



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

From: Mark Buffone, Accessibility Compliance Coordinator

Meeting Date: April 3, 2019

Subject: Report AAC19-017
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 AAC19-017 dated April 3, 2019, of the Accessibility Compliance Coordinator as follows:

That Report AAC19-017 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 sent regrets to the Council for Persons with Disabilities meeting on February 28, 2019.

AODA Legislation

The AODA is reviewed every three years to assess the effectiveness of the act and its standards. The Honourable David C. Onley was appointed to review the act and conducted public consultations in 2018. The [2019 Legislative Review of the AODA](#) presents recommendations to the government.

[www.ontario.ca/page/2019-legislative-review-accessibility-ontarians-disabilities-act-2005]

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:

- Lily Lake Road subdivision development: reviewed proposed streetscape of the main circulation street named Northcott Avenue, including sidewalk, pedestrian crossing, and on-street parking details.
- Peterborough Fun Guide: reviewed for compliance with document accessibility
- Office 365 roll-out: reviewed opportunities to set default preferences in Microsoft Word to aid with preparation of accessible documents.
- Water Street reconstruction (Edinburgh to Parkhill): reviewed various details including sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, on-street parking, and transit stops.
- Moorecraig Road and Roper Drive reconstruction: reviewed various details including sidewalk network and layout of sidewalk at street corners.
- Data Share Peterborough: reviewed agenda, minutes and terms of reference documents for compliance with document accessibility

Status of Funding Applications

The Accessibility Office is currently overseeing two 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 did not receive funding.

2. 2017 Enabling Accessibility Fund – Park Upgrades

The City received funding to upgrade 9 City parks. The upgrades include enhancing walkway networks, adding benches, and replacing sand surfacing with engineered wood fibre at playground zones. The construction tender closed on March 25, 2019. A contract will be awarded in April 2019 and the project will be completed by July 2019.

Submitted by,

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