

To: Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

From: Sarah Mackillican, Communication Coordinator

Meeting Date: February 3, 2021

Subject: Report AAC21-004

National AccessAbility Week 2021

# **Purpose**

A report to provide information and discussion about National AccessAbility Week 2021 celebrations.

#### Recommendations

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) approve the recommendations outlined in Report AAC21-004 dated February 3, 2021, of the Communication Coordinator as follows:

- a) That Report AAC21-004 about National AccessAbility Week 2021 be received for information; and
- b) That the Committee provide recommendations for the May 2021 National AccessAbility Week celebrations.

# **Budget and Financial Implications**

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

# **Background**

In the spirit of partnership, National AccessAbility Week (NAW) is an opportunity to bring together individuals, organizations, businesses and different levels of government to affect meaningful changes in the daily lives of persons with disabilities. NAW is celebrated annually during the last week of May.

The City typically adopts the theme set out by the Government of Canada and partners with the Council for Persons with Disabilities for the annual celebration.

# Suggested activities, NAW 2021

- Declaration from Mayor's Office that Monday, May 31 to Friday, June 4, 2021 be declared National Accessibility Week in Peterborough (likely as a video).
- That the Communication Coordinator collaborate with Library Services staff to create a video highlighting their Visiting Library program
- That Accessibility staff coordinate with Library Services staff to create and promote a display of books and media by and about persons with disabilities
- That the AAC recognize the efforts of City staff who have made outstanding efforts to ensure that accessibility are consistently considered.
- Social media: sharing the Unblock the Walk and Respect the Space campaigns
- Scavenger hunt of accessible amenities in the City (e.g. City of Brampton)
- Other ideas from the AAC are welcome.

Submitted by,

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