



City of
Peterborough

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

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

Meeting Date: **April 5, 2017**

Subject: **Report AAC17-025**
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 AAC17-025 dated April 5, 2017, of the Accessibility and Communication Specialist and the Accessibility Compliance Coordinator as follows:

That Report AAC17-025 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 National Access Awareness Week meeting on March 9, 2017 and the Board meeting of the Council for Persons with Disabilities on March 31, 2017.

Accessibility Social Media Campaign

This month, information on the below topics were shared via the City's Twitter account:

Tweets: 37,600 Impressions from February 25 – March 22, 2017

- Find out how we are working to improve accessibility in the City of Peterborough: http://www.peterborough.ca/Living/Accessibility_News.htm
- Do you know someone who improves the lives of people with disabilities? Nominate them for the Holnbeck Award: <http://bit.ly/2nGdsxs>
- Peterborough Council on Aging is hosting Redirection Film Screening and Panel Discussion March 27, 2017:

Retweets:

- OPPI @OntarioPlanners Mar 21 Interested in the accessible design of public spaces? Register for this webinar hosted by @ONAccessibility!
<https://events.ontarioplanners.ca/Events/Details.aspx?Id=21ddaa84-f17a-4cfc-8cf6-9e5a54ec0c1d> ...
- OntarioAccessibility @ONAccessibility Mar 20 Calling all employers! Use @AccessForward free & interactive Employment Standard Training Module.
<http://bit.ly/2lvFhU9>
- Daryl Bennett @MayorBennett Mar 15 It was a pleasure to welcome players, coaches, fans and supporters to the @ptbo_2017 Special Hockey International tournament in @CityPtboPtbo
- SHI PTBO 2017 @ptbo_2017 Thank-you @MayorBennett for welcoming the world to #SHI2017 @Ptbo_Canada #HockeyWithHeart
- OntarioAccessibilityVerified account @ONAccessibility Mar 15 Let's work together to go above & beyond minimum #compliance and create a culture of #accessibility in Ontario

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:

- Outdoor Playspaces Evidence Review: Provided feedback on the Outdoor Playspaces Evidence Review being developed by Peterborough Public Health,
- Age-friendly plan: formatted Age-friendly business guide to be accessible
- Public Art: advised the Manager of Arts, Culture and Heritage on how to make public art as accessible as possible. Created the webpage Call for Proposals UN Peacekeepers Monument on the City website and insured the content was accessible.
- Park Street site review: reviewed existing conditions of various curb cuts on Park Street in the area of Lake Street and Stewart Place.
- Multi-use trail network: reviewed opportunities to develop the Crawford trail from Monaghan Road to Townsend Street.
- Downtown Parking Study: provided input on accessible parking spaces for on-street parking and City owned off-street parking lots to the consultant completing a parking management study.
- Road Safety: participated in a road safety meeting with representatives from Peterborough Police, Peterborough Public Health, GreenUp, City and County Transportation Division and Peterborough Bicycle Advisory Committee to discuss if there is a need for a road safety plan in the Peterborough Region that achieves the objectives of road safety strategies such as Vision Zero.
- Accessible document training: developed list of staff who would benefit from specialized software training related to Adobe InDesign and Adobe Acrobat Pro.
- Peterborough Public Library, Interior Signage: provided input on how to make the interior signage at the Library as accessible as possible.
- 2017 curb cut work plan: provided input on curb cut details related to upcoming work on Reid and Rubidge Streets, between Charlotte and McDonnell Streets.

Events

ReelAbilities Film Festival: ReelAbilities Toronto was the first international city to host a ReelAbilities Film Festival in 2016 and are proud to showcase Canadian and International shorts, features, and documentaries about Deaf and disability cultures and by filmmakers and actors with disabilities and/or who are Deaf.

Date: Thursday, May 11 to Thursday, May 18, 2017

<http://toronto.reelabilities.org/>

CNIB Peterborough Technology and Information Fair: Come learn about CNIB programs and services, various eye conditions and check out the latest technology for people who are blind or partially sighted.

Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2017

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Lions Centre, 347 Burnham Street, Peterborough Ontario

Resources

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

- [BIA Handbook on the AODA](http://obiaa.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/OBIAA-AODA-Handbook-For-BIAs.pdf)
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The Ontario Business Improvement Area Association (OBIAA) understands Business Improvement Associations (BIAs) and their members. Many if not most, BIAs in “Main Street” Ontario began organically and represent Ontario’s historic, economic and cultural core. There is therefore, a great deal of misunderstanding of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). This guidebook has been developed to dispel myths and help BIAs and their businesses gain an understanding of the requirements under the AODA.

This handbook was produced by the Ontario BIA Association’s “Go ON: Building Accessible Communities” Project, an EnAbling Change Project with the Government of Ontario.

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