



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

From: Mark Buffone, Accessibility Compliance Coordinator

Meeting Date: May 5, 2021

Subject: Report AAC21-013
Accessibility Staff Report

Purpose

A report to advise the Accessibility Advisory Committee on the current work of Accessibility staff.

Recommendation

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) approve the recommendation outlined in Report AAC21-013 dated May 5, 2021, of the Accessibility Compliance Coordinator as follows:

That Report AAC21-013 with respect to the current work of Accessibility staff be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

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

Background

AODA Compliance

No updates to report since the March 2021 Accessibility Staff Report.

Accessibility Reviews

The best way to remove barriers is to prevent them. Accessibility staff provide formal reviews for various development applications and during the planning and design stages of City projects, including projects related to buildings, public spaces, services, documents, websites, by-laws, plans and policies. Reviews and research completed in April 2021 include:

1. Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment applications

- Canadian Canoe Museum: new Johnson Park site on Ashburnham Drive.
- 200 St. Luke's Avenue: add 10 apartment units, modify parking lot.

2. Site Plan Control applications

- 201 and 211 Hunter Street East, 380 Armour Road: residential apartment complex with four buildings ranging in height from 6 to 12 storeys.
- 159 Aylmer Street North: alteration of an existing 2 storey building for the purpose of a clinic and a residential unit.

3. Infrastructure

- Otonabee River Trail Crossing at Holiday Inn: review pathway slope, width, safety.
- Nassau Mills Road multi-use trail, Faryon bridge to Eastbank Drive: review pathway details, safety, street crossings.
- Lansdowne Street reconstruction, Kawartha Heights Drive to Clonsilla Avenue: review multi-use trail, transit stops, street corners, sidewalk details.

4. Websites and documents

Accessibility staff support various City departments every week to remediate PDFs or provide content on the website, either as HTML pages or as online forms. The following list represents a sampling of projects, research and education activities:

- Municipal by-laws: investigate options to make frequently updated by-laws accessible.
- Budget documents: advise Corporate and Legislative Services on PDF remediation options and costs
- Age-friendly Peterborough Social Isolation to Social Connection Report: accessible document

5. Bylaws, plans and policies

No activity to report

6. Procurement

Accessibility staff provide ongoing reviews of bid solicitation documents to ensure accessibility is incorporated into every major purchase the City makes. Every project requires the organization we do business with to complete accessibility training as it applies the scope of work. The following list represents a sampling of projects that incorporated accessibility beyond the training requirements:

- Supply and delivery of blue boxes: checked if scope includes mini recycling bins
- Simcoe Street parking garage rehabilitation: advised on potential OBC and AODA compliance requirements.
- Parking control and security services for the Peterborough Memorial Centre and Morrow parking lot: accessible documents, accessible customer service

7. Partnerships

- Peterborough GreenUP: participated in a video series called City Hall Connections, aimed at educating the public on various staff positions.

Council for Persons with Disabilities (CPD)

The Communication Coordinator continues to attend CPD board meetings electronically. Recent activities of the CPD include the development of a Transit rider training program, and participation in a Service and Support Animal Initiative (includes a representative from Peterborough Transit). The CPD continues to provide monthly community outreach calls, bi-weekly Facebook Live updates on their activities.

Access Fund Update

No activity to report

Accessibility Training

Staff knowledge of accessible documents and PDF remediation skills continues to grow monthly. There are currently 59 staff on a priority training list and 19/59 staff completed intermediate level training.

Accessibility launched an updated transportation course called [IAS-107 Transportation Standards](#). All transit staff complete the transportation standards course during the employee orientation process.

[peterborough.ca/aodatraining]

Legislation

No updates to report since the February 2021 Accessibility Staff Report

Resources

No updates to report since the March 2021 Accessibility Staff Report

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