



City of  
**Peterborough**

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

**From: Phyllis Hodder, Accessibility Coordinator**

**Meeting Date: May 7, 2014**

**Subject: Report AAC14-016  
Adaptability Canada Accessibility Assessment**

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## **Purpose**

A report to provide information to the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) regarding the Adaptability Canada Accessibility Assessments completed at the Peterborough Art Gallery and the Peterborough Bus Terminal.

## **Recommendation**

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report AAC14-016, dated May 7, 2014, of the Accessibility Coordinator as follows:

That Report AAC14-016 with respect to the Adaptability Canada Accessibility Assessments be received for information.

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

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

## Background

At the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) Conference in August 2013, Councillor Parnell won a free accessibility assessment from Adaptability Canada on behalf of the City of Peterborough. Following consultation with City staff, the Art Gallery of Peterborough and the Peterborough Transit Terminal were chosen to receive the assessments.

Adaptability Canada is a company that offers accessible construction solutions including accessible assessments, accessible equipment and installation services, emergency preparedness and ongoing maintenance and support to the residential, commercial, non-profit and public sectors.

An accessibility assessment is a review of the physical environment to give an understanding of where the facility stands in relation to current and upcoming accessibility legislation, including the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act. The assessment begins with the creation of a customer profile and needs assessment to understand the nature of the organization and any specific concerns regarding accessibility. The assessment involves an onsite visit from assessors who review the physical environment, taking measurements, noting specific features, and taking pictures as needed. A final report details findings of the existing state of the physical environment along with specific recommendations.

The recommendations in the assessments are being considered as the City moves forward on renovation plans for those facilities.

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Attachments:

Appendix A: Accessibility Assessment: Peterborough Transit Terminal

Appendix B: Accessibility Assessment: Art Gallery of Peterborough