



City of  
**Peterborough**

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

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

**Meeting Date:** October 5, 2016

**Subject:** Report AAC16-050  
Accessibility Office Report

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## **Purpose**

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

## **Recommendation**

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report AAC16-050 dated October 5, 2016, of the Accessibility and Communication Specialist and the Accessibility Compliance Coordinator as follows:

That Report AAC16-050 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 September 29, 2016, meeting of the Council for Persons with Disabilities.

### International Day of Persons with Disabilities

The Accessibility Office has coordinated the Accessible Peterborough Photo Contest that will run from October 1, 2016 to November 15, 2016. The winner of the contest will be reviled at the December 3, 2016 International Day of Persons with Disabilities celebration.

### Accessibility Compliance

The Accessibility Directorate of Ontario requested information on agencies, boards or commissions that will file accessibility compliance reports independently of the City of Peterborough. The Government of Ontario will use this information to ensure the listed agencies will file accessibility compliance reports.

As a large public sector organization, the City is required to file accessibility compliance reports every two years. The next reporting period for the City of Peterborough is January 1 to December 31, 2017.

### Events

**Seniors' Summit:** The Peterborough Council on Aging (PCOA) is excited to be dedicating the 2016 Seniors' Summit to the issue of housing and what an aging population needs to live well in their home. The event will welcome over 200 people to Trent University to explore different housing models, design features, local successes, future housing opportunities and complete communities through the lens of seniors needs. Visit the PCOA website for more information <http://www.peterboroughcouncilonaging.com/>.

Thursday October 27, 2016  
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Trent University, Gzowski College  
\$15 Student/Senior or \$40 Adult (lunch included)

### 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:

- Parkhill Road West, Phase III concept: accessibility review of road, sidewalk, trail
- Peterborough Public Library: accessibility review of plaza and parking lot concept
- Bethune Street Reconstruction: accessibility review of the streetscape concept
- Road Intersection curb radii: research on minimum curb radii guidelines

- Lily Lake zoning by-Law amendment and draft plan of subdivision approval
- Ontario 150 Funding application, Barnardo Park improvements: accessibility review

## Resources

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

- [Consulting with Canadians on Accessibility Legislation](http://www.esdc.gc.ca/en/consultations/disability/legislation/index.page)  
(www.esdc.gc.ca/en/consultations/disability/legislation/index.page)

Between July 2016 and February 2017, Employment and Social Development Canada will be consulting with Canadians on accessibility legislation. This will help the Government of Canada to new accessibility legislation to promote equality of opportunity and increase the inclusion and participation of Canadians who have disabilities or functional limitations.

- [Beyond Compliance: Accessibility Self-Assessment Tool for Organizations](http://www.beyondcompliance.ca/)  
(www.beyondcompliance.ca/)

The Beyond Compliance: Accessibility Self-Assessment Tool was developed by the Regional Municipality of York with support from the Ontario Government. The tool provides information for what organizations can do to go beyond compliance with Ontario's accessibility laws to create a more accessible organization.

- [Learnography Project on How to Make Non-Traditional sectors of Employment Accessible](http://www.learnography.ca/)  
(www.learnography.ca)

Learnography is a non-profit organization that creates custom learning experiences through eLearning solutions, resources, media, research, and much more. They use the latest and most effective trends, tools, technologies and talents to work with a wide range of learning communities.

Learnography is starting a new Enabling Change project focusing on how to make non-traditional sectors of employment accessible to everyone. To help make the project a success, they are looking for individuals to participate in an Advisory Committee. The role is voluntary but will allow the participants the opportunity to voice their input and participate in the project's development. The time commitment is minimal. They would require the attendance of just three meetings in a nine-month period via teleconference.

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