



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

From: Mark Buffone, Accessibility Compliance Coordinator

Meeting Date: September 5, 2018

Subject: Report AAC18-032
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 AAC18-032 dated September 5, 2018, of the Accessibility Compliance Coordinator as follows:

That Report AAC18-032 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 Communications Specialist attended the Strategic Planning workshop on August 29, 2018.

Accessibility Plan Updates

The 2018 to 2022 Accessibility Plan was passed on consent at the General Committee meeting held on August 20, 2018. City Council will have a final say on September 10, 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:

- Memorial Centre aisle handrails: reviewed handrail design options
- Brealey Drive reconstruction, Lansdowne to Sherbrooke: reviewed sidewalks, multi-use trails, crossings, transit stops, bench locations and other various details
- Crawford and Harper Road (Casino area): reviewed sidewalks, multi-use trails, crossings, transit stops, bench locations and other various details
- 401 McDonnell Street building entrance: reviewed sidewalk and entrance walkway
- Wildlark Gate sidewalk: reviewed street corner designs and various sidewalk details
- Applegrove Avenue sidewalk: reviewed street crossing opportunities, alignment and various sidewalk details
- Charlotte Street Urban Park: reviewed surface material selection and layout design
- City of Peterborough Branding Guidelines: formatted document to meet WCAG 2.0
- Peterborough Library: completed an accessibility audit with Vision Loss Rehab
- City of Peterborough digital wayfinding signage: reviewed kiosk details
- George Street Improvements: advised on bench locations
- Youth Emergency Shelter (YES) mural information panel: advised on panel location, design and content
- Armour Road sidewalk and pedestrian crossover at TASS: reviewed the transit stop, sidewalk and mid-block crossing details
- Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG): attended a webinar to receive an overview of WCAG 2.1, published on June 5, 2018. Note: the City is required to meet the older WCAG 2.0 standard.

Funding Opportunities

- Enabling Accessibility Fund for Small Projects

The City of Peterborough submitted two applications to the Government of Canada's Enabling Accessibility Fund for small-sized projects on July 26, 2018. The City is seeking \$100,000 in funding to help support a \$154,000 project at the Art Gallery of Peterborough and another \$100,000 in funding to help support a \$154,000 project at the Community Services office on Wolfe Street. Both projects include upgrades to the exterior walkway, entrance and reception area. If the City is successful in receiving funding, the projects will begin early 2019. The Accessibility Advisory Committee provided a letter of support as part of the applications.

- **Enabling Accessibility Fund for Youth Innovation**

The City of Peterborough is investigating opportunities to submit a funding application aimed at helping youth leaders make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities by addressing accessibility barriers in public spaces or workplaces within Peterborough. The deadline to submit an application is September 21, 2018.

Partnerships

- **Peterborough Public Health, Community Kitchen:** The Accessibility Office provided a thorough checklist on how to make a community kitchen accessible.
- **Electric City Culture Council (EC3):** The Accessibility Office advised on an accessibility site audit checklist that will be used for accessible events taking place during ArtsWeek 2018. The City will also help promote the ArtsWeek 2018 accessible events through social media.
- **Youth Emergency Shelter (YES):** The Accessibility Office provided clarification on legislated accessibility standards vs. universal design practices as it applies to the National Housing Strategy Co-Investment Fund

The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)

Ontario has appointed the Honorable David O'Reilly to lead the third review of the AODA. Section 41 of the Act calls for a comprehensive review of the legislation and its effectiveness every few years. The review includes consulting with the public, in particular people with disabilities, in order to make recommendations. People can participate in the review by submitting comments online or through public consultation, including an online session scheduled for Thursday August 30, 2018, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

[Information on the Third Review of the AODA](http://www.aodareview2018.ca)
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