

Accessibility Plan for the Ottawa Pride Parade (for CAPE Members)

Event Details:

- **Date & Time:** Sunday, August 25, 2024, 12:30-4 pm ET (specific timing to be communicated closer to the parade date)
- **Location:** Ottawa, Ontario

Parade Route:

- **Start:** Laurier Avenue and Elgin Street intersection
- The parade will go south Elgin Street, west on Gladstone Avenue and north on Kent Street.
- **End:** Laurier Avenue and Kent Street intersection
- **Distance:** Approximately 750 meters
- **Direction:** Southwest

Terrain:

- **Surface:** Street and some sidewalks
- **Features:** Mostly flat, slow-moving
- **Weather:** Parade will take place if it rains and/or if it's sunny.
- **Expected Crowd Size:** More than 10,000 participants.

Accessibility Features:

- **Accessible Viewing Area:** Located on Elgin Street between Lisgar Street

and Nepean Street.

- **Accessible Portable Washrooms:** Located at Marion Dewar Plaza (accessible off Laurier Avenue) and throughout the street festival.
- **Interpreters:** Unfortunately, no interpreters will be available at this event with CAPE.
- **Masking Policy:** There is no specific masking policy. We encourage participants to mask to help safer participation for all members and Pride participants.

Support and Assistance:

- **CAPE Representatives:** CAPE staff will be available for support, identifiable by CAPE shirts and yellow vests. Specific details on where to meet CAPE representatives will be shared closer to the event.
 - CAPE representatives are trained in accessibility and able to provide necessary assistance.
- **Harassment Response:** Capital Pride works with the City of Ottawa to develop an emergency plan.
 - This plan includes private security, private first aid, Ottawa Police, and Ottawa Paramedic Services onsite during the parade. Volunteers are trained on protocols to handle harassment or discrimination.

Health and Safety:

- **First Aid:** Available onsite. A detailed map with the location of First Aid stations, CAPE tent, and washrooms will be provided closer to the event.

- **Refreshments:** Light snacks, water, and some provisions will be available. Participants are encouraged to bring a reusable bottle and dress appropriately for the weather (e.g., consider hats, sunscreen, rain gear, and comfortable shoes).

Additional Information:

- **Social media for Updates:** Check CAPE's social media for weather updates and other announcements.
 - [Twitter/X](#)
 - [Facebook](#)
 - [Instagram](#)

Contact Information for Pride Ottawa:

- **Accessibility Questions:** Email accessibility@ottawacapitalpride.ca