



City of  
**Peterborough**

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**TO:** Members of the Arenas, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Phil Jacobs, Supervisor Parks and Forestry

**MEETING DATE:** November 20, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Report APRAC12-039  
Accessibility Regulations Information

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## **PURPOSE**

A report to inform the members of the Arenas, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee of the Accessibility Regulations, as it pertains to the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act 2005 and its Regulations* and how this legislation will affect Parks maintenance.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Arenas, Parks, and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report APRAC12-039 dated November 20, 2012, by the Supervisor - Parks & Forestry, as follows:

That report APRAC12-039 be received for information.

## **BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There is no budget or financial implication resulting from the approval of the recommendation of Report APRAC12-039. However, there may be future budget or financial implications associated with the costs to purchase accessibility compliant park amenities.

## BACKGROUND

Currently, the Ontario Legislature is reviewing the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act 2005 Amending O. Reg. 191/11 (Integrated Accessibility Standards)*.

The proposed changes include the following:

### Outdoor Public Use Eating Areas:

**Section 80.16** Obligated organizations, other than small organizations, shall ensure that new and redeveloped outdoor public use eating areas meet the following requirements:

1. A minimum of 20 percent of the tables that are provided must be accessible to people using mobility aids by having knee and toe clearance under the table, in no case, shall there be fewer than one table in an outdoor public use eating area that meets this requirement.
2. The ground surface leading to and under tables that are accessible to people using mobility aids must be level, firm and stable.
3. Tables that are accessible to people using mobility aids must have clear ground space around them that allows for a forward approach to the tables.

### Outdoor Play Spaces, Accessibility In Design:

**80.19** When developing new or redeveloping existing outdoor play spaces, obligated organizations, other than small organizations, shall consult on the needs of children and caregivers with disabilities and shall do so in the following manner:

2. Municipalities must consult with their municipal accessibility advisory committees, where one has been established in accordance with subsection 29 (1) or (2) of the Act, the public and persons with disabilities.

The City of Peterborough is not considered a small organization and accordingly, we are expected to abide by the regulations.

## SUMMARY

The Public Works Division will begin constructing picnic tables in accordance to the Regulation and place the numbers required as prescribed in the Regulation. The Public Works Division will consult with the municipal accessibility committees prior to tendering for playground or play space replacement.

Submitted by,

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