



City of
Peterborough

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

From: **Trish Reed, Accessibility and Communication Specialist**
Mark Buffone, Accessibility Compliance Coordinator

Meeting Date: **June 1, 2016**

Subject: **Report AAC16-033**
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 approve the recommendation outlined in Report AAC16-033 dated June 1, 2016, of the Accessibility and Communication Specialist and the Accessibility Compliance Coordinator as follows:

That Report AAC16-033 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 Communication Specialist attended the May 19, 2016 meeting.

Beach Access Routes

The Accessibility and Communication Specialist attended the May 17, 2016 meeting of the Arenas, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and the Committee approved the recommendation that staff be directed to investigate options to provide accessible beach access routes at the two City-owned public beaches. The next steps will include site visits, investigating the approach and obtaining cost estimates.

Events

- **Holnbeck Award Presentation**

Monday June 6, 2016
6:30 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers
500 George Street North, Peterborough

- **Seniors Showcase:** The Peterborough Council on Aging and the Greater Peterborough Chamber of Commerce are hosting an event with over 100 exhibitors and 12 workshops related to everything about aging and being a senior in Peterborough. The Seniors Showcase is a one-stop-shop for education, services and information.

Wednesday June 15, 2016
9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Peterborough Sport and Wellness Centre
Free

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 include:

- Peterborough Police Station: review paper towel dispenser locations in washrooms
- Vision 2025: format Microsoft PowerPoint presentation to be accessible
- 2016 priorities for installation of new sidewalks: provided pre-design comments
- Brock Mission shelter: participated in pre-design meetings
- Parkhill Road hydro pole installation at 650 Parkhill Road: accessibility review
- Bethune Street Reconstruction – Public Consultation Meeting #1

Resources

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

- [Barrier-Free Community Gardening in Waterloo Region](http://chd.region.waterloo.on.ca/en/partnersProfessionals/resources/BarrierFreeGardens_Guide.pdf)
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Barrier-free gardens provide an opportunity for everyone to garden. The guide outlines the steps of planning and designing a barrier-free garden. These gardens remove physical barriers that prevent people with mobility or sensory challenges from taking part.

- [New Playground at Beavermead Park](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fID-MgsHEKw&app=desktop)
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Local video news source, Page Source, created a video to showcase the new playground at Beavermead Park.

- [AccessNow](http://www.accessnow.me)
(www.accessnow.me)

Mapping system that uses crowd-sourcing to pin-point the accessibility status of locations on an interactive map. Through the mapping system, you can search for specific places or browse to see what is nearby with the accessibility features you need. If information is not already on the map, you can add it yourself and contribute to the worldwide community. There are currently 18 locations pinned in the City of Peterborough.

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