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**Peterborough**

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

**From:** Mark Buffone, Accessibility Compliance Coordinator

**Meeting Date:** November 1, 2017

**Subject:** Report AAC17-063  
DeafBlind Ontario

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## **Purpose**

A report to introduce a presentation by DeafBlind Ontario.

## **Recommendation**

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) approve the recommendation outlined in Report AAC17-063 dated November 1, 2017, of the Accessibility Compliance Coordinator as follows:

That the presentation by DeafBlind Ontario be received for information.

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

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

## Background

DeafBlind Ontario Services is a not-for-profit organization that helps individuals who are deafblind to increase their independence and improve their quality of life through specialized services. Residential locations and community service programs extend into a wide range of communities in Ontario.

Deafblindness is a combined loss of hearing and vision to such an extent that neither the hearing nor vision can be used as a means of accessing information to participate and be included in the community.

Individuals who are deafblind are not a homogenous group. The common factor is a combined loss of vision and hearing that impacts access to information, communication, and mobility.

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