



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

From: Mark Buffone, Accessibility Compliance Specialist February

Meeting Date: 1, 2023

Subject: Accessibility Plan Consultation Summary, Report AAC23-007

Purpose

A report to introduce a presentation from the Accessibility Compliance Specialist on public consultation completed in 2022 for the Accessibility Plan update, seek feedback from the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) and provide an overview of next steps to update the Accessibility Plan.

Recommendation

That the AAC approve the recommendations outlined in Report AAC23-007 dated February 1, 2023 of the Accessibility Compliance Specialist as follows:

- a) That a presentation by the Accessibility Compliance Specialist on public consultation data received in 2022 for the Accessibility Plan update be received for information;
- b) That the AAC provides feedback on the public consultation data;
- c) That the Accessibility Compliance Specialist provides an overview of next steps to update the Accessibility Plan.

Budget and Financial Implications

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

Background

The City is working on updating the five-year Accessibility Plan. Public engagement was launched during National AccessAbility Week in May 2022, with most engagement tools available through the City's online public engagement platform, [Connect Peterborough](https://connectptbo.ca) [ConnectPtbo.ca]. The public engagement tools closed in September 2022.

The engagement tools included a long form survey, short form survey, interactive map to identify barriers and an accessible housing ideas forum. The tools were supplemented with a frequently asked questions section, guestbook, project timeline and project contact information. The City offered alternative methods of providing feedback, including hard copies of the survey and an option to communicate by phone or email.

The Accessibility Plan public engagement site received a total of 645 visitors. 250 of those visitors engaged with various tools on the site. 70 surveys were completed and 82 pins were dropped on the map a barrier tool. The City received some feedback by phone and email. Staff helped some people complete the survey and map a barrier tool.

Communication to the public included two news releases in June and August, 2022, two TV interviews, newspaper articles, weekly social media posts and direct communication with disability related organizations throughout the City. Information cards were circulated to relevant organizations and made available at key City facilities such as City Hall, Peterborough Public Library, Social Services and the Transit Terminal.

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