



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the General Committee

From: Sandra Clancy, Chief Administrative Officer

Meeting Date: August 20, 2018

Subject: Report CAO18-006
2018 to 2022 Accessibility Plan

Purpose

A report to seek Council approval on the City of Peterborough 2018 to 2022 Accessibility Plan.

Recommendation

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report CAO18-006 dated August 20, 2018 of the Chief Administrative Officer as follows:

That the City of Peterborough 2018 to 2022 Accessibility Plan, as set out in Appendix A to Report CAO18-006, be approved.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no direct budgetary or financial implications associated with the recommendation. Individual City department budgets include accessibility implementation costs in their respective operating and capital budgets.

Background

The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) is an ambitious means to ensure the inclusion of people with disabilities.

Ontario is the first province and one of the first jurisdictions in the world to enact specific legislation establishing a goal and time-frame for accessibility. Ontario is also the first jurisdiction to make accessibility reporting the law and has standards so people living with disabilities can enjoy increased participation in their communities. Ontario's Human Rights Code and Ontario's Building Code also have a major impact on accessibility in Ontario by setting out the legal duty to accommodate people with disabilities and minimum accessibility standards for buildings.

The City is required to review and update its multi-year accessibility plan at least once every five years. The City is also required to prepare annual status reports on the progress of actions taken to implement the plan. The 2018 to 2022 Accessibility Plan is an update to the existing 2012 to 2016 Accessibility Plan and serves as the 2016 and 2017 status report. The plan is a five-year road map to help Peterborough become more accessible.

In August 2017, the City consulted with the public to better understand the experiences of people with disabilities. The survey included 53 questions with many opportunities to allow people to provide detailed feedback on transportation, employment, information and communication, City-owned buildings and public spaces, and City services. 298 people completed the survey and provided 1,898 comments in total.

The City also consulted with the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) in June 2018. The feedback received from the public and the AAC helped to inform priorities and set the 'Planned Initiatives' listed in the plan. The plan uses an accessibility lens on how the city does business.

Submitted by,

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Appendix A: 2018 to 2022 Accessibility Plan