



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee

From: Susan Neale, Museum Director

Meeting Date: November 9, 2017

Subject: Report MAAC17-016
Peterborough Museum & Archives: 2017-2022 Accessibility
Plan (Draft)

Purpose

A report to advise Committee that the Accessibility Compliance Coordinator, City of Peterborough, will make a presentation and for Committee to approve the Peterborough Museum & Archives: 2017-2022 Accessibility Plan (Draft).

Recommendation

That the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee approve the recommendations outlined in Report MAAC17-016, dated November 9, 2017, of the Museum Director, as follows:

- a) That the presentation by the Accessibility Compliance Coordinator be received for information;
- b) That the Peterborough Museum & Archives: 2017-2022 Accessibility Plan (Draft), Appendix A, received for consideration.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no immediate budget or financial implications associated with the recommendation. However, a regular investment of future resources will be required to implement initiatives that will continue to improve accessibility at the Peterborough Museum & Archives.

Background

Peterborough Museum & Archives Accessibility Plan 2012-2016

The Peterborough Museum & Archives (PMA) policies and plans are submitted to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport as a compulsory component of the annual Community Museum Operating Grant application. Policies and plans are assessed for compliance with federal, provincial and municipal legislation as well as international professional standards with the goal to ensure ethical museum and archives practices.

In 2012, the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport determined that although the City of Peterborough has a corporate Accessibility Plan, the PMA should have its own dedicated accessibility plan. In May 2013, the PMA published the 2012-2016 Accessibility Plan. The plan outlined a strategy to prevent and remove barriers to accessibility. It was a five year road map to help the PMA become accessible by 2025, contributing to the AODA goal of an accessible Ontario.

Overview of the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (IASR)

On July 1, 2016, the Accessibility Standards for Customer Service regulation 429/07 was revoked and the customer service standards were moved to the IASR. The IASR is a broad regulation. The requirements range from limiting the amount of flashing on a website to requiring organizations to consult with people with disabilities on the design and placement of benches along walkways. The IASR regulation is having a major impact on making information, employment, transportation, public spaces and customer service accessible in Ontario.

The PMA Accessibility Plan 2017-2022 (Appendix A) includes a summary chart listing the applicable requirements, the compliance deadline and compliance status. The chart also includes customer service standards to reflect the current status of the IASR. The summary chart is followed by a more detailed break down of the IASR requirements, a listing of new actions required and a background narrative to help understand the requirement.

Summary

The Peterborough Museum & Archives supports the City's statement of commitment to accessibility: to meet the diverse needs of all people and follow the principles of dignity, independence, integration and equal opportunity. The City strives to achieve an inclusive environment for our facilities, goods, services, employment, and information.

Submitted by,

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Attachments

Appendix A – Peterborough Museum & Archives Accessibility Plan 2017-2022 Draft