



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

From: Mark Buffone, Accessibility Compliance Coordinator

Meeting Date: March 6, 2019

Subject: Report AAC19-008
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 AAC19-008 dated March 6, 2019, of the Accessibility Compliance Coordinator as follows:

That Report AAC19-008 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 Council for Persons with Disabilities Board meeting on January 24, 2019.

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:

- Employee Travel and Expense Statement: reviewed for compliance with document accessibility.
- Children's Services forms related to child care expenses: reviewed forms for compliance with document accessibility.
- Child care directory document: reviewed for compliance with document accessibility.
- Child care wait list registry: reviewed for compliance with website accessibility.
- Art School of Peterborough advertisement in the Peterborough Fun Guide: reviewed for compliance with document accessibility.
- Engineering review document: reviewed for compliance with document accessibility.
- 2019 report template: reviewed for compliance with document accessibility.
- Health and Safety policy 1 pager: reviewed for compliance with document accessibility.
- Peterborough Transit support person pass: reviewed for compliance with contrast requirements.
- Peterborough Snofest logo: reviewed logo for optimal contrast. Note, logos are exempt from contrast requirements.
- 210 Wolfe Street walkway upgrades (Community Services Office): reviewed stair and walkway details for compliance related to handrails, tactile attention indicators, level area at entrance.

Status of Funding Applications

The Accessibility Office is currently overseeing five funding applications through the Government of Canada's Enabling Accessibility Fund:

1. 2018 Enabling Accessibility Fund – Beavermead Campground

The City submitted an application for funding to construct a new accessible washroom, change room, shower and laundry facility. The City is waiting for a response from the Government of Canada.

2. 2018 Enabling Accessibility Fund – Community Services

The City submitted an application for funding to upgrade the exterior walkway, vestibule and stairs, add an accessible customer service desk, waiting area, public access computer kiosk and two accessible offices. The City did not receive funding.

3. 2018 Enabling Accessibility Fund – Art Gallery of Peterborough

The City submitted an application for funding to upgrade the exterior walkway, vestibule, various flooring and studio space. The City did not receive funding.

4. 2017 Enabling Accessibility Fund – Assistive Listening Device Kits

The City received funding to purchase five assistive listening device kits, compatible with hearing aids and cochlear implants. Canadian Hearing Society is providing the kits. The devices were delivered to Peterborough Public Library, Community Services, Social Services, Peterborough Police and City Hall in January 2019. Training for staff is in progress and public awareness will start in May. A sign with the message “assistive listening devices are available upon request” will be installed in the five facilities.

5. 2017 Enabling Accessibility Fund – Park Upgrades

The City received funding to upgrade 9 City parks. The upgrades include enhancing the walkway network, adding benches, and replacing sand surfacing with engineered wood fibre at playground zones. Concept drawings for the parks are complete and Public Works is preparing a bid solicitation document. The expected completion date is July 2019.

Resources

- [At Ease: A Guide to Improving Accessibility in the Workplace and on Route](http://www.parkinson.ca/resources/educational-publications)
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- [Data from the 2017 Canadian Survey on Disability](http://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/daily-quotidien/181128/dq181128a-eng.htm), released on November 28, 2018
[www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/daily-quotidien/181128/dq181128a-eng.htm]
- [AllAccess Toolkit: Creating Accessible Public Spaces](http://allaccesspublicspace.ca/toolkit)
[allaccesspublicspace.ca/toolkit]

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