

Township of Tiny Commitment

The Township of Tiny remains committed to fostering an inclusive, accessible community where every individual, whether an employee, resident, or visitor, experiences independence, dignity, and equal opportunity. In addition, we strive to make all Township workplaces welcoming and adaptable, ensuring that accessibility needs are met promptly.

Through our Multi-Year Accessibility Plan and annual progress updates like this one, we underscore our dedication to making accessibility a fundamental part of daily operations. Guided by the valuable insights of the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC), we continually review and enhance our plan, ensuring that accessibility initiatives align with our community's evolving needs.

We are proud to share the notable achievements and advancements we have made over the past year.



Accessibility Achievements 2025

Community Awareness and Engagement:

- › **National AccessAbility Week (May 26 - June 1):** Celebrated through a flag-raising ceremony and social media campaign, showcasing contributions by Canadians with disabilities.
- › **Promoted County of Simcoe File of Life Program:** Distributed information about the File of Life program to improve emergency responses, ensuring residents with medical needs are supported.
- › **'Respect the Space' Brochure Campaign:** Promoted educational materials on accessible parking, raising awareness about proper use of designated spaces.
- › **Snow Angels Canada Support:** Promoted a tool that connects volunteers to residents in need of snow-shoveling assistance, improving accessibility in winter.
- › **Community Reach North Simcoe:** Facilitated a collaborative meeting with Community Reach North Simcoe to explore partnership opportunities, enhance community awareness, and identify avenues for joint initiatives.

Accessibility Enhancements in Public Spaces:

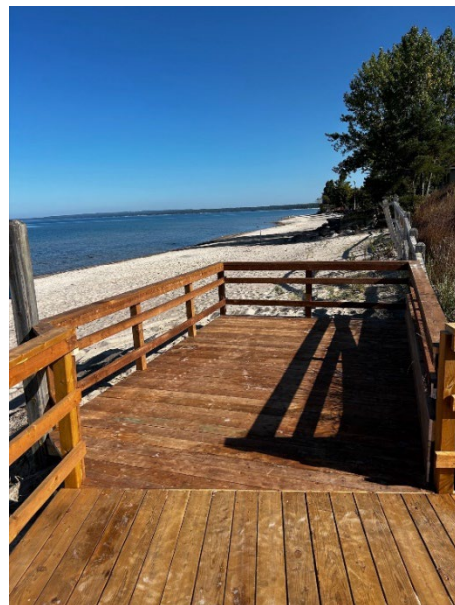
- › **Balm Beach Revitalization:** Enhance accessibility and visitor experience by creating an improved pathway around the beach with paved extensions for inclusive seating areas featuring tables and benches.

- › **Grant Application for Community Garden Enhancements:** Inclusive Communities Grant paid for in partnership with the Government of Ontario for accessibility enhancements to Community Garden including raised garden beds, gazebo for shaded and inclusive seating, accessible picnic table and bench, accessible/age-friendly gardening tools, and improved gate entrance and ramp.



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- › **Beach Access Improvements:** Improved beach accessibility with directional signage to accessible entrance and by enhancing the boardwalk and seating area at Bluewater Beach. Implemented a new boardwalk at Cawaja Beach with upgrades to accessible parking and washroom facilities.



- › **Trail and Park Accessibility:** Added rest benches and resurfaced 2 kms of the Tiny Rail Trail with crushed limestone, enhancing accessibility for all users.
- › **Accessibility Features in New Municipal Facilities:** Provided input on the Township Administration Centre design, ensuring accessible and inclusive features in future facilities.

Planning and Policy Development

- › **Development of Site Plan Guidelines:** Drafted Township guidelines for evaluating site plans described in section 41 of the *Planning Act* to ensure alignment with AODA standards.
- › **AODA-Compliant Review of Site Plans:** Reviewed site plans described in section 41 of the *Planning Act* to ensure alignment with AODA standards, recommending accessibility improvements in new developments to foster barrier-free, inclusive spaces for all community members.

Training and Professional Development:

- › **Accessibility Training:** Participated in refresher training on accessibility through resources such as the Rick Hansen Foundation, AccessForward, the Ontario Human Rights Commission, and the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety.

2026 Accessibility Priorities

National AccessAbility Week Recognition (May 25 to May 31, 2026): Participate in National AccessAbility Week with community events and outreach efforts to recognize contributions by individuals with disabilities and promote inclusivity.

Community Garden Grand Re-Opening Ceremony: Celebrate accessibility enhancements to the Community Garden funded by the Inclusive Communities Grant.

Tiny Rail Trail Crushed Limestone Resurfacing: Resurface an additional 1-2 kilometers of the Tiny Rail Trail with crushed limestone to improve surfacing.

Rolling Boardwalk Installations: Install or replace approximately 1,000 meters of rolling boardwalks at high-traffic areas to enhance accessibility in natural and recreational spaces, offering inclusive access to beach and park areas.

Accessible Playgrounds: Review potential locations for enhancement or new development for consideration in the 2027 Budget.

AODA Compliance: Conduct a comprehensive review of the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (IASR) and Accessible Customer Service policies to ensure compliance and best practices. Develop and adopt a 2026–2031 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan to guide long-term accessibility improvements.

Consultation with AAC on Administration Centre: Continued consultation with AAC on the development of the Township of Tiny Administration Centre.

This document can be viewed on the Township of Tiny website (www.tiny.ca) and is available in accessible formats upon request.

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