

Accessibility Advisory Committee's 2022 Town Hall

Public Works Overview

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In our streets and roads team we continue to work on both designing and implementing the built environment on our streets, sidewalks and pathways. We work hand in hand with our colleagues in development to ensure development and street encroachments are safe and maintain accessible pathways. One of our bigger projects is Cogswell which continues to be monitored against Rick Hansen standards for the built environment.

With winter around the corner, we continue to train all supervisors and contractors on accessibility awareness and clearing standards.

In parking, we conducted an audit of all of our existing accessible parking spaces against the newly approved standards and will look to update those through our existing capital program.

Public Works continues to work with the Province to advance key safety legislation with the intent to introduce consistent lower speed limits, urban sized signage and camera enforcement.

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In solid waste, staff are offering virtual webinars which increases access to information for residents. Staff are also working with DIRECTIONS which is a vocational services society that promotes inclusion of persons with disabilities and links to employment opportunities.