



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

From: Mark Buffone, Accessibility Compliance Coordinator

Meeting Date: January 3, 2018

Subject: Report AAC18-005
Accessibility Office Report

Purpose

A report to advise the Accessibility Advisory Committee on the current work of the Accessibility Office.

Recommendation

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) approve the recommendation outlined in Report AAC18-005 dated January 3, 2018, of the Accessibility Compliance Coordinator as follows:

That Report AAC18-005 with respect to the current work of the Accessibility Office be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budgetary or financial implications associated with the recommendation.

Background

Council for Persons with Disabilities

The Accessibility and Communication Specialist attended the November 23, 2017 meeting of the Council for Persons with Disabilities.

International Day of Persons with Disabilities

The local celebration of International Day of Persons with Disabilities was held on Friday, December 1, 2017 at the Peterborough Transit Terminal. The Celebration included the launch of the ["How to Ride Peterborough Transit" informational video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EbwdpW5w8TA).

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The celebration also highlighted recent accessibility improvements by Peterborough Transit, including the addition of 121 bus stop pads and 42 accessible bus shelters. All buses in the conventional transit fleet are now accessible.

Accessibility Social Media Campaign

The social media campaign was very successful, demonstrating the City's commitment to Accessibility. Information on the below topics were shared via the City's Twitter account:

Tweets: 156,600 Impressions from October 15 to December 15, 2017

Tweets

Join us for the 5th Annual Seniors Summit October 26th: Grey Matters - Healthy Minds for Health Aging.

Join us to talk sidewalks on Foxmeadow Rd, Easthill Dr and Meadowview Rd tonight between 6-8pm at @MonsignorO: <http://bit.ly/2goHhR3>

Join us: 2017 Fall Service Information Fair for Professionals - Wed November 8 from 11 am to 3 pm - Evinrude Centre <http://bit.ly/2xL788r>

Help us identify the priorities for #PtboWellbeing in the City & County. Please complete the survey: <http://bit.ly/2vQDnSt>

An appropriate tribute to mark the passing of an important person in our community #CarolWinter.

We will be hosting an International Day of Persons with Disabilities celebration today at 3:30pm at the Peterborough Transit Terminal. Join us to learn about accessibility improvements @PeterboroughTr1 #IDPD

Celebrating International Day of Persons with Disabilities with the launch of a new informational video! <https://youtu.be/EbwdpW5w8TA>

Retweets:

@ONAccessibility: Help us reach an #accessible, #diverse, & #inclusive #Ontario by 2025. Apply to the Minister's Advisory Council #AODA

@ONAccessibility: Today is the United Nations' International Day of Persons with Disabilities. A chance to reflect on Ontario's diversity and the value PWD bring to our communities. #IDPD

@ONAccessibility: EnAbling Change grant program is open! Non-profits submit your application to help make Ontario #accessible #ECPa11y <http://bit.ly/1gCoZAN>

@ONAccessibility: EnAbling Change Program is accepting grant apps to remove attitudinal barriers for invisible disabilities in ON. #ECPa11y <http://bit.ly/1gCoZAN>

@ONAccessibility: Come talk to us about how travel can be more #accessible for everyone in ON. today & tomorrow #otic2017 @TIAOtweets

Accessibility Reviews

The best way to remove barriers is to prevent them. The Accessibility Office provides formal reviews during the planning and design stages of all City projects, including projects related to buildings, public spaces, services, documents, websites, by-laws, plans and policies. Recent reviews and research include:

- Veterans Parking Permit: updated information to reflect current accessible parking standards
- Otonabee Region Conservation Authority (ORCA) Jackson Kiwanis Trail development: provided feedback on a City response to ORCA's public consultation
- Cameron Street Tot Lot, James Stevenson Park playgrounds and Beavermead Outdoor Exercise Equipment: reviewed submissions by proponents who bid on the projects and evaluated the accessible features of the project
- Licensed Rental Premises Application Form: created an accessible fillable pdf form
- Barnardo Park rehabilitation project: reviewed trail connections and advised the City project manager on how to enhance accessibility of the project
- Tree Permit Application Form: created an accessible fillable pdf form
- Accessible Documents wording in Bid Solicitation Templates: upgraded wording to better explain to organizations bidding on City projects that documents need to be formatted to meet WCAG 2.0 Level AA.
- Peterborough Transit Intelligent Transportation System bid solicitation document: provided input to ensure the consultant's scope of work includes formatting relevant website portals, documents, and mobile device apps to meet WCAG 2.0 Level AA. The consultant will also be required to consult with the AAC on various details of the project.

Public Engagement

The latest [survey for the Official Plan update](#) called "Plan It Peterborough" was released on December 7, 2017 and will close on January 18, 2018. Feedback from this survey will

inform the City's growth management strategy to encourage development in the right building forms and places in the community.

(www.peterborough.ca/planit)

Partnerships

- **DBIA Downtown Vibrancy Project:** The Accessibility Office participated in a visioning exercise to help guide the DBIA initiatives in downtown Peterborough.
- **Trent Radio, Insight Peterborough radio show:** The Accessibility Office was interviewed on Trent Radio and provided information on the history and role of the Accessibility Advisory Committee and upcoming accessibility events.
- **Workforce Development Board (WDB):** The Accessibility Office shared resources with WDB staff to help create employment opportunities for people with disabilities.
- **Trent University:** The Accessibility Office participated in a working group to review options for an enhanced active transportation network on Trent University property, including an accessible walkway network throughout the campus.

Funding Opportunities

The City is working with Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charity to explore possible funding opportunities. Canadian Tire Jumpstart is interested in working with municipalities to broaden their reach and increase their impact in communities.

Accessibility Compliance Update

The City of Peterborough filed a [2017 Accessibility Compliance Report](#) to the Government of Ontario on December 4, 2017. The report indicates the City is not compliant with three requirements of the AODA and includes an action plan to address the three non-compliance issues in 2018.

(http://www.peterborough.ca/Living/Accessibility_News/Plans__Policies__Reports.htm)

Events

[Abilities Expo](#): The Abilities Expo strives to provide the products and services to help people with disabilities meet and overcome daily challenges. People will have the opportunity to test drive cutting-edge devices to determine what meets their needs.

(<https://www.abilities.com/toronto/>)

Date: January 19 to 21, 2018

Time: Friday and Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Toronto International Centre

Resources

[A Guide for Hiring Contractors to Develop Accessible Websites and Web Content](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B2c3Xbwb7aY3OFVIYzRVQjY2ZzQ/view)
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