



City of
Peterborough

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

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

Meeting Date: **January 4, 2017**

Subject: **Report AAC17-006**
Webinar for the Ontario Society of Occupational Therapists

Purpose

A report to introduce a presentation by the Institutional Accessibility Advisor at the Centre for Human Rights, Equity and Accessibility with Trent University.

Recommendation

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) approve the recommendation outlined in Report AAC17-006 dated January 4, 2017, of the Accessibility and Communication Specialist as follows:

That the presentation by the Institutional Accessibility Advisor at the Centre for Human Rights, Equity and Accessibility with Trent University be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

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

Background

The Institutional Accessibility Advisor at the Centre for Human Rights, Equity and Accessibility with Trent University is hosting a webinar for clinical and non-clinical occupational therapists including managers and researchers who want to explore the impact of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) on their organizations and professional practices.

The Institutional Accessibility Advisor is a registered Ontario Occupational Therapist and will be presenting most of the content during the webinar; however they are seeking a volunteer from the AAC that could speak to an overview of the AODA, adding in a personal perspective.

This webinar will explore perspectives on the effectiveness of the AODA to date and the degree to which this legislation is actually breaking down barriers and creating tangible, meaningful change. Insights on the current AODA auditing processes for organizations will be shared to encourage participants to reflect upon and discuss their own progress toward meeting accessibility standards within their practices.

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