



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

From: Trish Reed, Accessibility and Communication Specialist

Meeting Date: April 6, 2016

Subject: Report AAC16-024
WALK Friendly Ontario Feedback Report

Purpose

A report to provide information to the Accessibility Advisory Committee on the WALK Friendly Ontario Feedback Report.

Recommendation

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) approve the recommendation outlined in Report AAC16-024 dated April 6, 2016 of the Accessibility and Communication Specialist as follows:

That the presentation of the Transportation Demand Management Planner regarding the WALK Friendly Ontario Feedback Report be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

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

Background

WALK Friendly Ontario (WFO) is a project of Canada Walks, a division of Green Communities Canada, with funding support from the Government of Ontario and the Metcalf Foundation.

Canada Walks was born out of a growing demand for knowledge and expertise around walkability and walking-related issues, and the desire for networks of practice among organizations and communities across Canada.

The **Mission** of Canada Walks is to help communities be more walk friendly by:

- **Raising awareness** of the health, economic, social, and environmental benefits;
- **Inspiring and celebrating** success;
- **Sharing resources and best practice** on infrastructure, policy, and programs;
- **Bringing partners together** to make walking happen.

WALK Friendly Communities is a recognition program that encourages municipalities to create and improve spaces and places to walk by awarding Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum designations. Using a comprehensive framework of indicators for walkability, municipalities can benchmark their current status and measure progress over time. The program gives walking a prominent profile in community planning and design, and encourages municipal governments to set targets for ongoing improvements. As communities strive to achieve higher awards, the built environment is transformed to support safe, sustainable and independent mobility.

The City of Peterborough (City) was designated a Silver WALK Friendly Community at the end of 2015. The WALK Friendly Feedback Report highlights the strengths that earned the City its silver designation and identifies recommendations for making the City more walk friendly.

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Appendix A – WALK Friendly Ontario Feedback Report