

Multi Year Accessibility Plan

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Our Commitment to Accessibility

Gore Mutual is committed to providing a respectful, welcoming, accessible, and inclusive environment in the provision of goods and services for both customers/clients and employees alike. As a company, we are committed to, and strive to ensure that the AODA, the standards and all other relevant legislation concerning accessibility, are rigorously observed, ensuring that all persons within our communities are aware of their rights and responsibilities to foster an accessible and inclusive environment with and for persons with disabilities.

Those with disabilities will be given an equal opportunity to obtain, use and benefit from Gore Mutual's products and services in a way that is respectful of the dignity and independence of people with disabilities and in a manner which considers the person's disability. All goods and services provided by Gore Mutual shall follow the principles of dignity, independence, integration, and equal opportunity.

Gore Mutual is committed to becoming a barrier free environment and meeting the requirements of all existing legislation and its own policies and goals related to identifying, removing, and preventing barriers to people with disabilities that might interfere with their ability to make full use of the services provided by Gore Mutual. Our programs and services are delivered in a way that reflects our values of be good, do good, spread good.

Multi - Year Accessibility Plan

The Multi-Year Accessibility Plan outlines Gore Mutual's commitment and plan to prevent and remove barriers to meet requirements under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) as well as the associated regulations including the Accessibility Standard for Customer Service (Ontario Regulation 429/07), and the consolidated Integrated Accessibility Standards (Ontario Regulation 191/11).

Gore Mutual is committed to achieving accessibility with respect to access to our services, facilities, and employment and we strive to meet the needs of people with disabilities in a timely manner.

The Multi-Year Accessibility plan will be reviewed and updated regularly to ensure that Gore Mutual meets the government of Ontario's requirement to be fully accessible by 2025.

In accordance with the requirements set out in the IASR, we will:

- Post the multi-year accessibility plan on our website: goremutual.ca
- Provide the plan in an accessible format upon request
- Review and update the multi-year accessibility plan at least once every five years
- Review and update the accessibility plan in consultation with persons with disabilities
- Prepare and complete an annual status report



Standard	Requirement	Actions Taken	Actions Planned	Responsibility
General Requirements (Part 1)	Establishment of Accessibility policies - Section 3	A policy governing how we achieve or will achieve accessibility though meeting the requirements of the regulation have been established. The policy documents will be made available and provided in an accessible format upon request.	The policy will continue be reviewed at minimum annually to ensure compliance with AODA requirements and posted to our external website.	People Experience
General Requirements (Part 1)	Accessibility Plans - Section 4	A multi-year accessibility plan has been developed to outline our strategy to meeting the requirements of the AODA and the needs of Gore Mutual stakeholders with disabilities. This plan has been posted to our external website.	The multi-year accessibility plan will continue to be reviewed and updated at least every five years.	People Experience
Information and Communication (Part 2)	Accessible websites and web content - Section 14	A review of existing website has been undertaken against Level A requirements.	With an overhaul of our website, standards applicable to WACG 2.0 Level A will be integrated in 2021.	Marketing



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General Requirements (Part 1)	Training - Section 7	All full time, part time and contract employees receive training on the accessibility standards, customer service standards and the Human Rights Code at the beginning of employment. A record of this training and dates of completion are maintained.	Gore Mutual will institute an annual retraining cycle for existing employees. Records of all retraining will continue to be retained.	People Experience
Information and Communication (Part 2)	Feedback – Section 11	An accessible customer feedback process has been implemented and feedback can be provided in multiple formats including through phone, email or in-person.	The addition of a TTY number to widen feedback communication channels is being explored as another manner in which feedback may be shared with the company.	People Experience Technology



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Information and Communication (Part 2)	Accessible Formats and Communication Supports - Section 12	The company will arrange for the provision of accessible formats and/or communication supports in a timely manner after consulting with the person requesting such accessible information.	Gore Mutual will continue to ensure that employees responsible for content development and maintenance are aware of accessibility requirements and the impact on workflow. Gore Mutual will continue to work to provide new and existing publications in alternate formats for people with disabilities, as requested.	People Experience Marketing
Employment Standards (Part 3)	Recruitment and Selection Recruitment - Section 22 Recruitment, Assessment or Selection process - Section 23 Notice to successful applicants - Section 24	Job seekers are informed of the availability of accessible formats of information through our website, job postings, interview process and the offer process.	Policies are reviewed at least annually, and employees and leaders complete an annual attestation. The company will continue to address any barriers to recruitment which are identified through the feedback process or closer examination of our processes and practices.	People Experience



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Employment Standards (Part 3)	Accommodation - Informing employees of supports - Section 25 - Accessible formats and communication supports for employees - Section 26 - Documented Individual Workplace Emergency Response Information - Section 27 - Accommodation plans - Section 28	Employees are informed about the availability of accommodations and the process is outlined in our Modified Workplace policy.	Gore Mutual continues to ensure leaders are aware of the need for accommodation and provide individualized workplace emergency response information to employees who have a disability.	People Experience
Employment Standards (Part 3)	Return to Work - Return to Work process - Section 29 Talent Management - Performance Management - Section 30 - Career Development and Advancement - Section 31	Human Resources policies and practices have been implemented and communicated to employees covering all areas of the employee lifecycle from recruitment, onboarding, training and development, performance management and career/talent management.	Policies will continue to be reviewed annually at minimum to ensure that the most up to date standards and regulations are reflected in our policies and practices. Training developed in house will be reviewed to determine any barriers that might exist for people with disabilities and where these exist, a plan will be developed to address this.	People Experience



Standard	Requirement	Actions Taken	Actions Planned	Responsibility
Built	Public Spaces	Facility policies and processes	Gore Mutual will continue to	Facilities
Environment	 Accessible Parking - 	reviewed and updated to	ensure that all current facilities	
(Part IV.1)	Section 80.32 to 80.38	include the requirements of the	or newly built and/or renovated	
		Built Environment Standard.	spaces comply with the Ontario	
	Obtaining Services		Building Code 503/09.	
	 Service counters - Section 	New construction projects will		
	80.40 to 80.41	consider the applicable	Service disruption notification	
	 Fixed queuing guides - 	requirements from the	protocols will continue	
	Section 80.42	Standard and the Ontario	to be incorporated	
	– Waiting areas -	Building code to every	whenever necessary.	
	Section 80.43	extent possible.		
			Gore Mutual will act on the	
	Maintenance		findings of the facility audit and	
	 Maintenance of accessible 		implement the necessary	
	elements - Section 80.44		changes to remove all	
			physical barriers	



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Information and	Accessible websites and	A review of our existing	New website to be launched in	Marketing
Communication	web content -	website has been	2022 which will incorporate	Internal Communications
(Part 2)	Section 14	initiated to assess level of	standards based on WACG 2.0	
		alignment with the	AA requirements.	
		WACG 2.0 AA requirements.		
			A review of our company	
			intranet site is planned with the	
			aim of incorporating accessibility	
			features within the internal site.	