



City of  
**Peterborough**

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

**FROM:** Phyllis Hodder, Accessibility Coordinator

**MEETING DATE:** September 4, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Report AAC13-010(B)  
AAC Priority List

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## **PURPOSE**

A follow up report to the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) recommending that the list of objectives of the Accessibility Advisory Committee be prioritized.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee approves the recommendation outlined in Report AAC13-010(B) dated September 4, 2013, of the Accessibility Coordinator as follows:

That the AAC prioritize the list of objectives identified at the June 5, 2013 AAC meeting for the committee for the next two years.

## **BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

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## BACKGROUND

The Accessibility Advisory Committee continues to meet their mandate outlined in the **Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005** by reviewing municipal policies, programs and services and the identification, removal or prevention of barriers faced by people with disabilities.

At the June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) meeting, the Committee created a list of goals and objectives. In order to effectively address these goals and objectives, it is recommended that the AAC establish specific priorities. The following suggestions identified will be reviewed and discussed:

- Sidewalk issues: Review City of Peterborough policy with new development and promoting sidewalks on both sides of the street
- AODA (Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005) staff and volunteer training
- Information and communication is in compliance with AODA
- All City of Peterborough websites and associated websites be in WCAG (Web Content Accessibility Guidelines) compliance
- A pro-active recruitment policy, recruiting more people with disabilities
- Addressing issues with transportation and the handivan
- Maintenance of sidewalks, have a better system of reporting sidewalk issues
- Maintenance of streetlights, upgrading street lights
- Service of snow removal on City sidewalks
- Recycling bins being kept off the sidewalk and on the boulevard
- The process for how it is determined a home owner receives a discount on their taxes when in receipt of ODSP (if you are in receipt of Canada Pension Disability you do not receive a discount on your taxes)
- Public Education - Creating a brochure to promote the upgrades the City has done to make City of Peterborough facilities more accessible
- Public Meeting to highlight what the City is doing to make the City more accessible

- The process for the handivan applications, the criteria for the handivan to determine if some individuals may be eligible to use this service in winter months and conventional transit in summer
- The process for the Access Fund
- Promoting accountability with the City by telling tax payers how much of their taxes goes to ensuring the City is accessible
- Promote more staffing: building/playground audits, policies, training
- Celebrating International Day of Disabilities on December 3, 2013

Determining clear objectives for the AAC will assist in promoting accessibility for the City of Peterborough and their residents.

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