



City of  
**Peterborough**

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

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

**Meeting Date:** May 2, 2018

**Subject:** Report AAC18-018  
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 AAC18-018 dated May 2, 2018, of the Accessibility Compliance Coordinator as follows:

That Report AAC18-018 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 March 22 2018 meeting of the Council for Persons with Disabilities.

### **National Accessibility Week**

Planning for the 2018 National Accessibility Week events has started. National Accessibility Week will run from May 27 to June 2, 2018

### **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:

- McNamara Drive Park: provided feedback to the park developer (Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters) on how to incorporate accessibility into the various amenities
- Development Charges Amendment Study: formatted consultant's report document to be accessible
- Handi-Van Eligibility Application: formatted application form to be an accessible fillable PDF document
- 2018 Election Candidates Guide: format guide to be accessible
- 2017 Year in Review by the City CAO: formatted the document to be accessible
- Crawford Rail Trail Phase 1: reviewed the street crossings, bench locations and other various details of the trail design to ensure accessibility is incorporated into the project

### **Public Engagement**

The Accessibility Office in partnership with Public Works conducted a public consultation for a new play structure at James Stevenson Park. The survey was released on March 19, 2018 and closed on Thursday, March 29, 2018. Feedback from this survey will help to create the RFP for the new play structure.

### **Funding Opportunities**

[Enabling Accessibility Fund for mid-sized projects](#): Up to \$350,000 to \$1,000,000 in funding is available from the Government of Canada for new construction, renovation and retrofit projects of accessible facilities. The call for submissions closes on May 24, 2018.

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