



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

From: Trish Reed, Accessibility and Communication Specialist

Meeting Date: March 1, 2017

Subject: Report AAC17-020
Peterborough Council for Persons with Disabilities

Purpose

A report to introduce a presentation by the Chair of the Council for Persons with Disabilities, and the Project Manager of the Council for Persons with Disabilities, on 2017 initiatives.

Recommendation

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) approve the recommendation outlined in Report AAC17-020 dated March 1, 2017, of the Accessibility and Communication Specialist as follows:

That the presentation by the Chair of the Council for Persons with Disabilities, and the Project Manager of the Council for Persons with Disabilities, on 2017 initiatives be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

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

Background

The Council for Persons with Disabilities (CPD), established in 1989, is a non-profit charitable organization that aims to educate and raise awareness in accessibility through showcasing the great work of organizations, businesses, government and individuals in our community. CPD organizes and hosts events related to accessibility and disability and are always looking for opportunities to create equal access and opportunity for persons with disabilities.

CPD strongly believes in ensuring their board and committee members are consumer controlled, represent a wide range of disabilities and are community based. This allows a unique perspective on creating positive change in our community.

In 2017, CPD plans to continue their work in our community through initiatives such as; a National Access Awareness Week campaign, their Time in My Shoes (TIMS) program and the Active Together project.

The TIMS program is a hands-on experiential learning program designed to teach everyone about accessibility and inclusion. People with lived experience with a disability share their perspectives and provide participants with an opportunity to ask questions in a welcoming environment and participate in hands on activities created to develop a greater understanding of a diverse range of abilities. CPD is the recipient of an Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant to provide this program to schools and the larger community.

Active Together is a project of CPD, funded by the Ontario Sport and Recreation Community Fund. The goal of the project is to increase participation rates and opportunities in sport and recreation for people living with disabilities in the City and County of Peterborough.

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