



City of
Peterborough

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

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

Meeting Date: **June 7, 2017**

Subject: **Report AAC17-038**
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 AAC17-038 dated June 7, 2017, of the Accessibility and Communication Specialist and the Accessibility Compliance Coordinator as follows:

That Report AAC17-038 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 City Accessibility Office partnered with the Council for Persons with Disabilities to celebrate National Access Week on Monday, May 29, 2017. During the event, representatives from our local business community (Stu Harrison, CEO Peterborough Chamber of Commerce; Mike Skinner, CEO of the Innovation Cluster; Mary McGee, President of the Women's Business Network, and Terry Guiel, ED of the Downtown Business Improvement Area) shared their experiences participating in a Time in My Shoes (TIMS) experiential program designed to bring a greater understanding and awareness about disabilities and universal accessibility.

Guests enjoyed performances from Imagine Studios and had the opportunity to participate in TIMS activities.

The winners of the Accessibility Champion Awards were announced. Activity Haven, Kawartha Participation Projects, Peterborough Communication Support Services and Saugeen Shafts were recognized for their outstanding commitment to improving accessibility for all members of our community.

Accessibility Social Media Campaign

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

Tweets: 24,300 Impressions from April 26 – May 26, 2017

- Mayor Daryl Bennett has proclaimed the week of May 29, 2017 as National Access Week. Opening Ceremonies May 29: <http://bit.ly/2qkby7g> .
- Social Services hosts an Open House May 18 at 178 Charlotte Street to share recently renovated, inclusive space. <http://bit.ly/2pNmYMJ>
- A touching and informative evening with local youth and Canada's leading experts on youth homelessness.
- 2 Housing initiatives kick off April 3rd: Homeownership Assistance Loan Program and Peterborough Renovates Program <http://bit.ly/2oiyEJO> pic.twitter.com/JINzHtq9vq
- Tomorrow is the last day to nominate a volunteer for Holnbeck Award: improving the lives of people w disabilities. <http://bit.ly/2oAjsU>

Retweets:

- OntarioAccessibility @ONAccessibility Ontario Honours Outstanding Accessibility Leaders.
- Peterborough Police @PtboPolice An important reminder from @CityPtbo Transportation Dept to #sharetheroad #isthelaw! –LG

- CPD- Active Together @PTBOCPD Nominate a Peterborough Business for the Accessibility Champion Award <http://ow.ly/zT3M30bwXnQ> #CityPtbo @PtboExaminer
- OntarioAccessibility @ONAccessibility #DYK if you design your business for #inclusion you can expand your customer base? <http://ow.ly/u2Wb30aJGpk> . @bigideaproj

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:

- Mason Homes subdivision, Parklands Masterplans: reviewed proposed walkway network, associated amenities, playgrounds and shade from soft landscaping.
- George Street Improvement project: reviewed layout of street, sidewalk, furniture and amenities.
- Nicholls Oval Washroom Pavilion: completed an accessibility review of the building concept #2.
- Peterborough Public Library: provided input on the interior signage package.
- Peterborough Landfill: provided input on a tender to construct a new reuse building
- Peterborough Walks Toolkit: provided input on a toolkit that will be used to complete walkability audits.
- Community Engagement Guide: provided input on how to format a guide to be as accessible as possible.

Events

Age-friendly Communities Forum: Presentations and discussion with experts in the field of age-friendly communities, such as exploring lessons and opportunities for the Peterborough region in implementing the newly adopted Age-friendly Peterborough Plan.

Date: Friday, June 23, 2017

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Location: The Kawartha Trades & Technology Centre at Fleming College, D 1129

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