



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

From: Mark Buffone, Accessibility Compliance Coordinator

Meeting Date: October 3, 2018

Subject: Report AAC18-038
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 AAC18-038 dated October 3, 2018, of the Accessibility Compliance Coordinator as follows:

That Report AAC18-038 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 Communications Specialist attended the Council for Persons with Disabilities Board meeting on September 27, 2018.

Accessibility Plan Updates

The 2018 to 2022 Accessibility Plan was passed at City Council on September 10, 2018. The City of Peterborough did a soft launch of the plan through a social media campaign using the #AccessiblePTBO.

Tweets: 6,190 impressions from September 11, 2018 to September 17, 2018

- Making PTBO accessible! New pedestrian crossing at Parkhill and Benson #AccessiblePTBO <http://www.peterborough.ca/accessibility>
pic.twitter.com/8Yc029YZUp
- Making PTBO accessible! Our summer student Colin converted 580 by-laws to be screen reader friendly #AccessiblePTBO
http://www.peterborough.ca/Living/Accessibility_News.htm ...
pic.twitter.com/84TE5slPVk
- Making PTBO accessible! New transit stop for accessible housing on Reid Street #AccessiblePTBO <http://www.peterborough.ca/accessibility>
pic.twitter.com/6bU4jBaez4
- Making PTBO accessible! New crosswalk markings and countdown signals at George and Hunter #AccessiblePTBO
http://www.peterborough.ca/Living/Accessibility_News.htm ...
pic.twitter.com/mZSYe46IDh
- City Council approved the 2018 to 2022 Accessibility Plan, a five-year road map to help Peterborough become more accessible. Learn about the 184 planned initiatives! #AccessiblePTBO
http://www.peterborough.ca/Living/Accessibility_News.htm ...
pic.twitter.com/8En3pWDqj6

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:

- Downtown Gateway Design at Charlotte and Park Streets: reviewed sidewalks, benches, street corner designs, surface material selection and other various details
- Bid Solicitation Templates: updated 10 MS Word templates to be accessible. Updates include tagged headings, alt tags, table headers, and a table of contents with live links

- Roper Drive, Briarhill Road and Moorecraig Road: reviewed sidewalks, walkway connections, street corner designs and other various details
- Transit stops: evaluated various transit shelter layouts installed in 2018

Partnerships

- Joint Township of Selwyn and County of Peterborough Accessibility Advisory Committee: arranged for a joint meeting on October 3, 2018 to receive a presentation from the City's Housing Division on the 10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan

Resources

Conference Board of Canada's Guide for Small Businesses called [Making Your Business Accessible for People with Disabilities](https://www.conferenceboard.ca/docs/default-source/public-pdfs/19187_accessibilityguide_en_pac.pdf).

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