



City of
Peterborough

TO: Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

FROM: Phyllis Hodder, Accessibility Coordinator

MEETING DATE: October 2, 2013

SUBJECT: Report AAC 13-015
AAC Member(s) to Monitor City Council Agendas

PURPOSE

A report to the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) requesting discussion on how the Committee can effectively monitor the City Council agendas to ensure the Committee is aware of agenda items that affect people with disabilities.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee approves the recommendation outlined in Report AAC 13-015 dated October 2, 2013, of the Accessibility Coordinator as follows:

That the report by Phyllis Hodder regarding the AAC monitoring City Council agendas be accepted for discussion.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

BACKGROUND

The Accessibility Advisory Committee, in accordance with the **Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001 and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005** (AODA) is required to advise and assist Council and staff in promoting and facilitating accessible City goods, services and facilities. This responsibility is achieved, in part, through the review of municipal policies, programs and services and the identification, removal or prevention of barriers faced by people with disabilities.

To assist in meeting the AAC's legislated requirement, it would be beneficial for the Committee to formalize the responsibility of monitoring City Council agendas. A simple option is to appoint one or more AAC Committee member(s) to monitor the Council agendas on a weekly basis. Each week Council agendas, including Planning Committee, Committee of the Whole and City Council, are published on the City's website. The appointed AAC member(s) would evaluate the items on the agendas and forward items that impact people with disabilities to the AAC members for review and consideration. This process would give the AAC the opportunity to discuss and comment on any upcoming changes to City by-laws, policies and projects.

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