



City of  
**Peterborough**

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

**From:** **Mark Buffone, Accessibility Compliance Coordinator**

**Meeting Date:** **June 5, 2019**

**Subject:** **Report AAC19-027  
Accessibility Office Report**

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## **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 AAC19-027 dated June 5, 2019, of the Accessibility Compliance Coordinator as follows:

That Report AAC19-027 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 May 30, 2019 Council for Persons with Disabilities meeting.

The Accessibility Compliance Coordinator participated as a panel member to review nominations submitted for the Accessibility Champion Awards.

### 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:

- Purchase Order Terms and Conditions document: reviewed document for compliance with document accessibility
- Lansdowne Street East multi-use trail: reviewed various details including design at intersection corners, driveway crossings, and trail edging.
- CP Rail crossing at Otonabee River and Holiday Inn: reviewed trail slope, maze design and investigated alternative design options
- Transit Terminal Police Hub office space: reviewed the layout of a proposed vestibule that includes a reception counter area
- Townsend Street reconstruction: reviewed the tender drawings for details including design of detectable edges along sidewalk, clear paths of travel, and investigated opportunities to add a sidewalk on the north side of Townsend.

### 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. Construction is in progress and the project will be completed by July 2019.

- **2018 Enabling Accessibility Fund – Accessibility upgrades to the Art Gallery of Peterborough**

The City received funding to complete accessibility upgrades to the Art Gallery of Peterborough. The upgrades include a new exterior walkway complete with an ice/snow melt system, new vestibule with sliding style doors, new flooring to provide mobility aid friendly surface and to improve visual cues/navigational aids, and a dedicated exhaust system in the Studio space to improve access for people with environmental sensitivities. The project is in the planning stages. A consultant will prepare design concepts and construction is expected to start in spring 2020.

## Resources

### [AODA Toolbox, Ontario's Accessibility Newsletter](#)

[[www.ontario.ca/page/accessibility-laws](http://www.ontario.ca/page/accessibility-laws)]

### [ReelEducation program](#)

The ReelAbilities Film Festival works outside the festivals to raise awareness and promote inclusion by bringing their films and conversations to schools, community centres, corporate offices and more. The ReelEducation program provides free resources for educators and administrators to teach students about inclusion, empathy, universal design, mental health, stereotypes, and attitudinal and employment barriers.

[[reelabilities.org/toronto/reeleducation/](http://reelabilities.org/toronto/reeleducation/)]

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