

City of Kawartha Lakes Accessibility Master Plan

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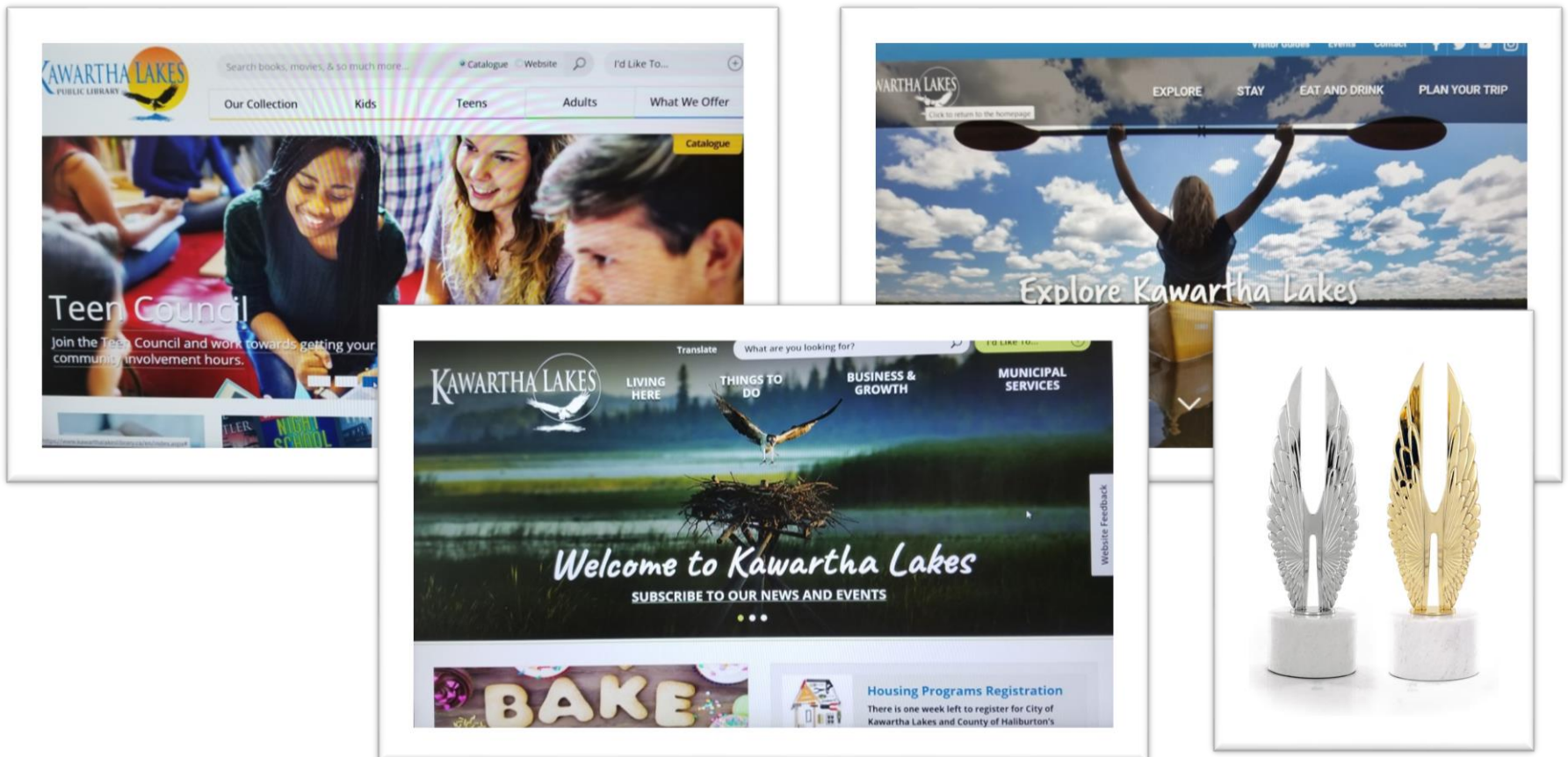


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New Award Winning City, Tourism and Library Websites



www.KawarthaLakes.ca

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- Audio walking tours that are accessible on smart phones or by a brochure and all text version
- Inclusion of accessibility in the Downtown Revitalization Projects in Lindsay, Coboconk/Norland, Fenelon Falls and Omemee. Businesses are encouraged to consider Barrier Free Access and accessibility features in their new publication

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- Improvements to way-finding signage with attention to font type and size
- Design for public spaces criteria has been incorporated into the site plan review processes, sidewalk and intersection redevelopment projects, etc.
- Purchasing policy and management directive include contractual requirements.

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Assistive Hearing Devices
Now available from the
Clerk's Office for use in
Council Chambers

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- Municipal Events Application includes the question “Have you considered accessibility for people with disabilities and the older adult?” and references the Access Ontario Planning Accessible Events Guide.
- Accessible and welcoming employment practices are in place including an Employee Accommodation Policy.

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- Fenelon Splash Pad in Garnet Graham Park - barrier free access
- Playground Surfacing with Engineered Fiber in 2017: Mayor James Flynn Park, Garnet Graham Park, Woodville Park, Arbour Court Park, Cambray Ball Park, Centennial Park (Verulam), Nimigon Memorial Park (Pontypool), Oakwood Arena, Little Britain Arena



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New audible signals
Installed as new major
intersections are installed

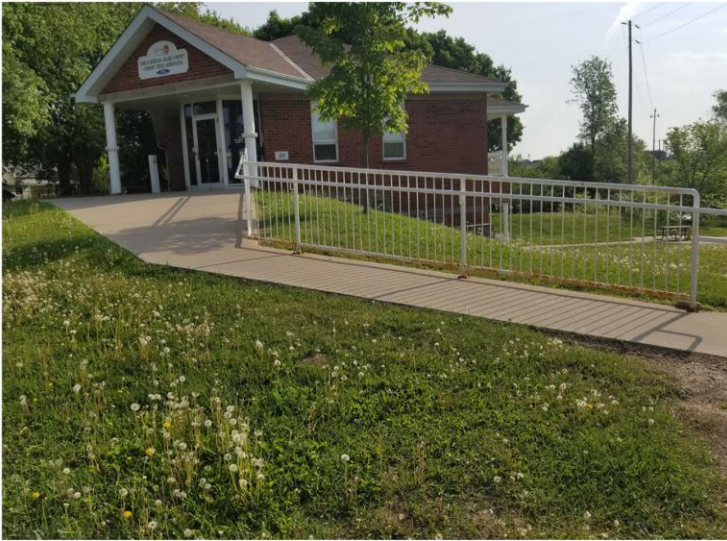


Downtown Bobcaygeon



Improved level of service for
Sidewalk snow clearing

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Accessibility
Improvements
Including ramps,
walkways and handrails



Accessible door
automation System for
Community Services
building,
Lindsay Service Centre

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- City Facility Accessibility Design Standards (FADS) and Facility Accessibility Design Management Directive complete and ready to release for Staff use.

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Age-Friendly Omemee
Local Action Group

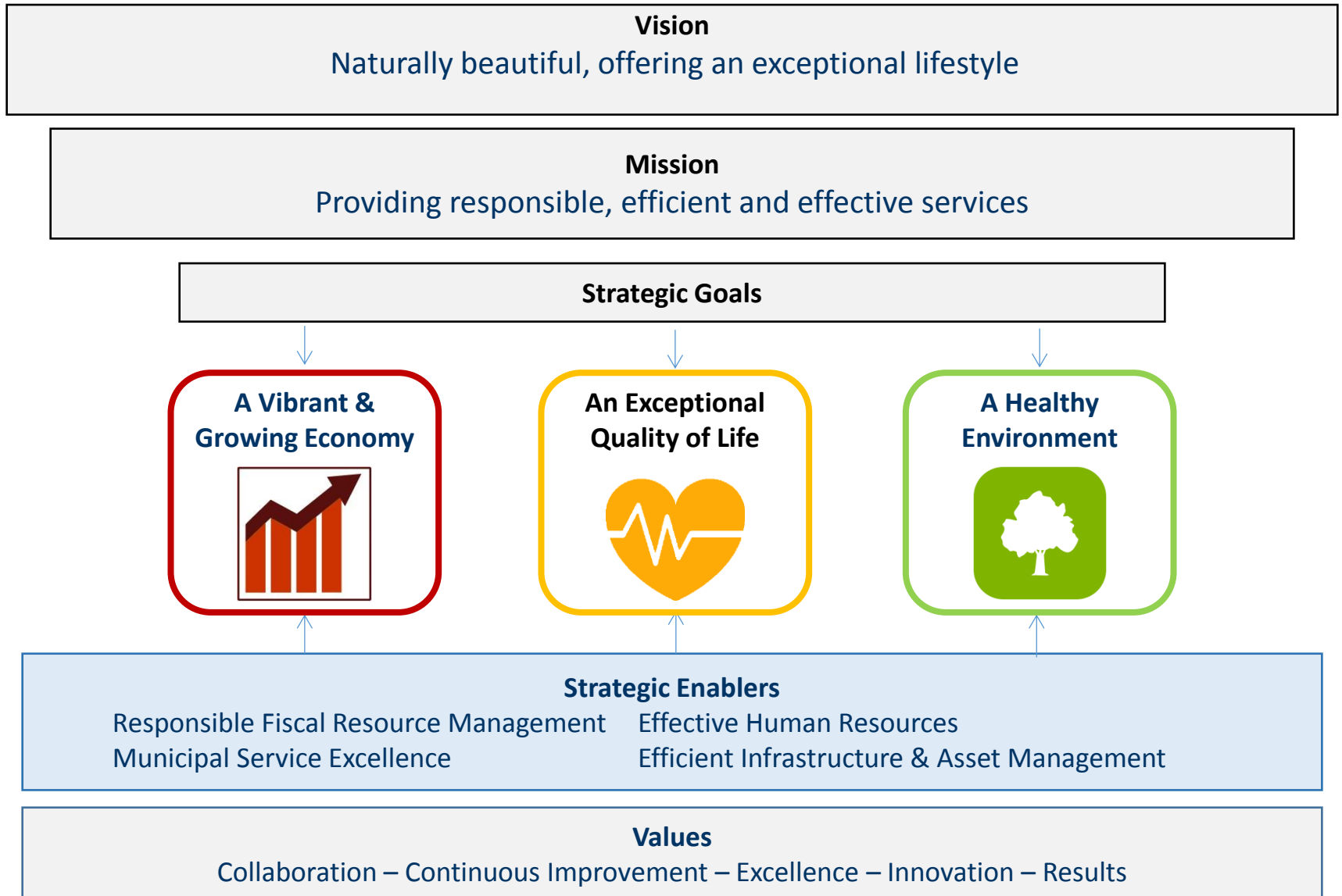


Age-Friendly Fenelon Falls
Local Action Group

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City of Kawartha Lakes Corporate Strategic Plan Framework



What is a disability?

- A physical or mental condition that limits a person's movements, senses, or activities.
- Disabilities may be cognitive, developmental, intellectual, mental, physical, sensory, or some combination of these.
- It substantially affects a person's life activities and may be present from birth or occur during a person's lifetime.

Some disabilities look like this



Some look like this



Why is accessibility important?

14%

of Canadians

15.4%

of Ontarians

**aged 15 or older have a disability
that limits their daily activities**

**One in four people
admit their disability is severe**



Why is accessibility important?



43% of older adults over the age of 75 have disclosed a disability

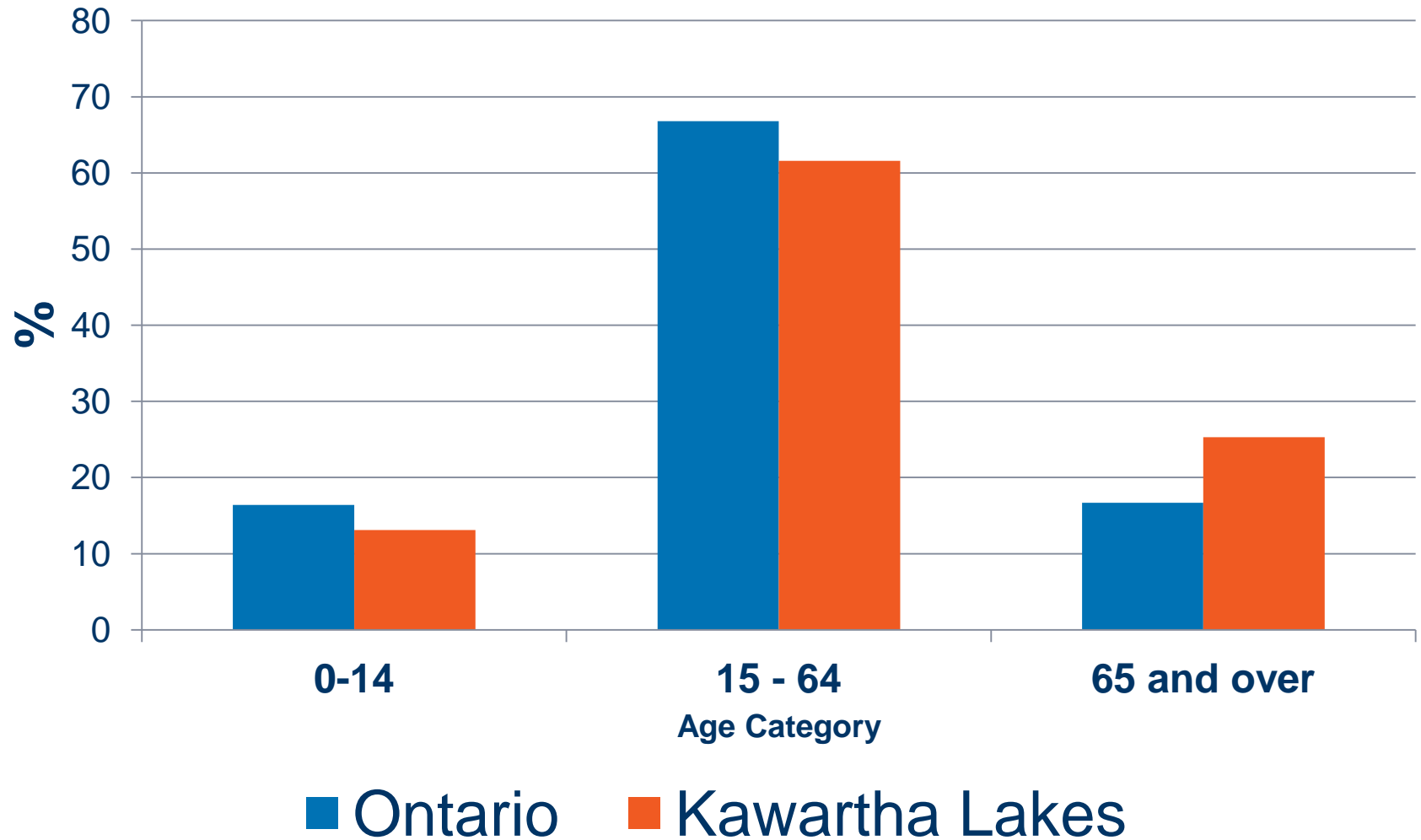
**Median age
in Ontario**

41.3

**Median age
in Kawartha Lakes**

51.2

Age of Kawartha Lakes Population



Our Vision

- To create one of the most accessible, inclusive communities in Ontario



Public Sessions

- Held three sessions to gather ideas and suggestions from the public



How might we....

- Improve accessibility to municipal services
- Be accessibility champions as a city to the broader community
- Encourage our community (residents, businesses and even visitors) to embrace accessibility

Results

- Suggestions from the public sessions were reviewed
- Many have been incorporated into action items in the Accessibility Plan
- A number of items suggested by the public have already been completed or are in progress
- Focus on communication and public education

Accessibility Master Plan

- The 5 year plan outlines actions that will be taken to encourage, enhance and support accessibility throughout the municipality
- Compliance with Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA)

Accessibility Master Plan

Reviewed and endorsed by:

- Senior Management Team
- AODA Staff Team
- Kawartha Lakes Accessibility Advisory Committee

Champions for Accessibility



"When we talk about an accessible Canada, what we're really talking about is creating an inclusive society where all Canadians have an equal opportunity to succeed, and are equal participants. Together, we can make it happen."

–Honourable Carla Qualtrough

Minister of Sport and Persons with Disabilities

“It is not just the right thing to do
it is the smart thing to do”.

– The Honourable David C. Onley