

The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton - Council Meeting

Agenda Number: 12.2.
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Title: Accessibility Advisory Committee Resolution Request - Accessibility in Convenience Stores
Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Moved By: _____
Seconded By: _____

Whereas the Accessibility Advisory Committee for the Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton have brought forward concerns surrounding the availability of floor and aisle space when entering businesses who have been given Provincial approval to sell alcohol and have further requested that the Council of the Municipality of Brockton consider adopting a resolution in support;

And Whereas on September 5, 2024 the Province of Ontario expanded the sale of beer, cider, wine, and ready-to-drink alcoholic beverages to all licensed convenience stores, being approximately 4,187 stores, in addition to the nearly 3,000 other licensed retail outlets, as well as takeaway options from licensed bars and restaurants;

And Whereas convenience stores play an important role in providing residents with access to everyday necessities including food, beverages, medications, and household items;

And Whereas the expansion of alcohol sales in convenience stores increases the number of patrons accessing these establishments and can result in changes to store layouts, shelving, and product displays;

And Whereas many residents rely on mobility devices such as wheelchairs, walkers, and mobility scooters to maintain their independence and participate fully in community life;

And Whereas adequate interior floor space and clear pathways within retail establishments are essential to ensure individuals using mobility devices can safely enter, navigate, and purchase goods within convenience stores;

And Whereas limited aisle widths, cluttered floor layouts, and insufficient maneuvering space can create barriers for persons with disabilities, restricting their ability to independently access essential goods;

And Whereas the Province of Ontario has committed to improving accessibility through the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, and the goal of creating a more accessible and inclusive Ontario;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton urges the Province of Ontario to recognize the importance of ensuring that convenience stores provide adequate interior floor space and accessible pathways that allow patrons using mobility devices to enter, move throughout the store, and purchase necessities with dignity and independence;

And Further That the Province be requested to review existing accessibility standards and consider strengthening requirements that support adequate maneuvering space and accessible pathways within convenience stores and similar small retail establishments;

And Further a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for their consideration.

Carried

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