



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

From: Mark Buffone, Accessibility Compliance Coordinator

Meeting Date: May 1, 2019

Subject: Report AAC19-022
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 AAC19-022 dated May 1, 2019, of the Accessibility Compliance Coordinator as follows:

That Report AAC19-022 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 March 28 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:

- Social Services Minutes template: reviewed MS Word template for compliance with document accessibility
- 2018 Kindergarten Parent Survey Summary Report: reviewed for compliance with document accessibility
- Parks Canada Lock 19: reviewed various details including walkway network, accessible parking and rest areas.
- Holy Cross Sports Field and Track: reviewed various details including walkway network, accessible parking, rest areas, bleachers, access to field and various amenities.
- Parkhill Road West Phase 3: reviewed various details including sidewalk, multi-use trail and roundabout details.
- Online Community Engagement Platform: reviewed Request for Proposal document to ensure the platform is compliant with WCAG 2.0 Level AA and produces accessible documents. The scope of work includes one consultation meeting with the AAC.

Status of Funding Applications

- **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 was awarded in April 2019 and the project will be completed by July 2019.

Funding Programs

Applications for the Peterborough Renovates Program are currently available. The program helps people make critical repairs or reduce physical barriers to accessibility so they can stay in their own homes. There is limited funding available and this may be the last year for the program. The deadline to submit an application is May 24, 2019. Contact Habitat for Humanity at 705-750-1456 or email susan@habitatpkr.ca for more information.

Resources

[A Guide for Housing Providers in Ontario](#)

[www.equalityrights.org/information-for-landlords/]

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