# Designated Public Sector Annual Status Report Template

**Corporation of the Township of Laurentian Valley Annual Status Report**

Name of Organization

Corporation of the Township of Laurentian Valley has established a multi-year Name of Organization

accessibility plan to prevent and remove barriers to accessibility and to meet requirements under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* and the Integrated Accessibility Standards.

This Annual Status Report details the required annual update for (year) 2024 on the progress of measures taken to improve accessibility. The purpose of this report is to track our organization’s progress and make the public aware of our initiatives.

This report is available online at [www.lvtownship.ca](http://www.lvtownship.ca/)

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**Accessibility Accomplishments in (year) 2024**

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**General Accomplishments** . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Applicable Not applicable

Enter in general initiatives related to accessibility that may or may not be directly related to a regulatory requirement or initiatives that don’t fall within a particular standard.

**Customer Service Accomplishments** . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

Applicable

Not applicable

Enter in initiatives implemented related to the Customer Service Standards. For example, this can include training employees, updating/establishing policies, follow up on feedback received.

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Continue to live-stream all Council and Committee meetings via YouTube and offer participation of meetings through Zoom platform. Continue to promote diversity and inclusion in the workplace.

**Information and Communications Accomplishments** . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

Applicable

Not applicable

Enter in initiatives implemented related to the Information and Communications Standards. For example, this can include creating accessible documents, updating websites to meet accessibility requirements, developing new policies to ensure information/documents are provided in alternate formats, follow up on feedback.

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Continue to create and modify, if required, on-line forms and use of online customer portals for residents .

**Employment Accomplishments** . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

Applicable

Not applicable

Enter in initiatives implemented related to the Employment Standards. This can include, for example, accommodating all candidates during the recruitment process and employment life cycle, steps taken to ensure accommodation plans and ensuring employees have accessible emergency information.

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Continue to promote diversity and inclusion in the workplace. All employment opportunity advertisements include a statement that LV is an equal opportunity employer and accessibility accommodations are available for all parts of the hiring process, upon request for applicants with disabilities.

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**Transportation Accomplishments** . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

Applicable

Not applicable

Enter in initiatives implemented related to the Transportation Standards. This can include, for example, installing signage for priority seating, training staff on appropriate use of a vehicle’s accessibility features.

Accessible parking signs installed at various municipal properties.

**Design of Public Spaces Accomplishments** . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

Applicable

Not applicable

Enter in initiatives implemented related to the Design of Public Spaces Standards. This can include, for example, installing accessible playgrounds, tactile walking surface indicators and establishing design guidelines that take into account accessibility. Re-surfaced Stafford Park to accessible surface (engineered wood surface)

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Installed new playground at a new municipal location (622 Elgin Street) that includes 2 play structures with accessible features and placed accessible surface.

Installed accessible shade structures at 5 municipal parks (Elgin Street, Stafford, Shady Nook, Pleasant View and Alice& Fraser)

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**Summary of Consultations** . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

Applicable

Not applicable

All designated public sector organizations must establish, review and update multi-year accessibility plans in consultation with persons with disabilities and, when applicable, with a municipal accessibility advisory committee. All municipalities with 10,000 and more residents must establish an accessibility advisory committee. Obligated organizations are also required to consult with the public and persons with disabilities when building new trails and outdoor play spaces. Use this section of the report to outline any consultation that took place during the year.

The township has undertaken a review of its 2019-2024 plan and will consult with the persons with disabilities.

**Next Steps**

What will be the focus of the new year? Highlight key upcoming initiatives.

The Township will continue to strive to meet the needs of its employees and customers with disabilities by working to remove and prevent barriers to accessibility.