



City of
Peterborough

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

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

Meeting Date: **October 2, 2019**

Subject: **Report AAC19-030**
Review of the Information and Communications Standards

Purpose

A report to advise the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) on the legislative review status of the Information and Communications Standards of the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (IASR).

Recommendations

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) approve the recommendations outlined in Report AAC19-030 dated October 2, 2019, of the Accessibility Compliance Coordinator as follows:

- a) That a presentation from the Accessibility Compliance Coordinator be received for information.
- b) That the AAC members individually review the initial recommendations developed by the Information and Communications Standards Development Committee
- c) That the AAC members individually submit feedback through the online surveys.

Budget and Financial Implications

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

Background

Introduction

Accessibility standards must be reviewed every five years to determine if they are working as intended or need changes. The Information and Communication Standards under the AODA address how organizations create, provide and receive information and how they communicate in ways that are accessible for people with disabilities.

The Information and Communications Standards Development Committee drafted recommendations on how to improve the existing standard. The committee is seeking public feedback through an online survey. The Communication Standards Development Committee will review all feedback before they submit a final report and recommendations to the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility.

Draft Recommendations

There are 31 recommendations separated into Phase 1 and Phase 2.

Phase 1 addresses the structure of the regulation; feedback; accessible formats, communication supports and websites; information about emergency procedures and public safety; educational resources and training; and libraries (including schools).

Phase 2 contains a proposal for culture change in Ontario. It outlines a new model that would transform and modernize how accessibility is regulated in the province. It would allow organizations to continuously adapt and improve their websites, web content and technology up to and beyond 2025.

How to Provide Feedback

Read the committee's [initial recommendations](#) to improve accessibility standards for information and communications.

[www.ontario.ca/page/consultation-initial-recommendations-improve-accessibility-standards-information-and-communications]

Submit your feedback through the online surveys. The Phase 1 survey can take up to 1 hour to complete. The Phase 2 survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

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