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**Peterborough**

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**To:** **Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee**

**From:** **Trish Reed, Accessibility and Communication Specialist**

**Meeting Date:** **January 6, 2016**

**Subject:** **Report AAC16-005  
Accessibility Advisory Committee Mandate, Roles and  
Responsibilities**

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## **Purpose**

A report to provide the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) an overview of the mandate, roles and responsibilities of the AAC and its Sub-Committees.

## **Recommendation**

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee approves the recommendation outlined in Report AAC16-005 dated January 6, 2016 of the Accessibility and Communication Specialist as follows:

That Report AAC16-005 with respect to the mandate, roles and responsibilities of the Accessibility Advisory Committee be received for information.

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

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

## Background

The AAC consists of nine members, that in accordance with the **Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001 (ODA)** and the **Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA)** advise and assist Council and staff to promote and facilitate accessible City of Peterborough ('City') goods, services and facilities. This is achieved by reviewing municipal policies, programs and services and by identifying, removing and preventing barriers faced by people with disabilities. The AAC has established two sub-committees to deal specifically with matters pertaining to the Built Environment and Transportation. The AAC mandate can be found in By-Law 11-149 being a By-Law to Establish an Accessibility Advisory Committee (Appendix A).

### Built Environment Sub-Committee

The Built Environment Sub-Committee oversees the utilization of the City's Access Fund through a formal application and reporting process. It monitors municipal, provincial and federal legislative changes, policies and regulations that impact built environment accessibility issues. The Sub-Committee is responsible for reviewing relevant City projects and site plans to promote compliance with the AODA legislation regarding barrier-free accessible buildings.

### Transportation Sub-Committee

The Transportation Sub-Committee advises Peterborough Transit and the City's service delivery partners on transportation issues and how to further enable barrier-free access within the City. The Sub-Committee advises on issues regarding all types of transportation for people with disabilities and the provision of safe, barrier-free sidewalks, including appropriate curb cuts and safe crosswalks. It also monitors municipal parking, ensuring that parking areas are adequate and accessible, and advises on road and trail infrastructure projects and the implementation of technologies for the transportation system such as, audible traffic signals, bus hailing kits, low entry transit buses, booking systems, and more.

Recommendations made by the AAC and its Sub-Committees are conveyed to project managers, and potential developers and builders, through City staff in various departments including, Planning and Development Services, Utility Services, and Community Services.

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Appendix A: By-Law 11-149, Being a By-Law to Establish an Accessibility Advisory Committee