



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

From: Mark Buffone, Accessibility Compliance Coordinator and
Kathryn McLeod, Accessibility Coordinator

Meeting Date: May 6, 2015

Subject: Report AAC15-021
Accessibility Office Report

Purpose

A report to advise the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) on the current work of the Accessibility Office.

Recommendation

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee approves the recommendation outlined in Report AAC15-021 dated May 6, 2015 of the Accessibility Compliance Coordinator and the Accessibility Coordinator as follows:

That Report AAC15-021 with respect to the current work of the Accessibility Office be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

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

Background

AODA 10th Anniversary Event

In Recognition of the tenth anniversary of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) is organizing a series of events across Ontario and a one-time award, the AODA 10th Anniversary Champion Award. Peterborough was selected as one of nine cities across Ontario to host an event.

The Peterborough event was held on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at the McDonnell Street Activity Centre. The AODA 10th Anniversary Event Working Group made a brief and well received presentation that combined information and anecdotes to provide a snapshot of accessibility advocacy and successes in Peterborough.

AODA Training and the Accessible Peterborough Learning Series

April 2nd was World Autism Awareness Day. To increase awareness, two Ted Talk videos were circulated to staff. The first 6 minute video features 16 year old Rosie King who challenges the stereotypes of people with autism and contextualizes the issue by asking us, "Why be normal?" The second 15 minute video features geneticist Wendy Chung who shares the facts of what we currently know about autism.

[How autism freed me to be myself, by Rosie King](http://www.ted.com/talks/rosie_king_how_autism_freed_me_to_be_myself?language=en)

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[Autism – what we know \(and what we don't know yet\), by Wendy Chung](http://www.ted.com/talks/wendy_chung_autism_what_we_know_and_what_we_dont_know_yet)

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Handi-Van Application Form

The current Handi-Van Eligibility Application in use was created in 1990 and is out-dated. A revised Handi-Van Eligibility Application, and an accompanying booklet, has been drafted by Transit and is in the process of being reviewed by the Accessibility Office. Once the final draft is prepared, the application will be presented to the AAC Transportation Sub-Committee for their feedback. Recommended changes or additions will be considered for the final version.

Funding Opportunities

The Accessibility Office actively monitors funding opportunities to improve accessibility of City services.

Holnbeck Award

The Call for Nominations for the 2015 Holnbeck Award was distributed in the first week of March. The date for the Awards Ceremony is June 8, 2015. The Ceremony will take place at the beginning of a meeting of Council. The Selection Committee met on May 4 to evaluate the nominations and select the recipient for 2015. More information about the Ceremony will be available closer to the date.

Provincial Awards

- **AODA 10th Anniversary Champion Awards**

AMCTO, with the support of the Government of Ontario, is recognizing individuals who demonstrate leadership in accessibility and disability issues through the new AODA 10th Anniversary Champion Award. This is a **one time award** to recognize outstanding individuals who demonstrate passion and commitment in the promotion of awareness of accessibility and inclusiveness in their community. The deadline for nominations is May 29, 2015.

[AODA 10th Anniversary Champion Awards Nomination Information](#)

(http://www.amcto.com/imis15/content/Government_Relations/Accessibility/AODA_10th_Anniversary_Champion_Awards/content/ACCESSIBILITY/Home/AODA_Anniversary_Award.aspx?hkey=6103c69d-8bdd-4edc-ae1c-1fc693ee22a4)

- **The Ontario Senior Achievement Award**

The Ontario Senior Achievement Award honours people who have made an outstanding contribution to their community after age 65. The deadline for nominations is June 15, 2015.

[Ontario Senior Achievement Award Nomination Information](#)

(<http://www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/english/citizenship/honours/saa.shtml>)

- **The David C. Onley Award for Leadership in Accessibility**

The David C. Onley Award for Leadership in Accessibility recognizes Ontarians who have gone above and beyond in improving accessibility for people with disabilities. The deadline for nominations is December 3, 2015.

[The David C. Onley Award Nomination Information](#)

(<http://www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/english/citizenship/honours/onley.shtml>)

Council for Persons with Disabilities

The Council for Persons with Disabilities met on Thursday, April 16, 2015.

On Friday, May 29, the Council for Persons with Disabilities is hosting the 2015 Inclusion Conference – Active Together: Inclusive Sport and Physical Recreation. The Conference will be held at Fleming College from 9:45 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. More information is contained in the attached Conference programme (Appendix A) and on the CPD website.

[CPD Conference Information](#)

(<http://www.pcpd.ca/what-we-do/inclusion-conference/>)

On Saturday, May 30, CPD is hosting the Adapted Sports Expo at Kenner Collegiate Vocational School from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event is free and more information is available in the attached flyer (Appendix B) and on the CPD website.

[CPD Sports Expo Information](http://www.pcpd.ca/resources/event-calendar/?mc_id=3)

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Accessibility Reviews: Public Spaces and Buildings

The best way to remove barriers in public spaces and buildings is to prevent them. The Accessibility Office provides formal reviews during the planning and design stages of all City projects. Recent reviews include:

- Natural Turf Sport Fields at Pioneer Road and Nassau Mills Road
- George, Water, McDonnell Streets cycling lane project
- City Hall elevator refurbishment: digital panel design

Accessibility Reviews: Information and Communication

To make information accessible to as many people as possible, the Accessibility Office recommends best practices for all City projects, documents and websites. Recent reviews include:

- Peterborough Public Library website: “What to Read Next” widget
- Social Services: Application for Prov. Wage Enhancement (Child Care Providers)
- Social Services: Monthly Food Calendar

Resources

The Accessibility Office actively monitors accessibility resources to assist in research, implementation and education:

- a) A guide has been prepared by the Global Alliance on Accessible Technologies and Environments to assist organizations in understanding the accessibility standards for the design of public spaces, as set out in the Integrated Accessibility Standards regulation 191/11.

[GAATES Illustrated Technical Guide to the Accessibility Standards for the Design of Public Spaces](http://gaates.org/resources-build-environment/)

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Attachments:

Appendix A – Inclusion Conference Information
Appendix B – Adapted Sport Expo Information