services, the Peel Regional Paramedic Services Satellite Station site plan at 11801 Bramalea Road will meet or exceed applicable legislative and municipal accessibility requirements.

### APPENDICES

Appendix I - Accessibility Features PRPS Satellite Station Typical - Checklist

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*For further information regarding this report, please contact Mark Centrone, Program Manager, Capital Planning & Project Management mark.centrone@peelregion.ca.*

*Authored By: Mark Centrone*

#### ***Reviewed and/or approved in workflow by:***

Department Commissioner, Division Director, Financial Support Unit and Legal Services.

## PARAMEDIC SERVICES AMBULANCE SATELLITE STATIONS

### Accessibility Features Checklist

Project Name: Peel Regional Paramedic  
Service Satellite Stations -  
Typical

Date: August 4, 2021

☒ Stand-alone

☐ Co-locate

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#### Exterior

- ✓ Three (3) Parking Spaces including 1 Barrier Free Parking Space with clear signage and pavement markings
- ✓ Main entry door with push button (auto operator)
- ✓ Depressed curbs
- ✓ Access aisle/ramp
- ✓ Pedestrian walkways and sidewalks (hatched/painted)
- ✓ Accessible security access card readers
- ✓ Site lighting

#### Interior

- ✓ Extra wide hallways for maximum turning radius
- ✓ Open concept layout and design of the building
- ✓ No steps or ramps between crew quarters and vehicle bay

#### Barrier Free Washroom Facilities

- ✓ Grab bar straight and 'L' shaped
- ✓ Automatic paper towel dispenser
- ✓ Accessible vanity
- ✓ Hands free sensor faucet
- ✓ Barrier free door (auto operator)
- ✓ Automatic soap dispenser
- ✓ Adequate wheelchair turning radius
- ✓ Mirror mounted at 1000mm A.F.F. (with steel shelf below)

# Accessibility Advisory Committee Peel Regional Paramedic Services Satellite Station

11801 Bramalea Road, Brampton

August 2021





# Paramedic Satellite Station

## Site Plan

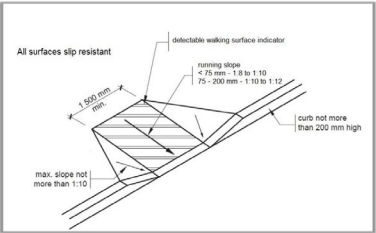


Figure IV.1.14.1: 360° Curb Ramp

### Type A

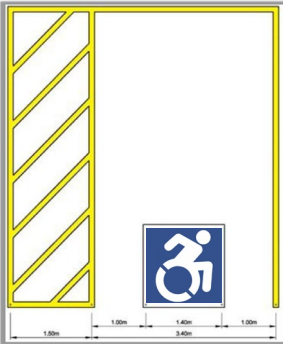
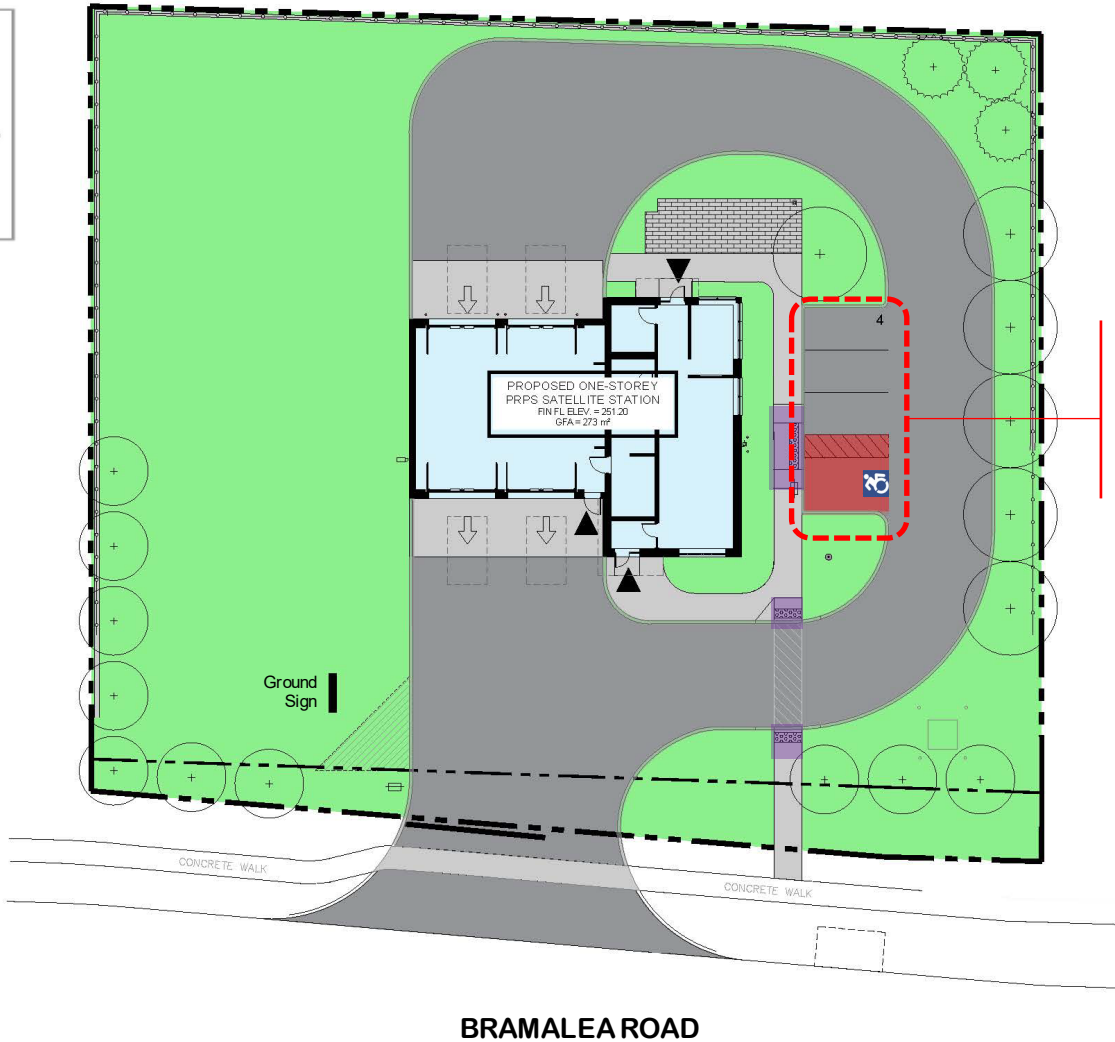


Figure V.6.1.4: Pavement Marking Layout



Figure V.6.1.1: Type A Permit Sign



4 Parking Spaces  
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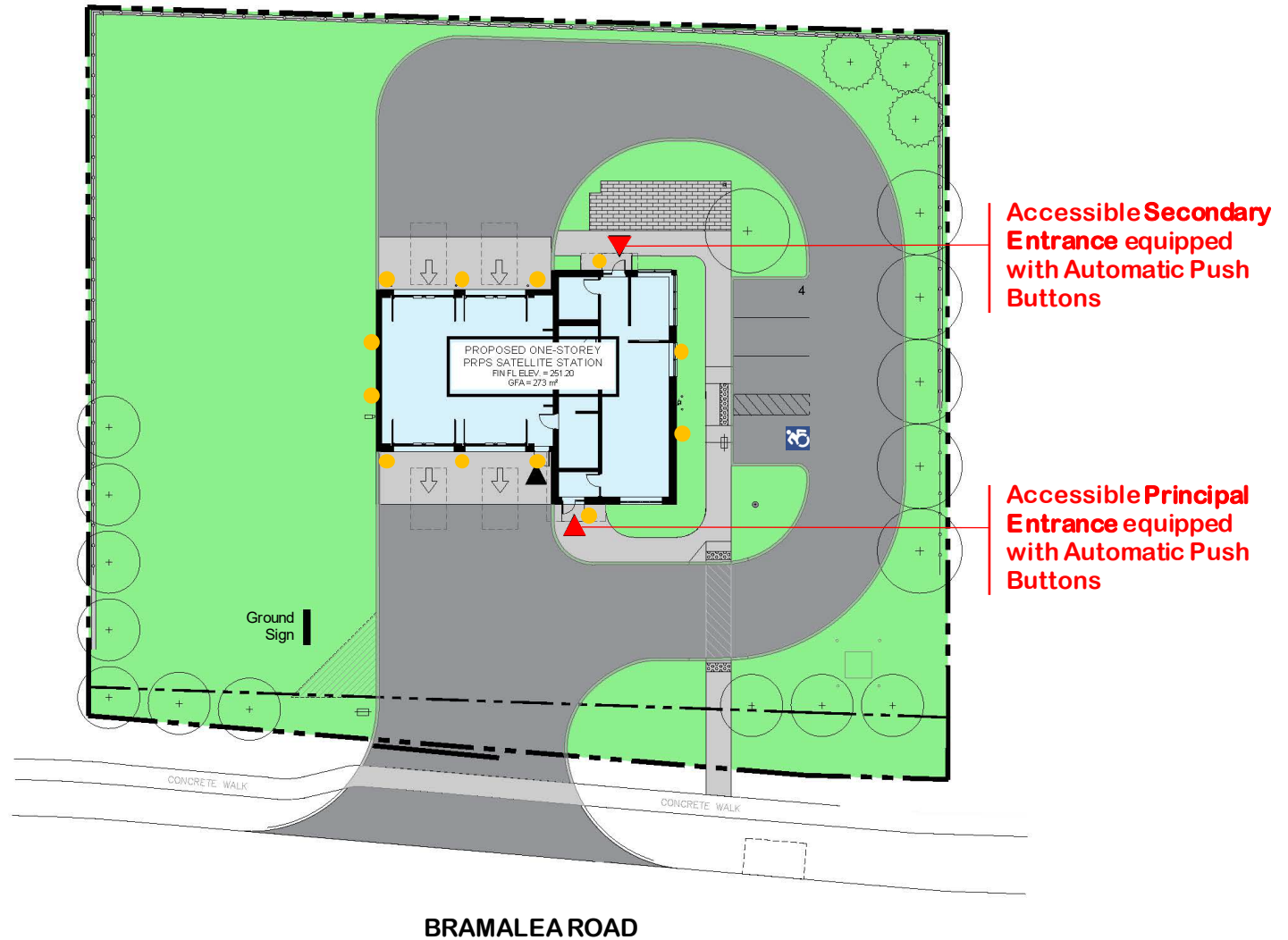
1 Accessible  
Spaces

### Legend:

- Type A & Sign
- Depressed Curb with Tactile Surface
- Accessibility Icon

# Paramedic Satellite Station

## Site Plan



### Legend

● Site Lighting

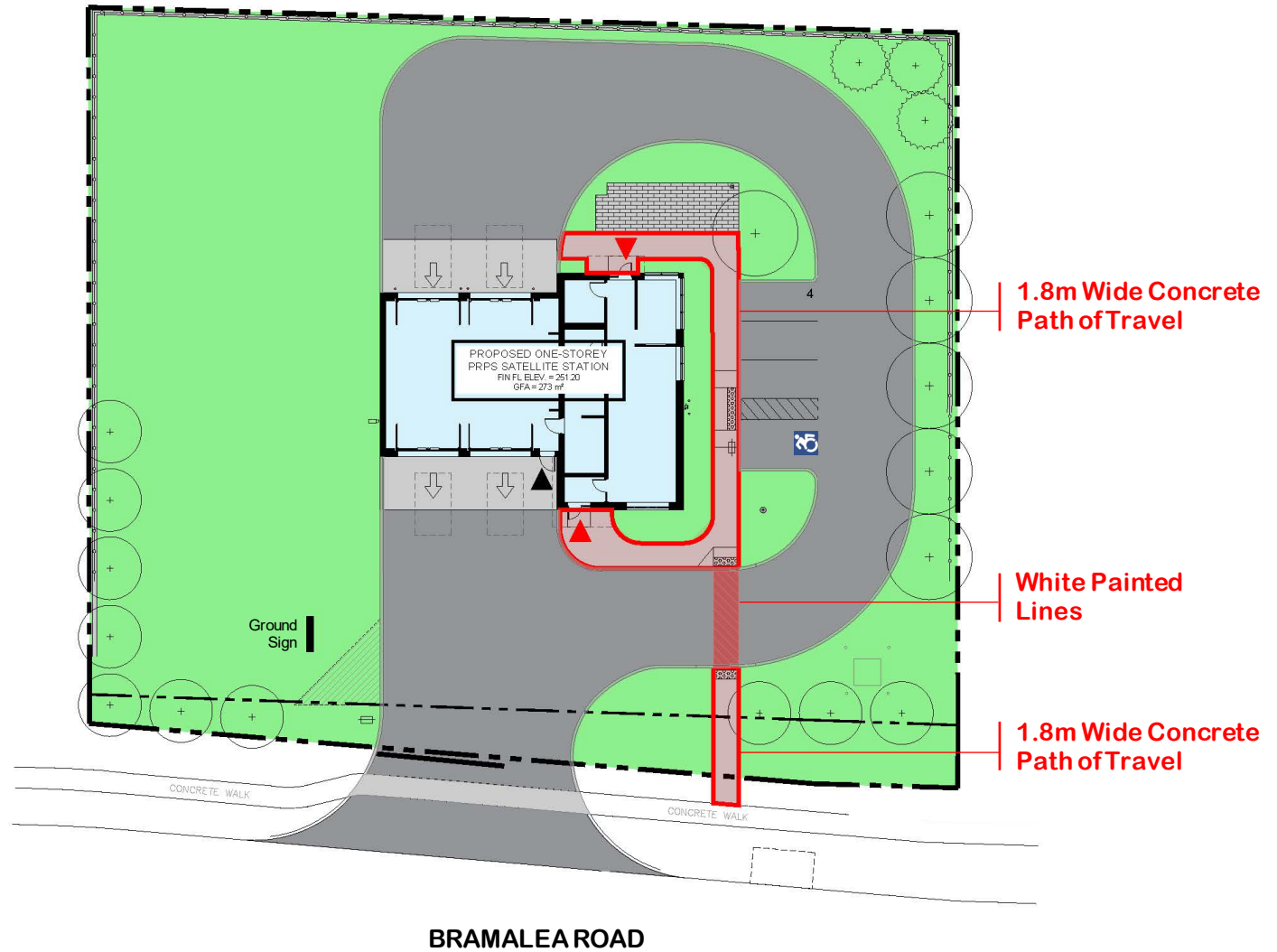
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Proposed Site Plan – Accessible Entrances & Automatic Push Buttons

# Paramedic Satellite Station

## Site Plan

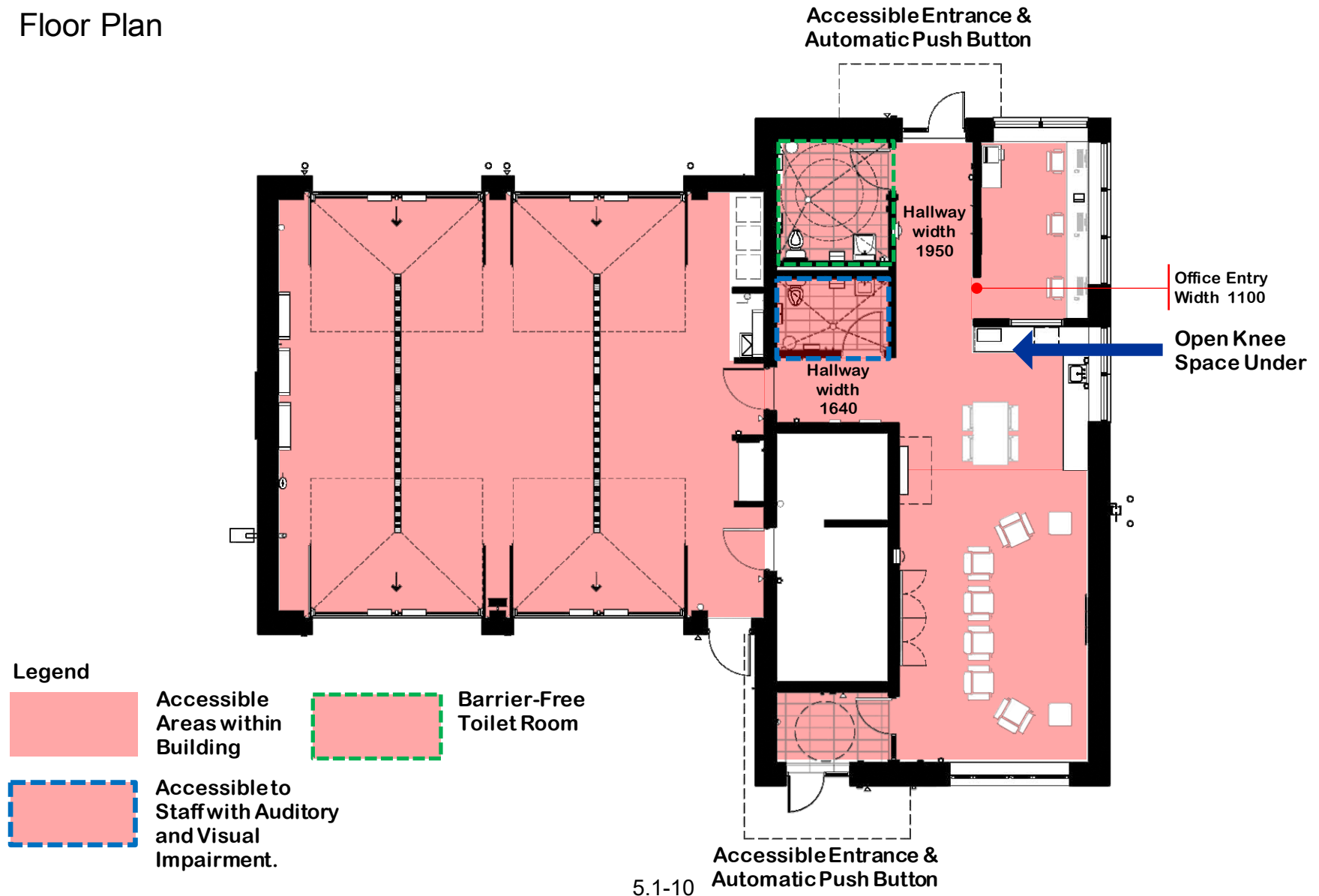
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Proposed Site Plan – 1.8m Concrete Path of Travel

# Paramedic Satellite Station Floor Plan



Proposed Floor Plan – Accessible Areas for Staff

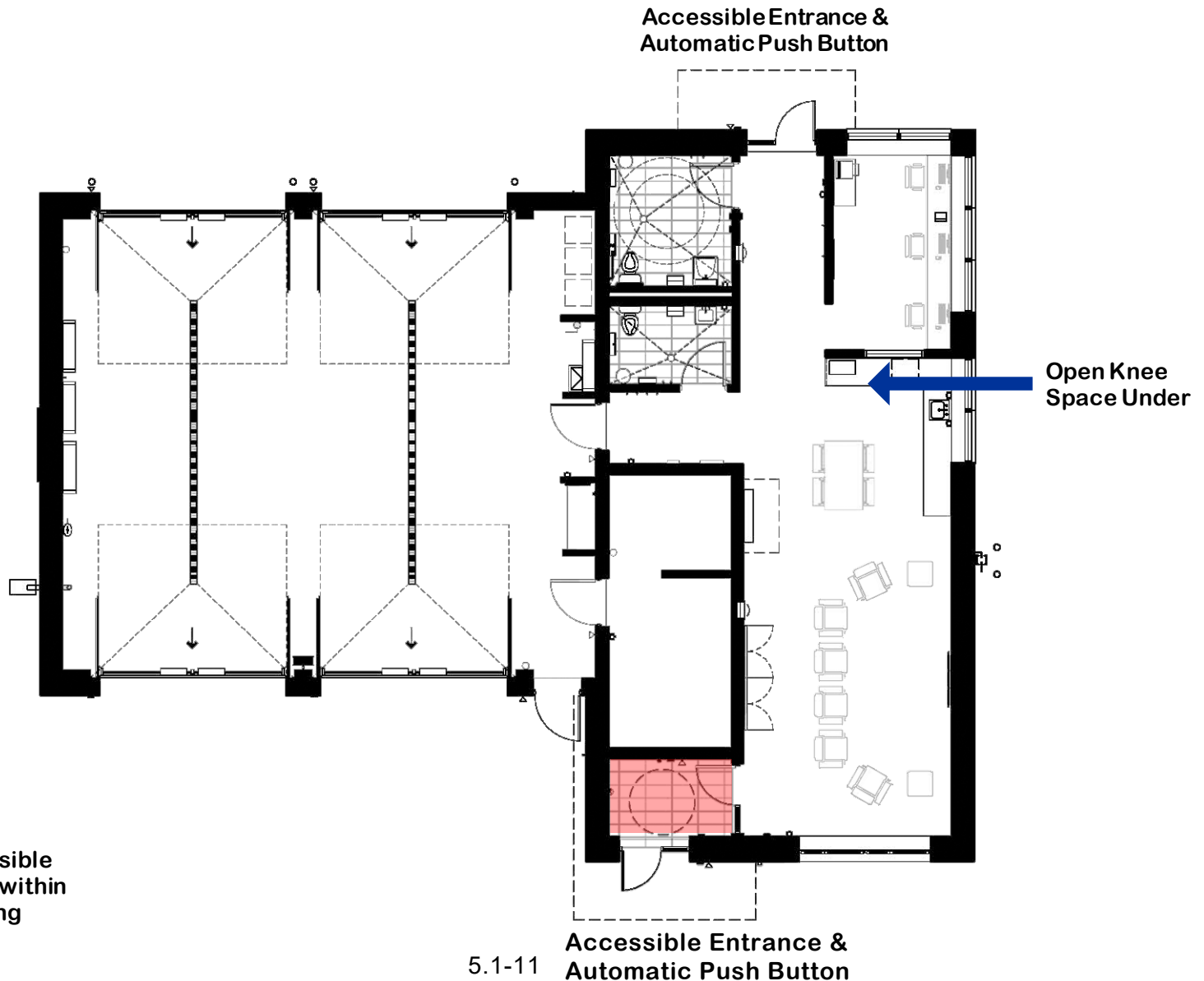


# Paramedic Satellite Station Floor Plan

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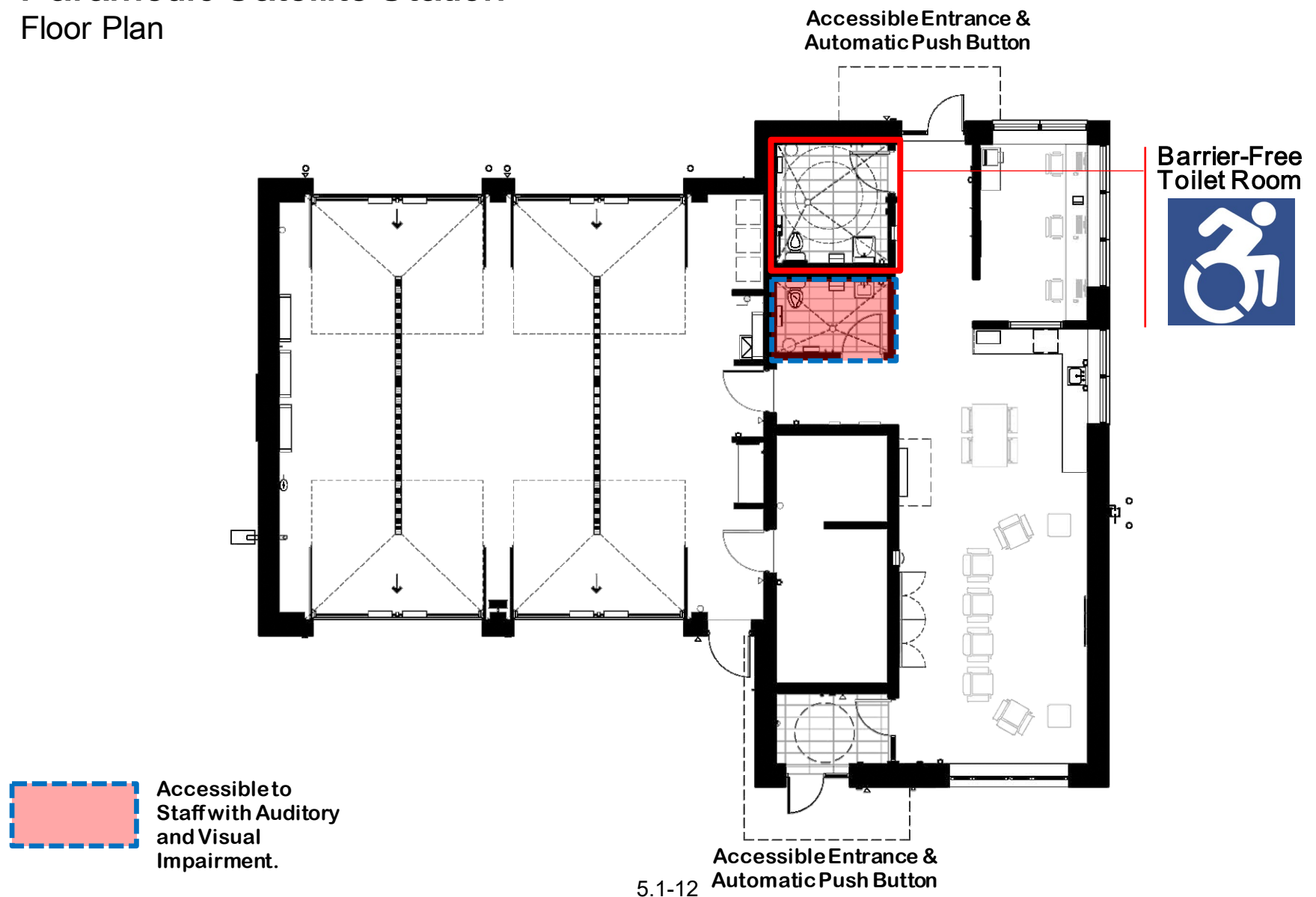


Accessible  
Areas within  
Building



Proposed Floor Plan – Accessible Areas for Public

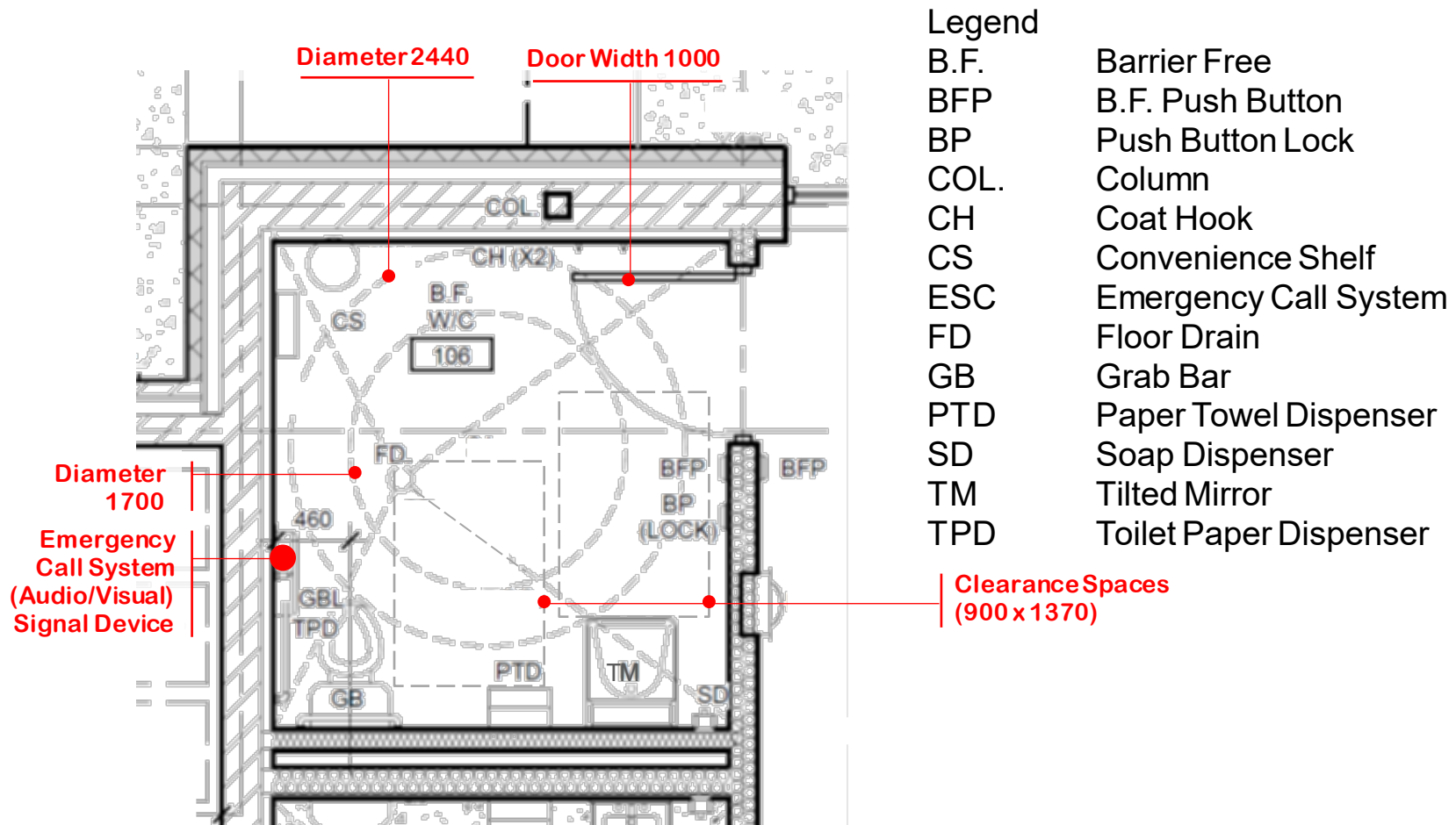
# Paramedic Satellite Station Floor Plan



Proposed Floor Plan – Accessible Washroom

# Paramedic Satellite Station

## Floor Plan



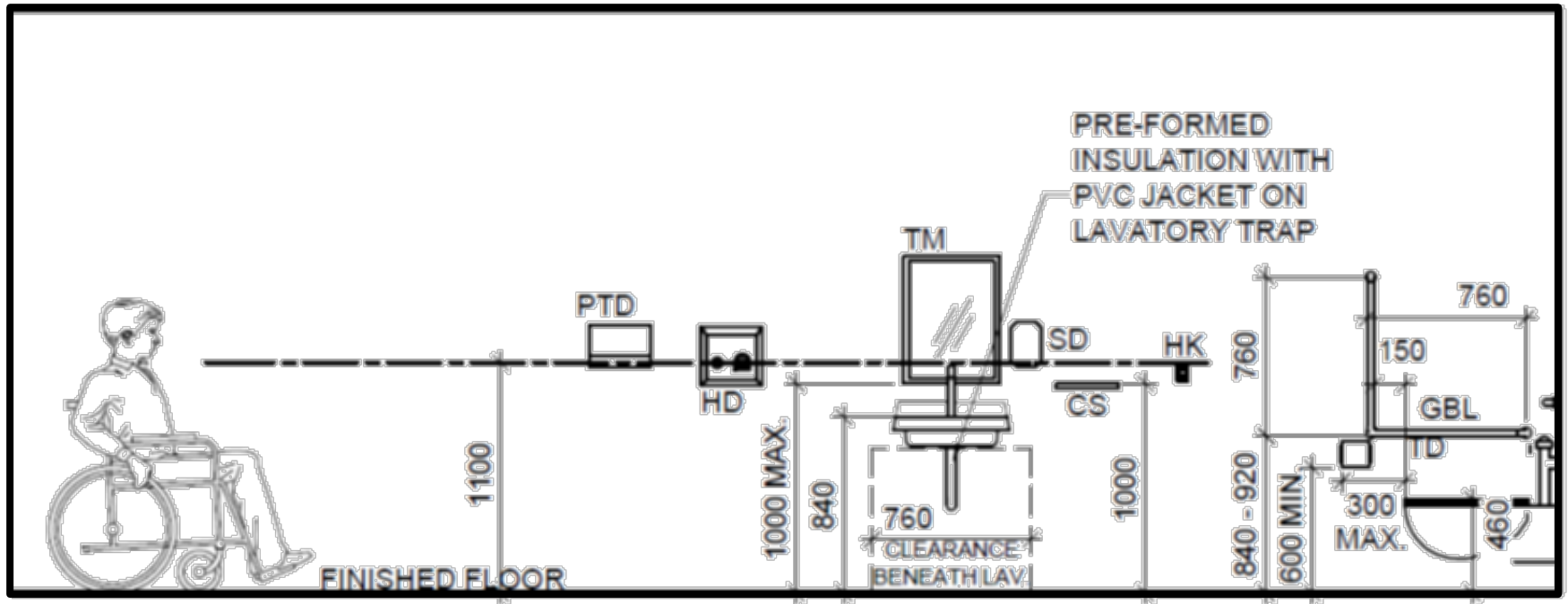
### Legend

B.F.	Barrier Free
BFP	B.F. Push Button
BP	Push Button Lock
COL.	Column
CH	Coat Hook
CS	Convenience Shelf
ESC	Emergency Call System
FD	Floor Drain
GB	Grab Bar
PTD	Paper Towel Dispenser
SD	Soap Dispenser
TM	Tilted Mirror
TPD	Toilet Paper Dispenser

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## TYPICAL OBC and AODA REQUIREMENTS



### ABBREVIATIONS

HK COAT HOOK  
 CS CONVENIENCE SHELF  
 HD HAND DRYER  
 GB GRAB BAR (STRAIGHT)  
 GBL GRAB BAR 'L' SHAPE  
 PTD PAPER TOWEL DISPENSER

PTD PAPER TOWEL DISPENSER  
 SN SANITARY NAPKIN DISPOSAL  
 M MIRROR  
 TD TOILET PAPER DISPENSER  
 SD Soap Dispenser

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**For Information**

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**REPORT TITLE:**     **Accessibility Planning Program Update – September 16, 2021**

**FROM:**             Gary Kent, Chief Financial Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services

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**OBJECTIVE**

To provide an update of the activities undertaken by the Region of Peel Accessibility Planning Program and the Accessibility Advisory Committee, subsequent to the May 20, 2021 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting.

**REPORT HIGHLIGHTS**

- The Accessibility Advisory Committee and Accessibility Planning Program have been involved in various activities during this period, which are categorized as follows:
    - Consultation and compliance support provided to Regional Programs;
    - Participation in community events.
  - This report also highlights upcoming events and observances.
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**DISCUSSION**

**1. Background**

The main objective of the Region of Peel's Accessibility Planning Program (the Program) is to ensure that Regional programs, services and facilities continue to be inclusive and accessible for persons with disabilities. In order to accomplish this objective, the Program works collaboratively with all Regional departments and the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee (the Committee).

**2. Activity List**

**a) Consultation and Compliance**

**i) Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (GTHA AAC) Meeting**

- The GTHA AAC held its joint meeting on June 18, 2021.
- This was its first meeting since October 3, 2019 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The GTHA AAC is composed of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the AACs throughout the GTA and Hamilton as well as representatives from the various transportation services providers including TTC, Metrolinx, Presto, TransHelp, Wheel Trans, etc.

## **Accessibility Planning Program Update – September 16, 2021**

- The objective of the meetings is to share information on the provision of accessible transportation services by the various service providers throughout the GTA and share best practices, challenges and struggles with the objective of an improved transportation system and service experience for persons with disabilities.
- Items discussed at the meeting included: Metrolinx Overview of Projects; Fare and Service Integration; and Updates by each transit service provider.
- Meeting minutes will be shared when they become available.

### **ii) Hurontario LRT Virtual Overview Session**

- On July 27, 2021 Metrolinx held a consultation session with AAC members from the 4 municipalities in Peel.
- The purpose of the session was to provide an accessibility overview of the Hurontario LRT project.
- Substantial completion of the project is targeted for 2024.
- Feedback was requested from AAC members on some of the design elements of the project.
- The presentation highlighted key accessibility features at terminal stops/stations (Brampton Gateway, Port Credit Station), the Mississauga City Centre stop, as well as typical stops along the LRT corridor.
- More information on this project can be found by visiting the Metrolinx website: [www.metrolinx.com/hurontarioLRT](http://www.metrolinx.com/hurontarioLRT).

### **iii) Digital Accessibility Planning**

- Staff from Digital Marketing, Service Excellence & Innovation and Accessibility Planning met to discuss collaboration as we move forward with our digital accessibility initiatives.
- The work undertaken to meet legislated website compliance requires different areas of the organization working together more strategically to fulfill our accessibility mandate as it relates to digital accessibility.
- The initial brainstorming session included the following suggestions:
  - Improving the accessibility page on our intranet site - one stop shop for all things accessibility.
  - Ensure our 'digital workforce' has an understanding of digital accessibility.
  - Incorporate accessibility in our digital literacy program.
  - Enhancing the service experience from a client perspective by ensuring accessibility tools and supports are in place.
  - Accessibility training related to specific roles (ie. website content contributors, frontline customer service providers).

### **iv) 2021 Accessibility Compliance Report**

- Every two years the Region of Peel must file an Accessibility Compliance Report with the Province which confirms that the Region is in compliance with the requirements under *the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* (AODA).
- The last compliance report was carried out in 2019.



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- Relevant program areas are being consulted for clarification and confirmation of compliance.
- A detailed report of the Region's response will be provided to the Committee at its next AAC meeting.
- The report must be filed by December 31, 2021 deadline.

### **b) Participation in Community Events**

#### **i) National AccessAbility Week (NAAW)**

- NAAW was observed from May 30 to June 5, 2021.
- The Region of Peel commemorated the week through a virtual event titled, "Today's Accessibility Experience".
- The objective of the event was to gain a better understanding of how the pandemic has impacted persons with disabilities through testimonies of lived experience.
- Event attendees included Regional staff and community agency partners.
- Keynote speaker Carol-Ann Chafe presented the new reality for persons with disabilities, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and discussed gaps and opportunities that have emerged.
- Carol-Ann reiterated the message that everyone has a role to play, as individuals and as community organizations to break down barriers and promote inclusivity in the community.

### **c) Upcoming Events and Observances**

#### **i) National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM)**

- The Region of Peel will be commemorating National Disability Employment Awareness Month in October.
- This observance aims to increase public awareness of the positive outcomes of hiring persons with disabilities in Canada and the positive impact persons with disabilities have when they are employed.
- More information will be shared as planning gets underway.

#### **ii) 2021 International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD)**

- As proclaimed by United Nations General Assembly, International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) is observed annually on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- This day aims to promote the full and equal participation of persons with disabilities and to take action for the inclusion of persons with disabilities in all aspects of society.
- More information on how the Region of Peel will be acknowledging this observance will be shared as the date approaches.

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### CONCLUSION

This report summarizes the activities and consultations that the Accessibility Planning Program (the Program) has been involved in, together with participation of members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee (the Committee) since May 20, 2021. The Committee and the Program continue to engage in activities that support the Region of Peel's primary accessibility objective of ensuring Regional programs, services and facilities are inclusive and accessible for all persons with disabilities and respond to the evolving community needs, including during times of a pandemic.

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