



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

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

Meeting Date: September 6, 2017

Subject: Report AAC17-047
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 AAC17-047 dated September 6, 2017, of the Accessibility and Communication Specialist and the Accessibility Compliance Coordinator as follows:

That Report AAC17-047 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 and the Accessibility Compliance Coordinator attended the June 22, 2017 meeting of the Council for Persons with Disabilities.

Beach Access Mat

On Friday, August 25, 2017, a ribbon cutting event was held to celebrate the new beach access mat installed at Beavermead Beach.

Accessibility Social Media Campaign

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

Tweets: 134,000 Impressions from May 27, 2017 to August 28, 2017

- Beautiful day for the official opening of the beach access route at Beavermead. #accessiblePTBO – at Beavermead Park
- We want to hear from you about #AccessiblePTBO. Please complete our survey <http://www.peterborough.ca/AccessibilityPlanSurvey> ... before Friday August 25th.
- Peterborough Youth Council & Accessibility Office teamed up with @PeterboroughTr1 to film a "Transit 101" video! Coming soon! @CityPtbo
- One more week to go! Complete the survey by Fri Aug 25 to help shape the next phase of our accessibility planning. #accessiblePtbo
- Thanks for participating! Many responses already received. Please keep them coming. #accessiblePtbo
- We are updating our current Accessibility Plan. Please help us set priorities for the next phase of accessibility: <http://bit.ly/2uXecQZ>
- Looking to make your documents accessible to all? Check out our Guide to Accessible Documents: <http://bit.ly/2ta2sYy>
- Join the Age-friendly Forum on June 23. Learn about planning for an aging population in Peterborough. Register: <https://tinyurl.com/yckx99ve>
- It's National AccessAbility Week! What does accessibility mean? "Everyone Matters. #Love". #pushforaccess
- It's National AccessAbility Week! What does accessibility mean to "Let's talk about mental health!" #pushforaccess
- It's National AccessAbility Week! What does accessibility mean to you? "Being defined by my ability - not my disability" #pushforaccess

- Mayor Daryl Bennett has proclaimed the week of May 29, 2017 as National Access Week. Opening Ceremonies May 29: <http://bit.ly/2qkby7g> .

Retweets:

- Zach Makes Tracks @ZachMakesTracks Aug 21 Posted route through @CityPtbo for tmrw, August 22! Come out and cheer for Zach if you can! Start 9am.
<https://zachmakestracks.ca/zachs-route/>
- Lesley Parnell @LesleyParnell Aug 3 Please retweet if you agree. A walkable & accessible city are important. We need policies and infrastructure to ensure safety for all.
- OntarioAccessibilityVerified account @ONAccessibility Jul 30 Tomorrow is the last day to give us your input on the Transportation Standards Survey. Provide your feedback:
- Peterborough Chamber @ptbochamber July 21 1 in 5 working aged ppl deal w mental illness. How can employers help? @OntarioCofC toolkit:
<http://bit.ly/2uhDKbv> #strengtheningbusiness
- OntarioAccessibilityVerified account @ONAccessibility Jul 21 Getting ready to submit your #accessibility compliance report? Register for our webinar for some great tips.
- OntarioAccessibilityVerified account @ONAccessibility Jul 7 Learn about #accessible design of public spaces requirements for orgs w. 50+ employees at our webinar July 18!
- PTBOPulse @PTBOPulse Jul 6 Did you know that @PeterboroughTr1 buses are fully accessible with wide doors and no stairs, including a ramp for those that need it?
- Lesley Parnell @LesleyParnell Jun 29 @PtboRotary @PtboKawRotary Outdoor Gym at Beavermead announced today @CityPtbo Adult size, accessible , great view
- OntarioAccessibilityVerified account @ONAccessibility Jun 9 Do you use paratransit? Your input on the #accessible transportation standard is valuable. Give us your ideas
- OntarioAccessibilityVerified account @ONAccessibility Jun 6 If you take public transit, your feedback is needed on the #accessible transportation standard.
- Joelle Kovach @JoelleKovach Jun 5 Sonia Guthrie has won the Holnbeck award at City Hall for volunteering w/ppl living e/disabilities.
- PTBOMuseum&Archives @PtboMuseum Jun 2 It's National #AccessAbility Week! Here at the PMA we provide an accessible, inclusive environment for everyone #pushforaccess #ptbo

- CPD- Active Together @PTBOCPD May 29 What does accessibility mean to you? @Ptbo_Canada @chextv @ptbolibrary @CityPtbo
- Downtown Ptbo @downtownPtbo May 29 Representatives from the business community participated @PTBOCPD program to bring awareness about disabilities & universal accessibility.
- Innovation Cluster @InnovationPtbo May 29 Here at Ptbo Square - About to try the activities for the event! #NationalAccessWeek
- CPD- Active Together @PTBOCPD May 29 CPD / @CityPtbo are hosting the Accessibility Champion Awards @ptbosquare today 12:00. #PtboAccess @Terry_Guiel @wbnptbo @ptbochamber

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:

- Riverview Park and Zoo Accessibility Audit: Performed an accessibility audit with the Chair of the Built Environment Sub-Committee and a representative from Vision Loss Rehab (formerly CNIB). Provided feedback on areas such as; parking, playground, washroom facilities, paths of travel and signage.
- Service Desk Product Demo Review: Provided feedback to ensure the service desk product selected will be WCAG 2.0 compliant.
- Downtown Parking Lot Accessibility Audits: Provided information to the Parking Operations Supervisor on the legislative requirements for accessible parking spaces to improve the accessible parking in downtown City maintained parking lots.
- Public Notice for Strategic Downtown Parking Management Study: provided input on how to format the notice document to be accessible.
- Moving Conversations Pilot Walk: participated in a walkability audit of Hunter Street East, from Rogers Street to Burnham Street.
- Alternatives Peterborough Community Kitchen: partnered with Alternatives Peterborough to provide advice on how to make their new community kitchen accessible.

Events

Working Together: A forum to create awareness, access and opportunities for job seekers and business owners.

Date: Wednesday, September 20, 2017

Location: Market Hall, 140 Charlotte Street, Peterborough, Ontario

The event will take place in two parts.

Part One: Successful Employment Paths - Information and support for people seeking jobs or in career transition, as well as front line staff of service agencies and organizations. 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Part Two: Support Services for Businesses and Entrepreneurs - Learn about services to support small businesses and business start-ups to recruit and retain talent. 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Invictus Games: The [Invictus Games](http://www.invictusgames2017.com/) (<http://www.invictusgames2017.com/>) The are an international sporting event for wounded, ill and injured servicemen and women, both currently serving and veterans. The Games use the power of sport to inspire recovery, support rehabilitation and generate a wider understanding of and respect for those who serve their country.

Date: Saturday, September 23 to Saturday, September 30, 2017
Location: Toronto, Ontario

Accessibility Innovation Showcase: The 2017 Accessibility Innovation Showcase will profile innovative accessibility technologies and assistive devices through interactive exhibits. Thousands of visitors are expected and will experience the latest technologies to help improve the lives of Ontarians with disabilities.

Date: Monday, September 25 to Tuesday, September 26, 2017
Location: The Sheraton Centre, 123 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario

Resources

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

- [New Guide for People with Disabilities](https://www.ontario.ca/page/what-expect-ontarios-accessibility-laws) (shortened online version)
(<https://www.ontario.ca/page/what-expect-ontarios-accessibility-laws>)

What Ontario's Accessibility Laws Mean to You is a new guide designed for people with disabilities, their family, and friends.

This concise, bilingual booklet explains a number of accessibility requirements that have been implemented and what people with disabilities can expect from organizations as a result.

It also lets people with disabilities know what they can do to help create more accessible communities.

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