



City of
Peterborough

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

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

Meeting Date: **November 2, 2016**

Subject: **Report AAC16-051**
Accessibility Office Report

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 AAC16-051 dated November 2, 2016, of the Accessibility and Communication Specialist and the Accessibility Compliance Coordinator as follows:

That Report AAC16-051 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 CPD will be represented by two members on the judging panel for the Accessible Peterborough Photo Contest, and the Accessibility and Communication Specialist will work with CPD to collaborate on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities celebration on December 3, 2016. The Accessibility and Communication Specialist was unable to attend the October 27, 2016 meeting of the Council for Persons with Disabilities (CPD).

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:

- New Heritage Permit Guide: formatted document to be accessible with fillable forms
- Vision 2025: worked with consultant to format document to be accessible
- McDonnell/Gilchrist Street road reconstruction: review of road, sidewalk, trail details
- Brock Mission: accessibility review of site plan application package
- Eastgate Memorial Park: reviewed options to link amenities at adjacent Walker Park
- AOTS Community Homes, Chemong Village: consulted on accessible unit conversion
- Peterborough Arena and Pool Complex: accessibility review of conceptual design
- City Hall wayfinding signage: accessibility review of conceptual signage design
- City Hall 2nd Floor Washroom and Boardroom renovation: accessibility review
- Peterborough Public Library: accessibility review of elevator shop drawings

Resources

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

- [Guide to Safer Streets Near Schools](http://www.tcat.ca/project/guide-to-safer-streets-near-schools/)
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The Guide to Safer Streets Near Schools has been developed to help create safer streets in neighbourhoods. This guide brings together a number of policies from the City of Toronto that residents can use to request street improvements. It explains the policies step-by-step, and shares advice about which ones may be most relevant to each area.

- [Inclusive: A Microsoft Design Toolkit](https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/design/inclusive)
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Inclusive: A Microsoft Design Toolkit intends to support designers and developers to innovate in a way that puts humans first, on a universal scale.

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