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Advocacy Update

AMCTO Participating in *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Review*

We are pleased to be participating in the fourth independent review of the [Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act \(AODA\), 2005](#) in collaboration with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) to ensure that the issues, concerns and solutions raised by our members are heard. As part of our participation in this review process, we have been having constructive discussions with our Legislative and Policy Advisory Committee (LPAC) on several topics related to accessibility.

This review is supported by a [website](#) that is independent from the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility and serves to provide information about the work of the reviewer as it relates to the AODA and its regulation [O. Reg 191/11](#). The review is being led by Rich Donovan, Chief Executive Officer of The Return on Disability Group, who has been appointed as the reviewer. This is the final independent review before the 2025 timeline for a more accessible Ontario under the *Act*.

The scope of the review will include the following considerations:

- Effectiveness and Evolution of the AODA
- Building Awareness and Community Support
- Compliance and Enforcement Incentives

We recognize that ensuring accessible structures, programs and services is important to building inclusive, supportive and thriving communities. We also appreciate the challenges members face meeting the requirements of the *Act* and its regulations despite all best efforts to do so. For this reason, we encourage all members and their municipalities to participate. Learn more about the review mandate and scope, and details about how you can get involved by visiting the [website](#) below.

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Should your municipality make a submission to the review, we ask that you please forward a copy to us (see contact details below) for our continued advocacy issue tracking.

As a part of our ongoing commitment to provide information, programs and services that are accessible to our members and municipal professionals, our Association is undergoing a review of our website and services with an accessibility lens.

For more information or to share your feedback to help inform our participation and advocacy work, please contact:

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