



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

From: Mark Buffone, Accessibility Compliance Coordinator

Meeting Date: March 7, 2018

Subject: Report AAC18-013
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 AAC18-013 dated March 7, 2018, of the Accessibility Compliance Coordinator as follows:

That Report AAC18-013 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 January 25, 2018 meeting of the Council for Persons with Disabilities.

National Accessibility Week

Planning for the 2018 'National AccessAbility Week' events has started. The first meeting was January 18, 2018.

Accessibility Social Media Campaign

The 2017 social media campaign was very successful, demonstrating the City's commitment to Accessibility. The campaign is now complete; however, the City's twitter account @CityPtbo will continue to promote accessibility as appropriate.

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:

- Application for Banner Installation over George Street: created an accessible fillable pdf form.
- Posters for the Community Wellbeing Plan: formatted posters for the Café Chat, Talk Over Tea and Discussion Over Dessert events in February to be accessible.
- 2018 Snofest calendar of events: formatted calendar to be accessible.
- Tree and Woodland Appeals Committee Terms of Reference: formatted document to be accessible.
- Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) Terms of Reference: formatted document to be accessible.
- 2017 Civic Awards Package: formatted the information package to be accessible and created an accessible fillable pdf nomination form.
- James Stevenson Park playground: prepared documentation to help proponents bidding on the project understand the accessibility expectations of the scope of work.
- Peterborough Public Library Assisted Listening System: reviewed user and space needs on site with an audiologist for the Multi-Purpose Room and the Community Room.

Public Engagement

Peterborough Transit is conducting [public consultation](#) for the most ideal route for the Community Bus coming in March 2018. The survey was released on January 10, 2018 and closed on Friday, January 26, 2018. Feedback from this survey will inform the Transit Division on the best possible route for the Community Bus.

(www.peterborough.ca/Living/City_Services/Transportation/Transit/Community_Bus.htm)

Partnerships

The Accessibility Office partnered with the Riverview Park and Zoo and provided a full accessibility review of the 60% design submission of the playground masterplan project.

Funding Opportunities

The Government of Canada is currently accepting proposals from organizations interested in receiving financial assistance from the [Opportunities Fund for Persons with Disabilities](#). The fund helps people with disabilities prepare for, obtain, and maintain employment or self-employment to increase their economic participation and independence.

(www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/disability-opportunity-regional.html)

Events

- [Webinar on Hiring People with Disabilities: Replacing Myths with Realities](#) by the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario on February 28, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (www.eventbrite.ca/o/accessibility-directorate-of-ontario-7348096119?s=43432174)
- [Webinar on Accessible Design of Public Spaces](#) by the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario on February 21, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (www.eventbrite.ca/o/accessibility-directorate-of-ontario-7348096119?s=43432174)
- [Webinar on Web Content Accessibility Guidelines \(WCAG\) 2.0 Primer](#) by the Accessibility Centre of Excellence (ACOE) on March 21, 2018 from 9:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (www.surveymonkey.com/r/35ZLXTR)
- [Webinar on Creating Accessible MS Word Documents](#) by the Accessibility Centre of Excellence (ACOE) on February 21, 2018 from 9:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (www.surveymonkey.com/r/GDDW9XD)
- [Webinar on Creating Accessible PDF's with Adobe Acrobat](#) by the Accessibility Centre of Excellence (ACOE) on January 31, 2018 or March 28, 2018 from 9:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (www.surveymonkey.com/r/GYLLVQJ)

Volunteer Opportunities

The Accessibility Directorate of Ontario is inviting people to apply to become a member of the Minister's [Accessibility Standards Advisory Council](#). Members on the council will provide advice on matters relating to accessibility and the implementation of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), including the progress of the Standards Development Committees.

(www.ontario.ca/page/accessibility-legislative-reviews-committees-and-councils#section-1)

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