

Village of Bible Hill

Plan for ensuring barrier-free entrances remain free of physical obstruction

(Compliance with Section 29 of the Nova Scotia Accessibility Built Environment Standard)

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Reviewed: As needed (e.g. regulation change, buildings change, feedback)

Purpose

To ensure all barrier-free entrances at Village-owned facilities remain clear and usable at all times by preventing and promptly removing any physical obstructions.

Scope and exclusions

Applies to buildings with barrier-free entrances owned by the Village.

No winter maintenance is conducted at the Bible Hill Recreation Park washroom building, 38 Guest Drive.

This plan should be read in conjunction with the Village's snow and ice control standards for related information such as location prioritization.

Maintenance Standards

1) Keeping Entrances Clear

- a) Entrances, ramps, and approach pathways will be kept free of snow, ice, debris, and other obstacles.
- b) Entrances will not be blocked by stored materials, equipment, or parked vehicles.
- c) Garbage and recycling bins will be placed so they do not obstruct pathways or entrances.
- d) Outdoor lighting near accessible entrances will be kept on or configured with devices for automatic operation (e.g. timer or photocell sensor).
- e) Any obstruction or damage affecting accessibility will be removed or repaired as soon as practicable with prioritization according to severity, safety, accessibility, and budget availability.
- f) If temporary closure of an entrance is unavoidable, signage will direct users to the nearest accessible entrance.
- g) Cones, paint, barricades, and/or signage will be used to identify a hazard.

2) Monitoring

- a) Entrances will be checked during routine building inspections and maintenance activities, especially following significant weather events and before public events.
- b) Those performing snow and ice control will ensure barrier-free entrances are cleared promptly in accordance with the Village's published snow and ice control standards.

4) Reporting

Questions or concerns relating to this plan are to be directed to admin@biblehill.ca or 902-893-8083.