

<p>Oxford County's Accessibility Assessment Form/ Checklist Review</p>	<p>Ayesha informed the Committee that the Staff Lead from Ingersoll's AAC couldn't come to this meeting. However, Ingersoll's Accessibility toolkit was discussed during the Joint Accessibility meeting (2023), and they utilized the OBIAA Accessible Building Checklist to assess their facilities other than the outer spaces.</p> <p>The purpose of updating Oxford County's Accessibility Checklist Assessment Form was discussed in detail, i.e., to utilize this checklist to assess OCAB first, make recommendations to the County Council if needed, and share it with Oxford County's businesses/organizations. Oxford County adopted the City of London's Facility Accessibility Design Standard(FADS) in 2004. A basic checklist was developed to guide the County's businesses/organizations and the County itself with the intent of not policing but identifying accessibility issues. Gord mentioned that the City of London's Facility Accessibility Design Standard(FADS) has an updated version from 2021.</p> <p>AAC reviewed the existing County Accessibility Assessment Form while referring to the OBIAA Accessibility Checklist document, which is more elaborate and includes more categories, e.g., Building Interior and Signage, and has suggestions for overcoming inaccessibility. Ayesha identified the questions already covered in Oxford County's Accessibility Assessment Form, similar to the OBIAA Accessibility Checklist questions. So, AAC worked on including important and inclusive questions and advised adding suggestions to Oxford County's Accessibility Assessment Form. While reviewing the OBIAA Checklist document, AAC realized that many questions stated in this document are repetitive and can also be included as suggestions for the County's Assessment Form. The AAC advised removing categories of life safety and additional information from the County's document.</p> <p>It was noted that having a final version of Oxford County's Accessibility Assessment Form before the Joint Accessibility Committee meeting would be a good document to share with the other Municipalities' Staff Leads.</p>	<p>City of London's FAD</p>
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Joint Accessibility Committee Meeting		<p>Ayesha informed the Committee that the sub-committee member Pauline had contacted Oxford County's residents to share their stories of lived experiences regarding accessibility achievements or barriers that could be a learning experience for Area Municipalities Staff Leads.</p> <p>The sub-committee meeting will take place in April. The date hasn't been decided yet.</p>	
Other Items			
Next In-Person Meeting Date & Time		<p>The date and place for the next meeting are 7th May 2024, at OCAB, Room 129, from 4:30 pm - to 6:30 pm.</p>	