



City of
Peterborough

TO: Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

FROM: Phyllis Hodder, Accessibility Coordinator

MEETING DATE: November 7, 2012

SUBJECT: Report AAC12-015 (A)
Multi-Year Access Plan 2012 to 2017

PURPOSE

A follow up report requesting the AAC provide feedback on the draft City of Peterborough Accessibility Plan for 2012 – 2017 which was presented at the October 3, 2012 AAC Meeting, as required by the **Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001 (ODA)** and the **Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA)**.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee review the recommendation outlined in Report AAC12-015(A), dated November 7, 2012, of Phyllis Hodder, Accessibility Coordinator as follows:

That the Accessibility Plan for 2012 - 2017, appended to Report AAC12-015(A), be received for review.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

BACKGROUND

The **Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001 (ODA)** states that municipalities with a population of 10,000 or more are required to establish a local Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC), and to prepare an Annual Accessibility Plan, which sets out the City's plan to remove barriers to accessibility. Further, the **AODA** under **Ontario Regulation 191/11** requires municipalities to produce a Multi-year Accessibility Plan with an update annually and a review at least every five years. As a result, City staff has provided the AAC with a copy of the draft Multi-year Accessibility Plan 2012 to 2017 on October 3, 2012 at the AAC meeting for review and invite feedback and recommendations.

The phased implementation of the AODA 2005 provides the following framework of accessibility measures that are reflected in the proposed 2012 - 2017 Accessibility Plan:

The Standard for Accessible Customer Service, **Ontario Regulation 429/07**, was implemented by the City of Peterborough on January 1, 2010 in accordance with the **Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA)**. This Standard is up for review in 2013 and changes will be implemented as required.

In July 2010, three of the remaining standards, Information and Communications, Employment and Transportation, were combined and renamed the Integrated Accessibility Standard (IAS). The IAS was enacted as law under **Ontario Regulation 191/11** and came into effect on July 1, 2011. As part of this Standard, the City is required to produce a multi-year accessibility plan with an update annually and a review at least every five years.

The last standard identified by the province is the Accessible Built Environment Standard. Portions of the Built Environment Standard associated with the **Ontario Building Code (OBC)** are anticipated to be incorporated into a future revision of the OBC. The remaining requirements will be incorporated into the Integrated Accessibility Standard as The Design of Public Spaces, which is currently out for public review until October 1, 2012.

As we move forward, the focus of the Accessibility Plan will be to achieve compliance of implementation of the current and any subsequent AODA standards. City Council is responsible for approving the Accessibility Plan.

Submitted by,

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Attachments:

Appendix A – Multi-year Accessibility Plan 2012-2017