



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

From: Mark Buffone, Accessibility Compliance Coordinator

Meeting Date: November 6, 2019

Subject: Report AAC19-039
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 AAC19-039 dated November 6, 2019, of the Accessibility Compliance Coordinator as follows:

That Report AAC19-039 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 September 26, 2019 Council for Persons with Disabilities meeting.

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:

- **Bethune Street Reconstruction 90% design:** reviewed various details including sidewalk clear path, sidewalk edging, parking bays, benches, crosswalk alignment, and paving patterns.
- **Community Services exterior walkway, 210 Wolfe Street Office:** completed a post construction evaluation of the walkway to address non-compliant stairs.
- **Community Services interior renovations, 210 Wolfe Street Office:** reviewed concept design for various features such as location of control buttons for power door operators, amount of natural daylight, wall alignment and corridor layout.
- **Bid document templates:** reinstated accessibility wording into new bid templates.
- **Parks and Open Space Planning:** reviewed a draft parks development standards and emphasized need to design for vulnerable pedestrians, provide shade, navigational aids, walkway edging, park features for older adults and a connection to sidewalks, trails and transit stops.
- **Farmers Market Operator bid document:** provided wording to require the market operator to ensure accessible parking, access to public transportation, clear walkways, access to food services and eating areas, access to accessible washrooms, rest areas, accessible website, and permit entry to support persons and service animals used by people with disabilities.
- **Peterborough Museum and Archives ramp:** reviewed ramp design for compliance with OBC and AODA.
- **Rotary Shade Shelters:** attended a pre-consultation meeting with Rotary to advise on various accessibility details for shade shelters, such as headroom clearance, mobility aid charge station, zero step access to shelter and accessible picnic tables.
- **East Side Transportation Study and Ashburnham Road realignment:** reviewed bid document and provided wording related to designing complete streets, pedestrian crossing times for vulnerable pedestrians, and consultation requirements with the Accessibility Advisory Committee and people with disabilities.
- **Maria Street trail crossing at railway line, 90% design:** reviewed various details, such as paint markings on trail, trail edging, and connection to sidewalk network.
- **2019 Active Transportation & Health Indicators Report:** provided wording related to the connection between people with disabilities and their need for active

transportation and transit infrastructure, disability statistics, and community consultation requirements related to trails.

- **Sidewalk new construction projects:** reviewed various sidewalk details for projects on Armour Road at Dufferin, Water Street at Nassau Mills, Cameron Street, Fair Avenue, and Chemong Road at Millroy,
- **Rotary Greenway Trail links:** reviewed various walkway details for trail link projects on Moir Street, Vinette Street, Lisburn Street, and Frances Stewart Street.
- **Parkhill Road reconstruction, Aylmer to George:** reviewed various details related to sidewalk connections, sidewalk edging, sidewalk boulevards, and sidewalk transitions across commercial driveways
- **Urban Park (former Louis Street parking lot):** reviewed washroom building, access to skating rink and pre-manufactured seat wall and bench attachment system.

Status of Funding Applications

- **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. A concept design was presented to the Built Environment sub-committee on October 15, 2019. Construction is expected to start in spring 2020.

- **2018 Enabling Accessibility Fund – Accessibility upgrades to the Community Services Office**

The City received funding to complete accessibility upgrades to the Community Services Office at 210 Wolfe Street. A concept design was presented to the Built Environment sub-committee on October 15, 2019. Construction is expected to start mid 2020.

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