



City of  
**Peterborough**

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**To:** Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

**From:** Sadie Norrad, Accessibility and Communication Specialist

**Meeting Date:** June 5, 2019

**Subject:** Report AAC19-024  
Access to Parks Canada's Thompsons Bay Dam and  
Peterborough Canal Trail Update

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## **Purpose**

A report to introduce a presentation from the City's Transportation and Demand Management Planner and Parks Canada staff.

## **Recommendations**

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) approve the recommendations outlined in Report AAC19-024 dated June 5, 2019 of the Accessibility and Communication Specialist as follows:

- a) That a presentation from the Transportation Demand Management Planner, Susan Sauve, and a Parks Canada representative be received for information;
- b) That the Committee provide feedback on the accessibility features of the project;  
and
- c) That the Committee support the recommended route for the maintenance access trail and the Peterborough Canal Trail through Waverley Heights Park as presented.

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

There are no budgetary or financial implications associated with the recommendations.

## Background

As previously presented to the Accessible Advisory Committee, the City of Peterborough and the Parks Canada Agency are working together on a new trail, the Peterborough Canal Trail. This trail would travel alongside the canal from Lock 19 (just south of Lansdowne Street) to Trent University. In addition, Parks Canada requires a maintenance access trail through Waverley Heights Park from Scollard Drive to the recently rehabilitated Thompsons Bay Dam.

A public consultation was held in March and April of 2019 on the concept for the Peterborough Canal Trail and on maintenance access through Waverley Heights Park. Staff from the City and Parks Canada have developed a recommended route for the maintenance access trail based on the consultation, Parks Canada's needs and accessibility considerations for the park.

Staff working on the project are seeking input from the Accessibility Advisory Committee on the proposed maintenance access trail and the Peterborough Canal Trail through Waverley Heights Park. In addition, staff are seeking approval of the recommended route for both.

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