

TO: Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

FROM: Phyllis Hodder, Accessibility Coordinator

MEETING DATE: May 1, 2013

SUBJECT: Report AAC13-011

Presentation on the AccessForward Website, Focusing on

Information and Communications Training

PURPOSE

A report to provide information to the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) regarding the AccessForward website developed by Curriculum Services Canada.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report AAC13-011 dated May 1, 2013, of the Accessibility Coordinator, as follows:

That the presentation by the City of Peterborough's Accessibility Compliance Coordinator, regarding the development of the AccessForward website dedicated to IAS training, be received for information.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no budget or financial implication associated with the recommendation of Report AAC13-011.

BACKGROUND

Section 7 of **Ontario Regulation 191/11**, the Integrated Accessibility Standard (IAS), requires the City to provide training on the requirements of the accessibility standards referred to in the IAS and on Ontario's **Human Rights Code** as it pertains to people with disabilities. The training shall be provided to all employees, volunteers, people who participate in developing the City's policies and people or organizations who provide goods, services or facilities on behalf of the City by January 1, 2014.

The presentation by Mark Buffone will provide an introduction to the resources available on the AccessForward website developed by Curriculum Services Canada. The presentation will introduce the Integrated Accessibility Standard (IAS) training resource and focus on the Information and Communications training section of the website. The AccessForward website offers free resources to help organizations meet the training requirements under Section 7 of the IAS.

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