



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

From: Mark Buffone, Accessibility Compliance Coordinator

Meeting Date: September 2, 2015

Subject: Report AAC15-031
Accessibility Office Report

Purpose

A report to advise the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) on the current work of the Accessibility Office.

Recommendation

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee approves the recommendation outlined in Report AAC15-031 dated September 2, 2015 of the Accessibility Compliance Coordinator as follows:

That Report AAC15-031 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

AODA Training and the Accessible Peterborough Learning Series

Staff are trained on accessibility as it applies to their employment duties. Update on the number of staff who completed Accessibility courses:

- 1305 staff completed training on the Accessibility Standards for Customer Service
- 1233 staff completed training on the Human Rights Code
- 1245 staff completed training on the General Requirements of the IAS regulation
- 1220 staff completed training on the IAS Employment Standards
- 139 staff completed training on the IAS Transportation Standards
- 48 staff completed training on How to Incorporate Accessibility into Procurement
- 100 staff completed training on How to Make a Document Accessible

In addition, over 250 courses have been completed by people who volunteer with the City.

Handi-Van Application Form

The current Handi-Van Eligibility Application in use was created in 1990 and is out-dated. A revised Handi-Van Eligibility Application has been drafted by Transit and is scheduled to be reviewed by the Transportation sub-committee on September 16, 2015. Recommended changes or additions will be considered for the final version.

Funding Opportunities

The Accessibility Office actively monitors funding opportunities to improve accessibility of City services. No provincial or federal funding opportunities are currently available.

Accessibility Awards

- **2015 Holnbeck Award**
The Accessibility Advisory Committee's own Andrea Dodsworth was honoured with the 2015 Holnbeck Award on June 8, 2015 for her volunteer work on behalf of people with disabilities.
- **The David C. Onley Award for Leadership in Accessibility**
The David C. Onley Award for Leadership in Accessibility recognizes Ontarians who have gone above and beyond in improving accessibility for people with disabilities. The deadline for nominations is December 3, 2015.

[The David C. Onley Award Nomination Information](http://www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/english/citizenship/honours/onley.shtml)

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Council for Persons with Disabilities

A staff member from the City of Peterborough typically attends meetings of the Council for Persons with Disabilities. There has been no attendance over the summer due to a vacancy in the Accessibility Office.

Accessibility Reviews: Public Spaces and Buildings

The best way to remove barriers in public spaces and buildings is to prevent them. The Accessibility Office provides formal reviews during the planning and design stages of all City projects. Recent reviews include:

- Sunshine Homes, 572 Crystal Drive: accessible unit renovations
- Peterborough Housing Corporation McDonnell Street Office: main entrance ramp
- Simcoe Street and King Street Parking Garage Renovations
- Playgrounds at Beavermead Park, Stewart Park, Wedgewood Park
- Trans Canada Trail, south of Lansdowne Street to Technology Drive
- Otonabee River Trail Extension along Little Lake at Crescent Street
- Memorial Centre and Evinrude Centre flooring replacement
- Peterborough Public Library Renovations: review of washroom layouts
- Riverview Park and Zoo: proposed accessible swing structure
- Braeley Drive reconstruction: Lansdowne Street to Sherbrooke Street
- CPR rail crossing: Charlotte Street to Millennium Park (at Princess Gardens)
- Nassau Mills Road multi-use trail from Pioneer Road to Trent's Faryon bridge
- Standard engineering details related to tactile attention indicators at intersections
- Standard engineering details related to depressed curbs at intersections

Accessibility Reviews: Information and Communication

To make information accessible to as many people as possible, the Accessibility Office recommends best practices for all City projects, documents and websites. Recent reviews include:

- Request for Proposal document related to ATM machines at various City facilities
- Wellness Centre 2015 Fall Program Guide
- Peterborough Museum and Archives: consultation on making exhibits accessible
- Audio and visual equipment at Peterborough County Court House
- Council Chamber live streaming video for Council meetings
- Bid solicitation documents: update templates to better incorporate accessibility
- Memorial Centre: LED display board signage
- Shifting Gears marketing material and website
- Tax Office: fillable form for the Property Tax Pre-Authorized Payment Plan

Resources

The Accessibility Office actively monitors accessibility resources to assist in research, implementation and education:

- a) [Accessible Design for Automated Banking Machines, CSA B651.1-09 \(R2014\).](http://shop.csa.ca/en/canada/accessibility/b6511-09-r2014/invnt/27013202009)
(<http://shop.csa.ca/en/canada/accessibility/b6511-09-r2014/invnt/27013202009>)
- b) [The Art of Inclusion – Seven Steps, by the McMichael Canadian Art Collection](http://mcmichael.com/artofinclusion/)
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