



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

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

Meeting Date: February 1, 2017

Subject: Report AAC17-010
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 (AAC) approve the recommendation outlined in Report AAC17-010 dated February 1, 2017, of the Accessibility and Communication Specialist and the Accessibility Compliance Coordinator as follows:

That Report AAC17-010 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 January 26, 2016 meeting of the Council for Persons with Disabilities.

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:

- Holnbeck Award Application Process: reviewed and edited the Holnbeck Award application process and nomination package in coordination with a member of the Peterborough and County Disaster Trust Fund Committee,
- City Hall: New Elevator project: reviewed the detailed design drawings,
- City Hall: Clerk's Office, Media Room and 2nd Floor Washroom renovations: reviewed the detailed design drawings,
- City Hall: North Parking Lot project: reviewed parking and walkway network,
- McDonnell/Gilchrist/Donegal Street Road Reconstruction project: review of road, sidewalk, on-street parking, parking lot and Trans Canada Trail details,
- Aylmer-Simcoe Plaza (Library parkette) project: reviewed details of the parking lot and public realm zones,
- Peterborough Cycling Infrastructure: reviewed educational graphics to ensure information is in an accessible format.

Events

Webinar – Recreational Trails & Beach Access Routes: Join the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario for an informative webinar on the design of public spaces standard, with a special focus on recreational trails & beach access routes. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/accessible-design-of-public-spaces-recreational-trails-beach-access-routes-tickets-31106380020>.

Tuesday, February 21, 2017
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Free

Webinar – Outdoor Play Spaces: Join the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario for an informative webinar on the design of public spaces standard, with a special focus on accessible outdoor play spaces. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/accessible-design-of-public-spaces-outdoor-play-spaces-tickets-31106592656>.

Tuesday, March 28, 2017
12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Free

Ontario Parasport Games: The Ontario ParaSport Games is a program of the Government of Ontario, delivered by host municipalities in partnership with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport and ParaSport Ontario. The Games promote public awareness of the para-sports and showcase Ontario's best athletes. The Games provide host communities with an opportunity to make their community barrier-free and leave a legacy for persons with a disability in their community.

February 10, 11, 12, 2017
Brantford Ontario

Local Job Summit – Maryam Monsef MP Peterborough-Kawartha will be holding a local Job Summit. More details will be provided in the coming weeks.

Friday, March 3, 2017
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Ennismore Community Centre
553 Ennis Road, Ennismore Ontario

Resources

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

- [ReelAccess: A Guide to Accessible Film Festivals and Screenings](http://toronto.reelabilities.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/27/2015/07/ReelAccess-E-Guide.pdf)
(<http://toronto.reelabilities.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/27/2015/07/ReelAccess-E-Guide.pdf>)

From large-scale film festivals to individual film screenings, this booklet will give you resources on accessibility for people with disabilities so the magic of cinema is available to everyone.
- [Toronto's Vision Zero Road Safety Plan](http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=94bf4d6e50d19510VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD)
(www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=94bf4d6e50d19510VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD)

Toronto's Vision Zero Road Safety Plan is a comprehensive five year (2017-2021) action plan focused on reducing traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries on Toronto's streets. With over 50 safety measures across 6 emphasis areas, the plan prioritizes the safety of the most vulnerable road users, through a range of initiatives. The City of Toronto committed to reduce traffic-related deaths and injuries to zero.

- [Complete Streets Guidelines for Toronto](http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=bdb604f82477d410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD)
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Toronto developed the Complete Streets Guidelines to provide a holistic approach for how they design their city streets. There is no single way to make a street 'complete'. It depends on many factors depending on the character and context of each particular street. The Complete Streets Guidelines will help prioritize the many demands placed upon Toronto's streets. They will be applied when streets are constructed, reconstructed, or otherwise improved.

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