



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

From: Mark Buffone, Accessibility Compliance Coordinator

Meeting Date: June 6, 2018

Subject: Report AAC18-025
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 AAC18-025 dated June 6, 2018, of the Accessibility Compliance Coordinator as follows:

That Report AAC18-025 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 and the Transit Operations Manager attended the May 31, 2018 meeting of the Council for Persons with Disabilities.

National Accessibility Week

Planning for the 2018 National Accessibility Week events are fully underway. National Accessibility Week will run from May 27 to June 2, 2018. A full listing of events can be found at www.peterborough.ca/accessibility

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:

- PDF Writer software research: Investigated accessible features of bioPDF
- Louis Street Urban Park: participated in a 60% detailed design drawing presentation from the consultant and provided feedback on how to make the project accessible
- Art Gallery of Peterborough: added contrast strips on the Gallery Shop floor to demarcate sloped floor locations
- City of Peterborough Branding Guidelines: reviewed the draft guidelines developed by the branding consultant and provided feedback on how to make the branding concept more accessible and how to format the document to be accessible
- Housing and Homelessness Plan 2017 Progress Report: formatted document to be accessible

Funding Opportunities

The City of Peterborough submitted an application to the Government of Canada's Enabling Accessibility Fund for mid-sized projects on May 24, 2018. The City is seeking \$520,000 in funding to help support an \$800,000 project to construct a new washroom, shower and laundry facility at Beavermead Campground. The Government of Canada will notify the City in Fall 2018 if the application was shortlisted and invited to submit a full project proposal. If the City is successful in receiving funding, the project will begin design work in January 2019. The Accessibility Advisory Committee provided a letter of support as part of the application.

Resources

[Our Doors Are Open: Guide for Accessible Congregations](https://opendoors.idrc.ocadu.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Our-Doors-Are-Open-Accessible-PDF.pdf)

This resource offers faith communities in Ontario simple and creative ideas and guidance to increase inclusion and accessibility during worship services, events and community activities.

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