

**AODA – Workers With Disabilities
MULTI YEAR ACCESSIBILITY PLAN**

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Applicable Legislation:

Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 – Integrated Accommodation Standards, Ontario Regulation 191/11 – Section 4 – Accessibility Plan

Relevant Guidelines:

Ontario Human Rights Code, R.S.O 1990.

Purpose:

Laurel Steel will meet the requirements of the Ontario government for compliance to AODA Act 2005, including improving opportunities to persons with disabilities in a way that is consistent with the principles of independence, dignity, equal opportunity, and respect. This plan will be updated at least every five (5) years to ensure compliance with legislated deadlines, address existing accessibility barriers and plan for the removal and prevention of any future barriers.

Accessibility Plan

Deadline	Act Section and Description	Action	Status
January 1 2012	Employment Standards		
	Section 27 - Workplace Emergency Response Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide individualize workplace emergency response information and plan to individuals who have a disability. - The required information will be provided as soon as practicable after Laurel Steel becomes aware of the need for accommodation due to a disability and review when required as per policy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Established Workplace Emergency Response Information Policy ✓ Individualize Employee Information Form ✓ Potential Barriers Form 	Complete
January 1 2014	General Standards		
	Section 3 - Establishment of Accessibility Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implement and maintain Laurel Steel's AODA – Workers with Disability policies developed to ensure Laurel Steel will achieve accessibility. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Establish Integrated Accessibility Standards Policy 	Complete
	Section 4 – Accessibility Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop, implement and maintain Laurel Steel's Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. - Post on website and in facility - Review and update accessibility plan at least once every five (5) years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Develop Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 	Complete/On Going
	Information and Communication Standards		
	Section 14 – Accessible Website & Web Content <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make Laurel Steel web site content to conform with WCAG 2.0, Level A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Implement requirements to conform with WCAG 2.0, Level A 	On Going/Updating Website

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January 1 2015	General Standards		
	<p>Training – Section 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure the following are training on the requirements of accessibility standards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o All employees and volunteers; o All persons who participate in developing the organization’s policies; and o All other persons who provide goods, services or facilities on behalf of Laurel Steel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Implement general and specific training programs as per position requirements. ✓ Update as training as needed. 	Complete/On Going
	<p>Information and Communication Standards</p> <p>Feedback – Section 11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure that process for receiving and responding to feed back are accessible to persons with disabilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Provide or arrange to provide accessible formats and communication support upon request. 	Complete
January 1 2016	Information and Communication Standards		
	<p>Accessible Formats and Communication Supports – Section 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Upon request Laurel Steel will provide or arrange for the provisions of accessible formats and communication supports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o In a timely manner taking in to account the person’s accessibility needs due to disability; and o At a cost that is no more that the regular cost charged to a person without a disability. - Consult with the person making the request to determine suitability of solutions. - Notify the public about the availability of accessible formats and communication supports. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Review and update process for accessibility requests. ✓ Identify sources for accessible formats. ✓ Update policy on website. 	Complete/On Going
	<p>Employment Standards</p> <p>Recruitment – Section 22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Notify employees and the public about the availability of accommodation for applicants with disabilities in the recruitment process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Review current recruitment procedures and documents and update as required. 	Complete/On Going
	<p>Recruitment and Selection Process - Section 23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Notify job applicants, when they are individually selected that accommodations are available upon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Review current recruitment procedures and documents and update as required. 	Complete/On Going

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	<p>request in relation to the materials or processes to be used.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If applicant requests accommodations, Laurel Steel will consult with the applicant to determine suitability of the solutions. 		
	<p>Notice to Successful Applicants – Section 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In offers of employment, notify the successful applicant of Laurel Steel's policies for accommodating employees with disabilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Review current employment offer documents and update as required. 	Complete/On Going
	<p>Informing Employees of Supports – Section 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inform employees of policies use to support our employees with disabilities. - Inform new employees as soon as practicable after they begin employment. - Provided updated information to employees whenever there is a change to existing policies or procedures related to accommodations of persons with disabilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Review current communication and on boarding processes and update as required. ✓ Implement process to inform employees of any changes made to policies or procedures relation to accommodations for persons with disabilities. 	Complete/On Going
	<p>Accessible Formats and Communication Supports for Employees – Section 26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consult with employees to arrange for accessible formats and communication supports for: - Information that is needed in order for the employees to perform their job and - Information that is generally available to employees in the workplace. - If an employee requests accommodations, Laurel Steel will consult with the applicant to determine suitability of the solutions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Review current communication and on boarding processes and update as required. 	Complete/On Going
	<p>Documented Individual Accommodation Plans – Section 27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have a written policy/procedure for the development of documented individual accommodation plans for employees with disabilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Establish a Documented Individual Accommodation Plans in a policy/procedure. ✓ Consider current Workplace Emergency Response Information. 	Complete/On Going
	<p>Return to Work Process – Section 29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Laurel Steel will revise the current return to work process to accommodate employees that require 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Review current Return to Work process and update as needed. 	Complete/On Going

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	<p>disability related accommodations in or to return to work and document the process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We will use the individual accommodation plans created during the process. 		
	<p>Performance Management – Section 30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Laurel Steel will take into account the accessibility needs of employees with disabilities, as well as individual accommodation plans, when using a performance management process. 	<p>✓ Review current policies/procedures and update as required.</p>	<p>Complete/On Going</p>
	<p>Career Development and Advancement – Section 31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Laurel Steel will take into account the accessibility needs of employees with disabilities, as well as individual accommodation plans, when providing career development and advancement. 	<p>✓ Review current policies/procedures and update as required.</p>	<p>Complete/On Going</p>
	<p>Redeployment – Section 32</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Laurel Steel will take into account the accessibility needs of employees with disabilities, as well as individual accommodation plans, during redeployment. 	<p>✓ Review current policies/procedures and update as required.</p>	<p>Complete/On Going</p>
<p><i>Design of Public Spaces</i></p> <p>At the present time Laurel Steel does not plan on developing or redeveloping any of its public spaces as defined in the Design of Public Spaces Standards. Should we choose to do so, we will revise this Multi Year Plan to include any requirements.</p>			

Available Documents

All documents or further information related to Multi Year Accessibility Plan will be made available upon request in an accessible format to the persons with disabilities. Requests can be made by mail, by phone or in person.

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