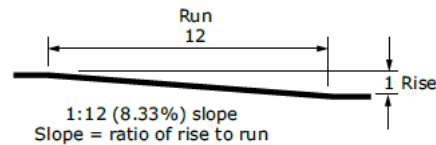


Accessibility Handout

Creating an Barrier-Free Accessible Ramp Entranceway

Step 1:

In order to facilitate a barrier-free entrance into your building, the primary focus should begin with whether a 1/12 rise to run ramp is feasible to be located on your property. In some circumstances there may not be sufficient room on the lot to accommodate the ramp and you may need to encroach within the street right-of-way and obtain a Street Encroachment License pursuant to the Town's By-law No. 65 – A By-law Respecting Street Encroachment for Building Access By-law. (Please note that there is no guarantee an Encroachment License will be granted, depending on the specifics of the property.)



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Accessible ramps for barrier-free access are exempt from the set-back requirements of the Land Use By-law (LUB). So you are able to build right up to your lot line if needed. (Part 7.5.12 of LUB)

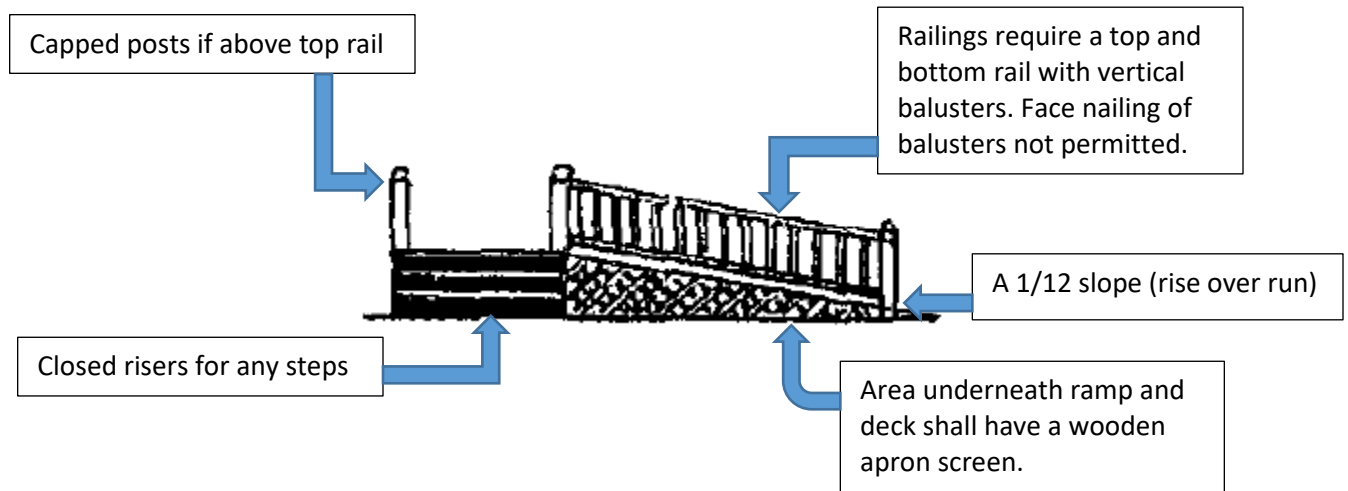
Step 2:

In order to develop a barrier-free access you will need a Certificate of Appropriateness under the Heritage Conservation District By-law if you are located in the Heritage Conservation District; a Municipal Development Permit under the Land Use By-law; and, a Building Permit under the Nova Scotia Building Code.

The Nova Scotia Building Code is your primary focus to ensure that your barrier-free access design meets the barrier-free requirements of the Building Code. A Building Official will assist in providing the requirements at building@modl.ca

Step 3:

If you are located within the Heritage Conservation District there are design guidelines for ramps as shown below:



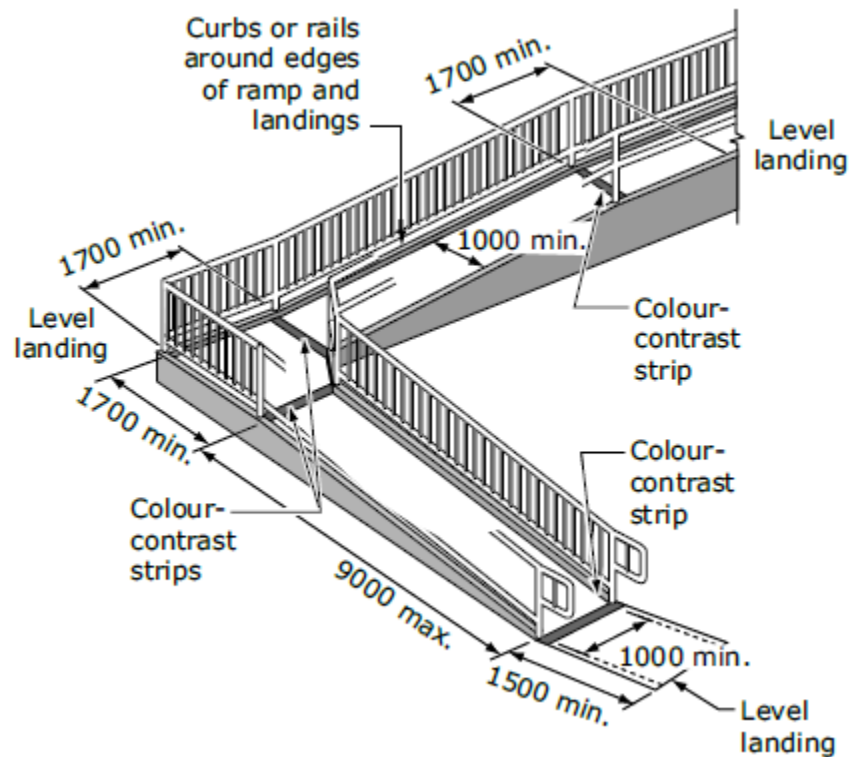
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Step 4:

Once you have a design layout you may now apply for the necessary permits. Permit application are available by emailing the Planning Department at planning@explorelunenburg.ca

Additional Information:

The Province has set a goal to become fully accessible by 2030. They have developed the Built Environment Accessibility Standards and have adopted the Canadian Standards Association CSA B-651 Standard. A sketch showing a ramp in compliance with Clauses 5.5.4 and 8.2.7 of the CSA B-651 Standard is shown below:



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